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Dennis Murray discovered as secret member of Illuminati

By MARYGRACE NAVARRA
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We all knew it: The incessant construction on Marist College's campus is not intended for the enhancement of our education, comfort, or creation of state-of-the-art facilities that will attract prospective students. President Dennis Murray, a now-revealed member of the Illuminati, is using construction at Marist as the first step in creating a New World Order, starting right here in Poughkeepsie, New York.

President Murray was sighted by an anonymous Circle staff member making the Illuminati hand symbol at a referee after a detrimental call to the Red Foxes during a women's basketball game. After the referee called a foul for our ladies, he mysteriously disappeared, and the Red Foxes won 95 to 11 against Siena.

The first sect of the Illuminati was a brainchild of the Enlightenment Era and sought to destroy prejudice and abuses of power by both the state and religion while advocating for women's education and gender equality. They were forced to disband by the Roman Catholic Church in 1785, but apparently reformed partially in order to begin the French Revolution. The newer group, however, fronted by several celebrities and world leaders, seeks to create a New World Order,



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Marist President Dennis Murray has been discovered to be a member of the secret Illuminati society and all his secrets subsequently unfold.

and gain political power. The present-day Illuminati is said to be behind the scenes of several conspiracy theories including the Kennedy assassination and a communist plot to infiltrate the Hollywood film industry.

President Murray joins among the alleged ranks of Rihanna, Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Blue Ivy Carter, Mikhail Gorbachev, Eminem, Paris Hilton, Dick Cheney, Marilyn Manson, the late Tupac Sharkur, and President Barack Obama.

The top of the Rotunda, which is suspiciously shaped like a giant brain

and provides a clear view of most of the campus goings-on from its clear ceiling, was allegedly designed and constructed as a control center for President Murray. The levers, buttons and giant computer screens allegedly retract into the walls upon student entry into the Rotunda. The control center is said to contain a blanket, pillow and the "Pretty Little Liars" book series, in case of late nights.

What use is Marist College in establishing a New World Order? Student body president Deborah Akinwunmi could not be reached for comment, but

several students have substantial theories about President Murray's Illuminati involvement.

"It's clear that Marist's location is advantageous to any sort of powerful organization," Hilary Wiggins, a junior, said. "Being located along the Hudson means that crucial messages in a bottle can be sent down or upriver without notice, considering that the river's current flows both ways. Not to mention our not-too-close and not-too-far proximity to New York City, where Mayor Bloomberg is known to kick-start several Illuminati plots, like the soda thing."

Rebecca Snodgrass, a senior, believes that the conspiracy extends further than President Murray's power.

"I've seen many Poughkeepsie bouncers flash the symbol," Snodgrass said. "I am confident that O'Malley's, Darby's, River Station, Union, Mahoney's and the farm house are all run by high-ranking Illuminati members. I've been trying to tell Security about my suspicions, but they all laugh at me. Really, the question is: Who isn't a part of the Illuminati at Marist College?"

Snodgrass dissolved into tears shortly thereafter.

The Circle staff has been told to keep a look out for any suspicious activity at the SGA transition dinner on April 5, which may be a cover for a larger Illuminati-sponsored event.

The real meaning of The Circle discovered by staff

By JENNA GRANDE
News Editor

What started as a bonding experience turned into a journalist's worst nightmare for the current staff of The Circle after a horrifying reveal late last week. Currently under Marygrace Navarra's reign as Editor-in-Chief and Garrin Marchetti and Jenna Grande as Managing Editors, the staff was led to explore the archives in the library and research The Circle's history and understand more about the paper they all devotedly worked on each week. The editorial staff hoped to bring back a nostalgic feel that they believed the paper to be lacking. While in the library thumbing through old papers and boxes, News Editor Shawna Gillen stumbled across an old, personal notebook that had the initials DJM at the top.

"At first, I thought this was a mistake. Why would President Murray's personal notebook be lumped into old newspapers?" Gillen said.

Curious, Gillen said she opened the notebook and was shocked to see it laid out the details of a bet between Dr. Dennis Murray and Dr.

John Lahey, the current president of Quinnipiac University.

Dr. Lahey was formerly the executive vice president of Marist College where he served as the chief operating officer. While at Marist, Lahey and Murray were close personal friends that did everything together,

Quinnipiac behind Murray's back, a job that Murray was supposed to be offered. It is rumored that Lahey made a phone call to Quinnipiac the night before he was offered the job. Lahey denied those rumors, while Quinnipiac University had no comment on the situation.

to reach Marist's standing in global recognition. So, when the men's basketball teams from each school were scheduled to play each other in the opening rounds of the NCAA March Madness tournament, Murray seized his chance to finally one-up Lahey.

"Dennis was rumored to have bet Lahey that the Marist men's basketball team would beat Quinnipiac's team by at least 15 points. Murray is said to have called that 'being generous,'" College Activities Director Bob Lynch said. "But, you did not hear that from me. It's all hearsay."

Lahey agreed to Murray's bet, setting the terms to be that whichever team won—and it had to be by more than 15 points (a parley)—the president of said school would be allowed to instill three changes to the opposing school's campus, physically or institutionally. Murray, confident on the outcome and ignoring all professional advice that told him to please not make this bet, agreed to the terms.

Unfortunately the score of 86-42, Quinnipiac, left



FROM FLICKR.COM/DBDUO PHOTOGRAPHY

Editors decode the long-held mystery of The Circle's meaning.

from golfing on brilliant sunny afternoons to sledding in front of the library on picturesque snow days. However, the friendship turned sour when Lahey accepted a position at

The tension between Dennis Murray and John Lahey was "unbearable" stated a stressed Mrs. Murray. Dennis could not stand seeing Lahey and Quinnipiac thriving and begin



THIS WEEK

Friday, 4/5

MCCTA's "Treasure Island"
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Nelly Goletti Theater

SPC Movie: "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"
10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
PAR

Saturday, 4/6

MCCTA's "Treasure Island"
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Nelly Goletti Theater

SPC Comedian: Adam Grabowski
8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Cabaret

SPC Movie: "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"
10:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
PAR

Sunday, 4/7

"Girl Rising" showing
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Hancock Center 2023

Monday, 4/8

March Madness Championship Game Social
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Cabaret

Tuesday, 4/9

Marist Holocaust Remembrance
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Nelly Goletti Theatre

March Madness Championship Game Social
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Cabaret

Wednesday, 4/10

CURSCA 2013
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hancock Center

Student employee appreciation day
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Campus Green

Holocaust Remembrance Documentary: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PAR

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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the first-ever The Onion edition of The Circle. For those of you who are unfamiliar with The Onion, it is a satirical "newspaper" that refers to itself as America's finest news source. Here at The Circle, we thought we would play into the spirit of April Fool's by creating a lighthearted, satirical version of our own student newspaper. Jenna, Garrin and I are grateful that we live in a tight-knit community where the students and faculty can enjoy and laugh at our articles this week. The three of us believe that this is a fun segway

into our time as management here at The Circle. We have been discussing this idea for some time and believe it should be taken advantage of while we are all here together. We promise that we will resume hard-hitting, factual news next issue. Just to be clear: Not a single one of these articles is in any way real.

We would like to thank President Murray, Bob Lynch, John Gildard, Deborah Akinwunmi, the ResNet and Sodexo workers, and our former editor-in-chief, Eric Vander Voort, for everything they do and have done at Marist, and for being good sports. We only pick on you because we care.

Thank you for picking up this week's special issue of The Circle. Tweet at @maristcircle to let us know what you think.

Marygrace Navarra
Editor-in-Chief

Security judges fashion and sobriety

By MICHAEL BERNARDINI
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Although campus has been desolate for the past two weeks, security has been working over time. They are regularly patrolling around campus and remaining parked in vacant lots with their high beams on for hours at a time. The squirrels can get pretty rambunctious this time of year, often seen passing out in front of Donnelly and smuggling nuts into the entrance of residence halls. Regardless, students were still spotted on campus making trouble. I can't say I'm proud of your actions anymore; some are downright shameful.

4/1 1:48 p.m. Beck Parking Lot

A male student's vehicle was booted and later towed despite being in its assigned parking lot. The security guard on patrol noticed that the light teal parking permit had faded to a soft sea-foam green color, which is essentially like having no parking permit at all. By the looks of it, next year's permit registration process will require a blood sample, DNA mouth swab and four proofs of identification.

3/27 2:19 p.m. Lower West Cedar

Security responded and sent the Fairview Fire Department after "an

overpowering food smell" was reported. A student was cooking filet mignon and freshly caught lobster. Although there were not any smoke or flames, security found the smell intoxicating and surprising, coming from a Marist student.

3/26 12:04 a.m. Midrise Hall

Security stopped a female student for her improper going-out attire. The entry officer noticed the student was wearing gladiator sandals with a floral romper. Security escorted the student back to her room and ordered her to change into a "less summery outfit." I'm guessing no one heard about his new promotion? John Gildard is the new editor of Vogue.

3/15 4:33 p.m. West Cedar Street

A student living off-campus was sent to the Office of Student Conduct for failing to do proper pre-spring break room checkouts. Allegedly, the student left his residence without notifying Marist College, signing paperwork or even telling his roommates. In other news, beginning at orientation, all student vehicles will be issued tracking devices.

3/14 6:29 p.m. Dining Hall

Security responded to a theft report in the dining hall. Upon their arrival,

the student was cited for "robbery and law evasion" in his attempt to smuggle four Ritz Crackers back to his room. Apparently the tuition bills don't cover "unlawful snacking." Michelle Obama, you got us once again!

3/9 11:27 p.m. Champagnat Hall

A female student was written up due to the alarmingly sober behavior of her guest. The guest was spotted walking in a straight line with perfect posture and speaking coherently. Security found the situation suspicious and later took action. My heart weeps for this guest, particularly because soberly exploring the Marist campus is a sort of ritual for freshman guests. What's worse? She wasn't even allowed to drive home until the following morning.

Please note: Saint Francis Hospital now operates a taxi service. They will pick up anywhere on campus and drop off at the emergency room doors free of charge.

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John Gildard named head of Secret Service

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John Gildard, the Director of Safety and Security at Marist, will leave his post on Friday to become the head of President Obama's Secret Service, the White House announced yesterday.

"There were many qualified candidates for this position, but in the end, John stood out among the rest," White House Press Secretary Jay Carney said in a statement in Washington. "His commitment to safety and security is unparalleled, and President Obama feels that he will be safe in the most capable hands in America."

Gildard replaces Julia Pierson, who was just appointed by President Obama on March 27. The first woman director in the history of the agency, Pierson resigned from the position after a little over a week on the job, after rumors circulated that she was the famous superhero, Wonder Woman.

Gildard will leave Marist at the end of the week after 11 years on the job. He spent 23 years as a captain in the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department prior to joining the college. He will be replaced by Assistant Director for Safety Al Abdelrahman, who encouraged Gildard to apply for the position.

"To be honest, I just wanted his position," Abdelrahman said. "I never expected him to get the job; it was kind of a 'last-ditch' effort by me. But now that he has it, I'm happy for him." I'm happy for myself too, but I'm also



FROM PETE SOUZA/HTTP://DHS.GOV

Marist Security Director accepts the honor of becoming the new head of Obama's secret service team.

happy for him."

Gildard was thrilled when he heard the news that he had been chosen to be the man in charge of protecting the Commander-in-Chief. But even he admitted that he was taken by surprise when he got a phone call from Obama himself.

"I just thought it was just another fire drill," Gildard said of the phone call. "But when I picked up the phone, I instantly recognized the voice. He [Obama] has a very recognizable voice."

Gildard said that his conversation with the president was brief. Obama congratulated Gildard on his appointment, and that he looks forward to working with him.

"He just said, 'Congratulations John,' and that he will see me next week. That was pretty much it," Gildard said. "I didn't really have a chance to say anything else. I was still surprised."

Gildard will have plenty of work ahead of him. The president has plans to travel this week all across the country, and then eventually overseas to meet with troops in Afghanistan. It will be Obama's first trip to the war-torn country since beginning his second term in January.

As head of the agency, Gildard will primarily be responsible for overseeing the safety and security of the president, his family and other government leaders. He will also be in

charge of protecting any foreign diplomats that visit Washington.

Members of the Marist faculty were sad to see Gildard leave, but are happy for their soon-to-be former colleague. Dr. Murray spoke on Gildard and his accomplishments in a statement released by the college.

"John made Marist an environment where students could enjoy themselves in a safe and respectable way," Murray said. "The students here call Marist home because of the way that John and his staff went about their business in making this campus a home for so many. We will miss his leadership and passion, and thank him for his contributions to Marist. We know he will do great things for this country."

There was a bittersweet sentiment from the student body upon hearing of Gildard's departure.

"On one hand, I'm happy, because I feel like it will be easier to drink outside on the green now," said a student who wished to remain anonymous. "But he [Gildard] is a tough guy. I feel like the campus might get out of hand with him gone."

Gildard said that he will always hold Marist in a special place in his heart, and that he will make sure to return to campus as much as he can.

"Maybe I will see if he [Obama] wants to give a commencement speech," Gildard said. "Hey, I have experience working a commencement. That would be a piece of cake."

Airfox recognized as one of America's top wifi networks

By SHAWNA GILLEN
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Marist's airfox wireless network has been awarded the prestigious honor of joining the list of one of America's most reliable Internet providers. Based on how fast the system runs and the satisfaction from the Marist community, it is no wonder that airfox's performance has warranted such praise.

Airfox gained much attention in the past few weeks, as consumer satisfaction has been at an all time high. The Cisco System Inc. has awarded Marist with the highest satisfaction ratings among consumers. Not a single complaint was filed to the ResNet

office, and students have been able to Facebook stalk without interruption of an Internet outage. Students have spoken highly about the campus wireless service.

"I just love airfox. It never let's me down, and it's always there when I need it. I was even able to get a solid connection when I was water skiing on the Hudson. If that's not reliable then I don't know what is! I can always count on airfox to work great when I'm on a time crunch. If I have to do an assignment at the last minute, the Internet never fails and I leave James Cannavino library completely liberated and alive," said junior Vicki Cavalli.

"Airfox is just so fast. Watching YouTube videos and catching up on

episodes of Breaking Bad has never been better. My favorite feature of the airfox network is typing in my username and password every single time I open my computer. I just love being reminded of how secure the network is, it makes me feel important," said junior Kaitlyn Walsh.

Some students, however, have resorted to using another network, "airfoxBeta," just to be cool. But to their dismay, airfoxBeta fell short leaving the students with a new appreciation of how wonderful airfox truly is. Other students who have been caught using Starbucks' wifi have been ostracized from the Marist community for being disloyal to airfox.

"I don't even know why I thought another network would be better.

Airfox did nothing wrong, but I wanted to prove that something else out there must be at least faster. I was poorly mistaken, and I really regret ever leaving airfox," said freshman Kayla Salerno.

ResNet, one of the most reliable offices on campus, has received the utmost consumer satisfaction. On any given day, a student can be seen leaving the office with a smile on their face, always getting their questions and concerns answered and problems completely alleviated. With the new honor awarded to airfox, students can continue to utilize social networking and complete assignments in harmony, on the fastest, most reliable network around.

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Staff relieved at deciphering The Circle meaning

Murray reeling in shame and regret for agreeing to the bet. As for Lahey, he made the following three changes to Marist, knowing his legacy at the school would live all the way from Connecticut.

1. Lahey changed the name of the school paper from "The Raynard" to "The Circle" with the name The C.I.R.C.L.E. being an acronym for "Composing Indecent Research Compilations with Likely Errors." This was Lahey's way of undermining the staff and implying we make up our articles.

2. Murray must update Lahey's Wikipedia page and make sure it is always more detailed than Murray's own page.

3. Though he stole the idea from Murray, Lahey ordered Murray to admit it was Lahey, not Murray who came up with the idea of a school poll and the Quinnipiac Poll came first, not the Marist Poll.

These startling revelations shocked the editors, who only one year prior had been attempting to decipher the meaning of The Circle. The editors at the time were reportedly on their way to Dr. Murray's home for a luncheon celebrating the success of "The Circle." At this time, the editors were unaware of what The Circle really stood for, and thought it was an acronym for words like "Commitment, Intelligence, Responsible, Courage, Loved

and Entertaining." The editors even asked Dr. Murray what The Circle stood for at lunch, but he just shook his head and avoided the question.

"He seemed evasive when I tried to ask about The Circle. There was a look of longing and disappointment in his eyes. I'd never seen a grown man look so hurt before. I'll admit, I was a little shaken up," Marygrace Navarra said. At the time, Marygrace was the copy chief. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief.

Overall, the news of the true meaning behind The Circle has rocked the editorial and writing staff alike. The staff feels lied and betrayed to, and is coming to terms with what their paper really means.

This also is insulting to the credibility of their work, according to one editor.

"I joined The Circle for the prestige that I thought was behind it. Famous journalists like Bill O'Reilly once wrote for this paper. There was value to it. Now, it is all a sick joke," Opinion Editor Kathleen O'Brien said.

The staff has reached out to schedule a meeting with Dr. Murray in hopes of changing the name of the paper, and changing it to something more meaningful and as Sports Editor Ryan Calvi put it, "not something a part of a vendetta and bet decades ago." The meeting date has yet to be determined.

Akinwunmi's plans for Marist dance academy revealed

By JENNA GRANDE
Managing Editor

Deborah, student body president, has secret agenda to turn Marist College into dance academy and aims to create a giant flash mob.

Faculty, staff and students alike celebrated Deborah Akinwunmi's win as student body president. She presented a new vision for the school, one of hope and optimism. Her infectious smile and positive attitude only enforced the idea that the 2013-2014 academic year would be different for the campus. With experience under her belt in an authoritative role as the class of 2014's president, Akinwunmi seemed untainted from the power of corruption that most leaders fall victim to.

We all fell for her act, it seems, as a source from SGA, who did not wish to be named, leaked information that Deborah has other intentions than the brighter days she promised. As a part of her four-year plan, Akinwunmi aimed to slowly gain the trust and respect from her peers and the administration, both as a class president and resident assistant (RA) in Leo.

Then, while at the prime of her popularity, Akinwunmi began drafting her plans to transform Marist into a prestigious dance academy. Always a passion of hers, Akinwunmi dreamed of one day turning the academic buildings into all types of dance studios so all those on campus would have a place to rehearse. All computer

labs would have restricted use, allowing students to only use YouTube to learn the latest dance crazes and torrent music illegally to make ideal mix tapes for recitals and shows. She also plans on utilizing Bob Lynch's photography skills and requiring that each student has at least five headshots and profile shots on file for casting purpose.

For Akinwunmi, she saw SGA as way to make her dreams a reality. It was never about the students or academics for her: It was always about the dancing.

The unnamed source also went on to reveal Akinwunmi's plans to rename the Nelly Goletti Theatre after herself because of "all of the positive vibes she will bring to the campus." Akinwunmi reasons that people are in better moods when listening and dancing to music. She believes it is only fair to have a performance area named after her for all of the karmic good that will be on campus.

In fact, Akinwunmi is so optimistic over the anticipated switch over to a performance focused area she has already submitted Marist (which will soon be renamed Deborah Akinwunmi-Marist Brothers Dance Academy) up for accreditation, surpassing any sort of permission from Dennis Murray's office.

The dance ensemble and dance team are behind Akinwunmi and her decision to transition Marist over to a performance-based school. With their endless pep,



Deborah Akinwunmi strikes an pose for picture for the dance ensemble, a club in which she has choreographed multiple dances for, an indicator for times to come.

rhythm and dance, their support has meant the world to her. In fact, members of both the dance team and ensemble are filling up positions in the presidential cabinet. They have been watching "Fame" on a daily basis in order to better grasp what makes a fantastic performance arts school.

MCCTA is also playing a key role in Akinwunmi's schemes, seeing as she plans on organizing a giant flash mob on campus. Students in MCCTA are organizing song and dance choices in order to see which routine combination best exemplifies the future of the school.

This news came as a shock to Akinwunmi's running mate and executive vice president Jane Tracey, who had no idea about Akinwunmi's ulterior motives. Tracey did not wish to formally speak out

at this time, but did express her unhappiness with Akinwunmi.

Tracey is not the only one to feel slighted: Class of 2015 president and former candidate for student body president Giananthony Damasco, who only lost to Akinwunmi by 40 or so votes, said that while disappointed, he is not surprised.

"This is so like Deb. I should have seen this coming. This would have been a great campaign issue. It would have made a difference in the election," Damasco said.

Regardless of her depiction, Deborah Akinwunmi is a schemer, a dreamer, and most of all, a dancer.

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Champagnat students take abstinence pledge

By BRITTANY OXLEY
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According to Sumoskinny Magazine, Marist's own Champagnat Hall has been listed as the number seventeen most sexually active college dorm in the country.

However, as of March 25, a group of Champagnat residents are out to change that reputation.

The Monday after spring break, a group of Champagnat residents made public that they have formed a group of students who are pledging abstinence.

Ideas about this group had already been brewing long before spring break, however. It all began when freshmen group leaders Katie Lindal and Sarah Montgomery decided that they were not going to allow themselves to feel bad "the morning after" a great night ever again.

"I'm gonna be honest, I've had my fair share of hookups during my freshmen year. But I realized that these hookups never actually meant anything. If I brought a guy home, it didn't matter how amazing he was, because in the morning I always felt so bad," stated Lindal.

Lindal continues that she feels that, like her, many freshmen find themselves in the same situation as hers.

She continues by stating that many freshmen make the mistake by having many "one night stands" because they are so excited to be in college and let loose. But what was so much fun the night before is often a hazy memory the morning after.

"We just realized that having sex with so many people for fun every weekend just left us with a lot of regret. So, we decided to renew ourselves," stated Montgomery.

By being a part of this group,



FROM [HTTP://BRADLEY.CHATTABLOGS.COM/TRUE%20LOVE.JPG](http://bradley.chattablogs.com/true%20love.jpg)

Various college students make a pledge to refrain from sexual activity until they get married.

pledge members are able to have a fresh start. Hence, why the new group name is "Fresh Start." According to the group, people who join the group are able to not only pledge abstinence, but also "regain their virginity back" once again.

"This group really gives you a chance to start over. Ever since I pledged abstinence, I've just been feeling really new good about myself. No regrets, you know," stated freshman Eric Gallman.

The group is encouraging that the members not only refrain from having intercourse, but also from any other type of sexual activity in general (although they are not forced to). Currently, the group has gained about fifty members and is still growing.

Due to the group's growing popularity, they are in the process of actually creating a "Fresh Start" club

on campus to get more recognition and make a difference in people's lives. The group does not want to be limited to the freshmen living in Champagnat Hall.

"I know that I will be stay abstinent beyond my freshman year. So me along with the other students involved in the group, encourage all students to become involved (no matter where they live or what year they are in). We want to show other people how good being abstinent can make you feel about yourself," Lindal exclaimed.

If this group keeps catching on with so many students, perhaps Marist's own Champagnat Hall will lose its long standing reputation as one of America's most sexually active schools.

Ninth floor Champagnat residents reportedly refuse to pledge abstinence.



FROM [HTTP://I.CDN.TURNER.COM/CNN](http://i.cdn.turner.com/cnn)

By refraining from sexual activity, group leaders claim that students have a chance to have a "fresh start."

Students refuse to go to classes after Donnelly haunting

By BRITTANY OXLEY
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The Donnelly building at Marist College is known for many things: its many science classrooms, student service offices, and the building that many Marist students take a taxi in front of during Friday and Saturday nights.

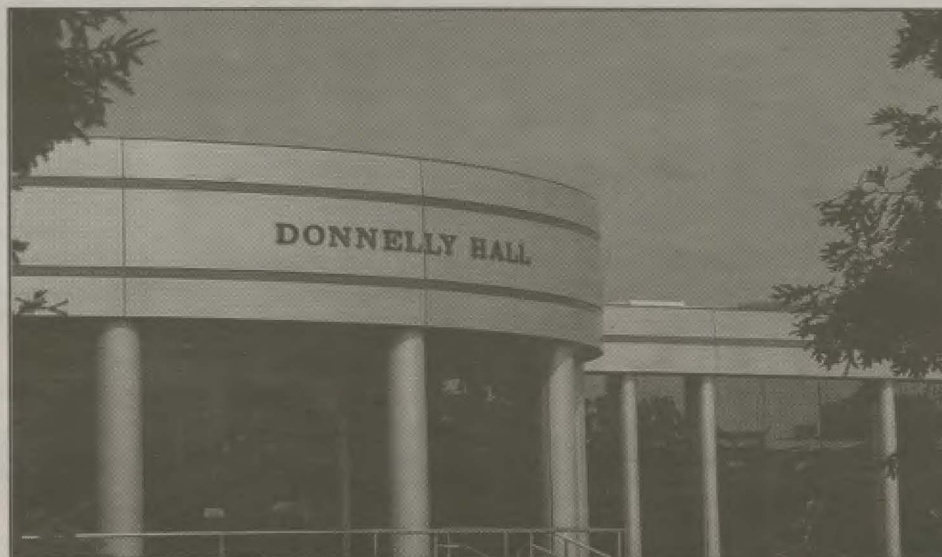
But the Donnelly building is about to be known for something new as well. Its science classrooms are actually being haunted by the spirits of dead animals.

According to many of the biology students at Marist College, the lab in Donnelly is haunted by the ghost of many different animals, and it is rumored that they are the ghosts of the animals dissected in classes.

Biology students claim that while in the lab, they have heard an array of different animal noises.

Students dissect fetal pigs and cats, so many believe that the ghosts belong to these animals.

"It feels stupid to even be saying this. I feel like I sound crazy, but I'm not the only one who's heard these noises or felt what I felt. Sometimes when I am in lab, I feel a



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Marist College biology students choose to stop attending the classes that are held in Donnelly Hall after experiencing various ghostly events.

nuzzle against my knee, but no one's there," sophomore Pete Sholan said.

But some students claim to have felt much more than just a "nudge" from an invisible being.

"While in the middle of dissecting a fetal pig, I swear that something bit me. It was such a sharp pain, and scared me so badly. I honestly am so nervous to go back to the lab

again. I have no idea what that even was," stated sophomore Amy Wendell. "I think it was one of the fetal pig's friends."

Wendell is not the only one who is scared to go back to her classes. She and many other biology students have actually been refusing to go back to class until someone figures out what is going on in the science classrooms in the Donnelly building.

There is one student who welcomes the hauntings.

"I welcome the hauntings," sophomore Carrie Shifan said. "I see that these animals want to be at peace. They're really friendly and follow me around Donnelly. People always stare at me when I buy food from the Donnelly Cafe and bend down to feed them. They really enjoy the local milk."

Many students at Marist who are in pursuit of finding the answer to this animalistic Donnelly haunting have formed a sort of ghost-hunting team.

"We just want to figure out what's been going on. We have a whole set of 'ghost hunting' equipment and radars. If there are spirits in the building, we want to set them free, so they can be happy...and so the many biology students can go back to class," junior Mia Walsh said.

Walsh is often seen circling Donnelly with her ghost radar and ghost goggles.

Until this ghost problem is resolved, however, many biology students at Marist are intent on not going to their classes.

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Cucumber and pumpkin smoothie anyone?

By AMBER CASE
Staff Writer

It was announced by Sodexo this week that there will no longer be milkshakes sold in the Cabaret or Cupcake Tuesday in the dining hall.

Despite the overwhelming popularity of chicken nuggets and cupcakes served on Tuesdays, Sodexo has decided to cut back on unhealthy desserts being served in the dining hall. A spokesperson for Sodexo explained that with pizza, pasta and French fries served every day, the quest to make the food in the dining hall more healthy had to begin with the most obvious elimination: dessert. Rumor has it that the soft serve ice cream machine will also be taken out over the summer when the final renovations to the new student center are made.

Along with the building becoming more environmentally friendly, the dining hall will become a place of health and wellness for students. The replacement of Cupcake Tuesday is expected to be "Vegetables Tuesday." A variety including carrots, celery and cucumbers will be displayed on the table where the cupcakes, frosting and sprinkles used to be. Insiders believe that Tuesday's vegetable platter will begin to appear in the dining hall more and more until there are vegetables served in place of dessert every day. Before we know it, chicken nuggets will be-

come mushroom caps, angering Marist students even further. What will come to the dismay of most students is that the new Tuesday menu will be in effect beginning next week. Hopefully everyone got one last cupcake this week!

Those who would rather buy a milkshake in the Cabaret than get a cupcake in the dining hall are also out of luck. The machine will be removed from the premises over the weekend and replaced Monday morning with something new. Fruit smoothies will now be made accessible instead of milkshakes but, before the excitement spreads, this will not be like the general idea of a smoothie. The fruits available for smoothies will include some very strange options: tomatoes, avocados, eggplants and olives to name a few. The idea is to introduce fruits to Marist students that are commonly mistaken for vegetables in order to teach them more about nutrition.

With the milkshake machine being taken away, it is only a matter of time before pints of Haagen Dazs and Ben & Jerry's ice cream are no longer sold in the Cabaret either. The Cabaret will not be known as the hot spot on campus for a late night snack anymore, unless the idea of a squash smoothie sounds appealing. Students who wish to buy milkshakes and ice cream will have to do so at another venue away from Marist. The college is very serious about keeping the

students healthy and is not willing to reverse any of the decisions regarding food that have been made thus far. Representatives for the college feel that the one thing they can control is what students are forced to eat while on campus. Therefore, naturally, Sodexo was able to persuade President Dennis Murray to approve the new changes, and he does not change his mind easily. "He does not have to eat in the Marist dining hall so for him, the choice was easy," an insider

close to Murray told The Circle.

Students who know about the recent changes have been asked to comment on this shocking story. The general consensus so far has not been in favor of the elimination of cupcakes and milkshakes, but there is no chance of a reversed decision. One thing is for sure: We have not seen the last of these changes. Whether the new menu options will affect the number of applications Marist receives next year, however, remains to be seen.



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Vegetable platters will now be made available instead of cupcakes on Tuesdays.

Pleasant Ridge cleanse surpasses other diets

By MARYGRACE NAVARRA
Editor-in-chief

Are you looking to purify your body from head to toe? Do you feel unclean? Are you dragging yourself around campus, lacking sleep and energy? There is no exercise routine or diet that has shown more drastic results than the most recent dietary discovery of the Hudson River Valley: The Pleasant Ridge Cleanse.

The chicken-bacon-ranch slice at Pleasant Ridge has been studied by faculty and students in the Chemistry Department of Marist College. The study was prompted when a student asked one of her professors, "Why have I been losing weight? I've been waking up in the afternoon, getting a slice from Pleasant Ridge, going out, drinking, and ending up at Pleasant Ridge again, where I consume up to five slices of pizza. What is this doing to my metabolism?"

The professor quickly obtained a fresh slice from Pleasant Ridge. Then he ate it, and remembered he needed to study it, so he went back for another.

According to the team of Marist professors, the combination of chicken, bacon, and ranch is said to cleanse the entire digestive system. While the stomach churns to digest the chicken and bacon and utilize their fats and cholesterol, the ranch acts as a coating agent for the stomach and intestinal lining. The chicken and bacon pick up

any excess waste they find along the way, cleansing the body of anything previously ingested.

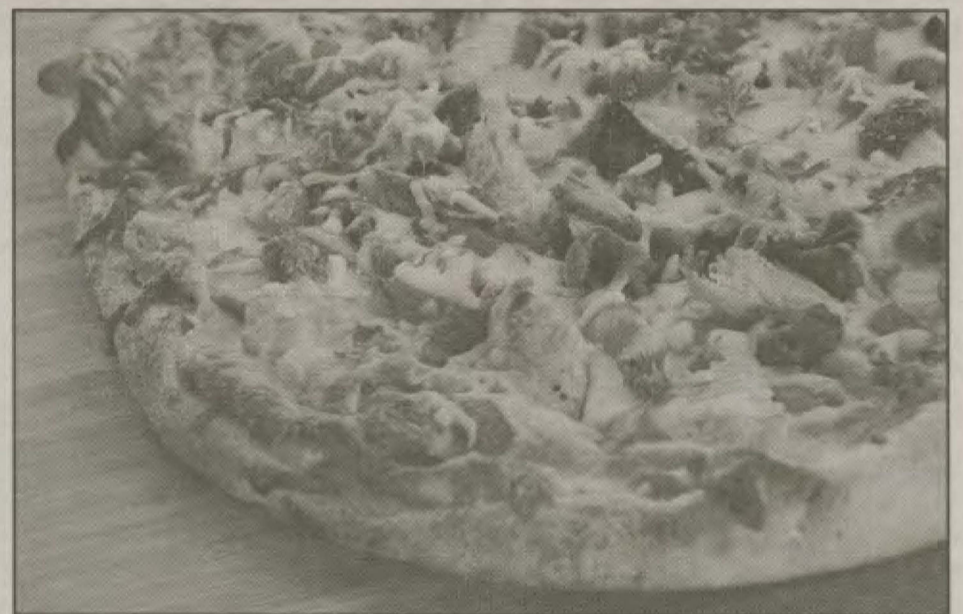
The ranch itself has been taken to the lab and studied, and it has been confirmed to be an unknown and multi-purpose substance unto itself. It soothes organ linings, similar to the repairing nature of water, while allowing for a quick digestion of other foods and simultaneously blocking the body's absorption of the most harmful fatty acids of the chicken and bacon. Where do they get this stuff?

The Pleasant Ridge chefs would not reveal their secret ranch recipe, which they hinted might be kept in a vault in Italy.

Not to mention the bread component of the slice. Before the ranch even gets to soothe, the bread and crust scrape the esophagus, stomach and intestines of any loose food products in the body.

How do health professionals recommend we go about the cleanse?

"Eat nothing but chicken-bacon-ranch slices," said a nurse practitioner from Health Services. "If you're going to eat another kind of slice, or a caesar salad, we suggest you do it in the morning, so that the chicken-bacon-ranch slices have time to do their magic at night, when your metabolism is slowing down. If you are of age and are consuming alcoholic beverages, the slices will not only prevent alcohol-induced vomiting, but the coating nature of the ranch disallows much of the alcohol to harm



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the liver and kidneys."

When asked if the diet should be accompanied by any dietary supplements, the nurse practitioner shook her head.

"No," she said. "I wouldn't dream of it. This diet is rich in nutrients, and it would be a poor decision to send your body into overload. Just keep eating that pizza."

Students' health has greatly increased overall since word of the cleanse has spread. Marist students are happier and healthier than ever before.

"My nails are harder, and my hair is shinier," said Lexi Mendyk, a junior. "I've lost 50 pounds, and I've never felt better. I hate vegetables, and this is the best diet for

someone like me. I feel great."

Does Mendyk consume any slices other than chicken-bacon-ranch?

"No," she said. "I never have, and I never will. I even ask them to add extra bacon sometimes. And a side of ranch."

Students of all classes have been joining the health kick.

"I have so much energy," said Kristin Noschese, freshman. "I go to the gym all the time. Usually I get sick and have to leave before I get on any of the machines, but it's way more initiative than I had before."

Pleasant Ridge is open late on Tuesdays and weekends, so make sure that you get in a few slices, or even a pie, before hitting the sack.

“Gangnam Style”: A dancefloor invitation to North Korea

By MARYGRACE NAVARRA
Editor-in-Chief

It seems as though the U.S./South Korea and North Korea conflict could have been predicted by us, college students who crowd Darby’s every weekend and do the Gangnam Style dance poorly. Translation of PSY’s lyrics are an obvious prediction of the threat of North Korea under Kim Jong-il. Today, we can see that they shed light on the political unrest in North Korea under Kim Jong-un in a song which discreetly exposes the unsettling dynamic between North and South Korea in a catchy-as-hell way. Good going, PSY. Smart.

The first verse of Gangnam Style describes a girl who is “warm during the day” and really knows how to enjoy a cup of coffee. When nighttime comes, however, she gets hotter – she’s a girl with a twist. Next, a guy, presumably PSY as a cover, is equally warm during the day and drinks his coffee in one shot before it even cools off. His heart explodes when the night comes, to counter the girl’s nighttime hotness. It is completely clear that PSY is saying that while North Korea might have a twist, a night-time plan, an explosive agenda, South Korea can take them. They drink their coffee before it cools

down. And this action, drinking coffee before it cools down, is an obvious reference to the Cold War. Except it’s a hot war. It’s not getting cold.

The bridge before the first chorus calls out North Korea: “Beautiful, loveable/ yes you, hey, yes you, hey/ Now let’s go until the end.” This is no joke. PSY is basically tantalizing Kim Jong-un, who is rumored to really get down when a good song comes on. There is no way he could have missed this message.

The next verse even more explicitly discusses the secretive war tactics of North Korea: “A girl who looks quiet but plays when she plays/A girl who puts her hair down when the right time comes/ A girl who covers herself but is more sexy than a girl who bares it all/ A sensible girl like that.” These lines are dripping with political agenda. While North Korea’s plans are known to us, they keep a lot under wraps. They are sensible. PSY is not discussing his type of girl, but rather the tactical shrewdness of keeping some things obvious and some hidden – the message is received that North Korea is a threat, but we are unsure of its details or implications. North Korea is one sexy girl. Comparatively, “the guy” is crazy when the right time comes and has big ideas rather than muscles. South Korea has its own schemes to



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PSY’s Gangnam Style lyrics are a direct message to North Korea and Kim Jong-il and his successor Kim Jon-un that says both, “We’re ready for you,” and “Put your dancing pants on.”

speak of. Not only are they equipped to get crazy if necessary, but their military intelligence, they believe, is more important than nuclear weapons. This verse reflects the meaning of the chorus: “Hey, sexy lady” essentially calls North Korea onto the dance floor to show off what they’ve got. Perhaps “Gangnam style” points to the use of the Gangnam District of Seoul, a possible military or government headquarters,

and a fun place to be.

After the next chorus, PSY says that “on top of the running man is the flying man, baby/ I’m a man who knows a thing or two.” This is a warning to North Korea: The South knows more than they have been told. Perhaps the South Korean military plans to fly over the borders and show North Korea who’s boss. With military enforcement or dance moves, who knows?

Goo Goo Dolls cancel, Marist welcomes Queen B

By CHRISTINA D’ARCO
Staff Writer

Due to an unforeseeable scheduling conflict, the Goo Goo Dolls has informed Marist that they will be unable to perform on April 28 at the Riverfront. Instead, it will be Beyoncé who makes an appearance that day. Yep, you heard right. Beyoncé will be taking over this year’s SPC Spring 2013 concert.

The R&B and pop superstar will be giving Marist students a first look into her latest tour – The Mrs. Carter Show World Tour – which is set to hit U.S. cities this summer. After performing a few of her songs that we all know and love, “Crazy in Love,” “Irreplaceable,” “Single Ladies,” and “Baby Boy,” Beyoncé will also take the time to talk to students about college, making memories and preparing for the future.

Beyoncé will also be giving lessons on how to grind, twerk, krump, and get money.

“I never went to college,” Beyoncé said in a phone interview. “I think it’s something I will always regret. It’s an important time in any young person’s life. At that age, I was always on tour and going to award shows, but I had few friends and even fewer people I could trust.”

“Everyone seems to want to get into the music industry at a young age,” she added, “but there are consequences. It looks like a glamorous life from the outside, but it’s really all work and no play. I never had those memories that normal teenagers do. That’s why I love it

when I get the chance to visit colleges. I get to see what I missed out on. Maybe some students will invite me to hang out with them after the concert.”

In preparation for the big event, Marist Security will be joining with the Poughkeepsie and New York State Police to help patrol the campus grounds and keep crowds under control. Security guards and policemen will be stationed at all entrances to the college, and the river will be blocked by police boats one mile north and south of the campus.

“We will be working closely with Beyoncé’s security team and bodyguards to ensure that this is a safe and enjoyable concert,” said John Gildard, the Director of Safety and Security at Marist. “We don’t want to take any chances. Things can easily get out of control when celebrities are involved. But as a fan myself, I am jubilant at the prospect of Beyoncé’s arrival. I, for one, am looking forward to practicing my Single Ladies dance.”

Beyoncé has volunteered to sign autographs after the concert, and SPC will select random students to do meet-and-greets.

“I am really looking forward to the Beyoncé concert,” said one student. “This is going to be the first good concert Marist has had in a long time!”

Even the president of Marist, Dennis Murray, seems excited.

“This is the biggest concert guest Marist has ever had,” Murray said. “I think it’s great that such an in-



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Beyoncé will be Marist’s spring concert in lieu of the Goo Goo Dolls.

spiring role model is coming to talk with our students and show them how to actually dance. From what I hear, they need lessons. This will also put Marist on the map. Our college will never be the same after this.”

2013 seems to be Beyoncé’s comeback year (not that she was ever really out of the spotlight). The 31-year-old singer and multi-platinum recording artist is slowing making her way back into the headlines since her last album release in 2011. Last year, she gave birth to her first child, a girl, Blue Ivy. This February, she performed at the Super Bowl XLVII Halftime Show and released her personal documentary “Life is But a Dream” on HBO. This summer, Beyoncé is beginning her newest endeavor, The Mrs. Carter Show World Tour, which will kick off in Los Angeles on June 28

and will hit over 20 U.S. cities, ending in Brooklyn, N.Y. on August 5.

For someone as legendary and talented as Beyoncé, the fame could easily go to her head. But this superstar is different. She is humble about her success and says she still enjoys the simplicities of life and spending time her husband Jay-Z and 1-year-old daughter.

“Don’t take it for granted, any of it,” Beyoncé said. “Life goes by too quickly. I can’t believe I’m already 31 and a mom.”

“I feel like many young people are so worried about their future, like I was at your age, that they forget to live in the moment and enjoy what is in front of them,” she added. “I’ve learned to cherish these moments, and be thankful for every good thing I have. Hopefully, I will get that point across to students during my concert. This spring, your campus will be too bootylicious.”

Sturgeon challenges Red Fox's reign at Marist

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Opinion Editor

Every Marist College student is bombarded with images of our mascot, the Red Fox; whether on our apparel, in our fight song or those creepy foxes on the front gates that look more like lions than foxes. Many times, I find myself wondering why this Red Fox is the symbol of our school. After all, foxes do not have a sterling reputation. They are known as the sly, cunning and dishonest creatures that tricked the gingerbread man and ate him, a story which still haunts me to this day. I must ask, are these really the qualities that the administration wants to instill on the student body? Therefore, I propose that in order to correct this mistake and revamp Marist's image, we discard the Red Fox and become the Marist College

Sturgeons.

The Atlantic sturgeon or *Acipenser oxyrinchus* (if you know Latin) is a native fish of the Hudson River. Dating back to the time of the dinosaurs, this prehistoric creature can reach lengths of six to eight feet and a weight of 200 pounds. In appearance, it is an olive-green or blue-black shark-like fish with a large, toothless snout. Although this does not seem very intimidating at first glance, the sturgeon is also equipped with five rows of long, bony scutes (or plates or shields) instead of scales. This addition makes the sturgeon a fierce competitor whose best offense is defense, something with which the Marist sports teams are very familiar.

In contrast to the red fox, the sturgeon possesses all of the same qualities as a Marist student. First, they both share an indomitable, endur-

ing spirit. The world of the sturgeon is very hostile. It has survived the destruction of the dinosaurs, threats from other fish and poaching attempts by the Europeans. Similarly, Marist students survived high school, successfully avoided lurking predators on Friday nights and navigating through Poughkeepsie. Despite these trials, Marist students and the sturgeon continue to flourish and grow in prestige. The red fox cannot relate to these struggles at all. Whenever it is faced with a threat, all it does is run and hide in its little fox hole. In contrast, the sturgeon stares down its enemies with a toothless grin on its face.

In addition, the sturgeon is a delicacy in the New York region. Their meat and caviar were so extremely sought after that they faced extinction, but, thankfully, they are now protected from hunting. In fact, they are actually referred to as the "Albany beef" due to their popularity. There is only one other creature in this world that is as desirable as the sturgeon and that is the Marist student. Therefore, it's a match made in heaven.

The Atlantic sturgeon spends the majority of its sojourn in the Hudson River reproducing. The months of April through June are the prime times for sturgeon match-making and they do it up here in the mid-Hudson River. Sturgeon are not the only creatures who take advantage of the beautiful spring weather. Come spring, Marist students can be seen sprawled out on the Marist beach hoping to attract their next

potential mate. Forget about the red foxes, the sturgeon is the true expert.

In addition, the sturgeon is the symbol of the Hudson River Valley's past, present and future. This fish can trace its roots back to the prehistoric age making it one of the Founding Fathers of the region. The sturgeon has helped to shape the face of the region with its contributions to art, food and tourism. For many tourists to the region, the sturgeon is the main attraction, with the home of former president Franklin Delano Roosevelt a close second. To the locals, the only thing more beautiful than a sunset over the river is the sight of the sturgeon roaming free in its natural habitat.

Overall, Marist College has done the sturgeon a major injustice. It is preposterous that the Sturgeon is not the mascot of Marist College considering it encompasses the beauty, brains and brawn of the Hudson River Valley and the Marist student body. Hopefully, the appropriate changes will be made and soon the face of the Sturgeon will be plastered across campus. After all, the sight of the sturgeon racing forward from the river to the Atlantic Ocean can only be compared to the Marist student preparing for the next stage of life.



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The Atlantic sturgeon's native and celebrity status in the Hudson River Valley makes it an ideal candidate for the Marist mascot.

Construction woes cause division on campus

By AMBER CASE
Lifestyles Editor

The current construction taking place on campus for the newly renovated student center will be a very exciting addition to the college for current and incoming students when it is finally completed. However, not everyone feels that the renovations are a good idea. There is a male student on campus currently campaigning against the new student center which will expand the dining hall and house a new music building. In his opinion, the construction of a new, larger building is unnecessary and should stop right now.

"I just don't want it," said the student, who asked to be identified as "Joe." He plans on making a surprise appearance on MCTV to voice his opinion further to the Marist student community. As a junior, Joe has become accustomed to the campus looking a certain way and is not convinced that change is a good thing in this situation. Even as a music major, Joe shies away from the idea of having a brand new music building.

"I love taking the majority of my classes in the hot and sweaty basement of the student center. It is a

great experience being stuffed into a tiny room with 25 other students, all with large instruments, especially during the end of summer when the heat is already unbearable," he said.

Many other Marist students majoring in music would beg to differ. The new music building will ensure that students will never have to take classes in a dungeon-like setting ever again, making the school even more attractive to incoming students.

Make sure to not completely misinterpret Joe's feelings about the new student center - while he would rather not have a brand new building on campus, he does not mind the construction process one bit.

"I would love it if the construction work continued forever," he said.

Joe has enjoyed every second of this school year more than usual because of the constant drilling and hammering of construction workers. As a freshman, Joe lived in Champagnat Hall and wishes that he still did, where he could be as close to the noise as possible.

"I go around door to door in Champ trying to make new friends so I can hang out in their rooms during construction hours," Joe said.

He is envious of the Champ resi-

dents who are unable to sleep late in the morning or take naps during the afternoon due to the excessive noise right outside their windows.

Furthermore, Joe could not be happier about all of the blocked off staircases in the student center and the long walk in the dining hall to the grill. He claims that all the extra walking is how he gets his exercise during the week. While friends of Joe's are skeptical of his opinions about the new student center, Joe does not understand what the big deal is.

"When my friends and I walk to class, they all get upset when we walk by the construction site. I, for one, love to trek through the mud on the sidewalk and consider the adventure to be the highlight of my day," Joe told The Circle.

When the construction is completed at the end of 2013, Joe will most likely be the only student at Marist not happy about it. He is so distraught about the loss of the old music building that he is considering changing his major. At Marist on a full music scholarship, Joe is willing to give it all up in protest of the new student center renovations.

"I will stay at Marist for the rest of my life trying to figure out a new major and complete my degree in



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The construction in the student center has caused much aggravation for students.

way more than four years, but it will all be worth it," Joe said.



The Fox Trot

Quick hits of the week in Marist athletics

Track and Field

Both the men's and women's track and field teams will compete in two meets this week with several special runners competing in their first collegiate races.

The program will introduce their newest runners, Rex and Mindy, two red foxes who have lived on the Marist campus since the beginning of the school year. The two foxes will compete in the 100-meter event this weekend.

"One day when the kids were running, I noticed that running alongside of them were two red foxes," head coach Pete Colaizzo said. "Those two foxes were keeping pace with some of the best runners on the team. I needed to get another look at them."

With help from his sprinters, Colaizzo was able to run after the foxes and capture them. Neither Rex or Mindy were harmed in the capture.

Once captured, Colaizzo explained that the two sides communicated through non-verbal communication.

"It actually was easier to communicate than we thought it would be," Colaizzo said. "They [the foxes] were very receptive to my and the team's cues."

The capture occurred about three weeks ago. Since then, Rex and Mindy have been working with Colaizzo and the other sprinters to make sure they would be able to compete at the highest level of competition.

Now, the pair of foxes are ready to go. In their most recent practice, Rex ran the 100-meters in 10.5 seconds, and Mindy was not too close behind him with a time of 11 seconds.

Colaizzo knows that his team might receive some strange looks when they walk onto the track. But he is confident that his team, and particularly his new runners, will be ready to prove other teams wrong.

"Do I know this is a little strange? Of course I do," Colaizzo said. "But I have always been competitive, and I want the best runners on my team. I believe that these two [Rex and Mindy] have the potential to be two of the best runners to ever compete at Marist."

Men's Tennis

The Marist men's tennis team will travel to the Bronx tomorrow to

take on Xavier. Unfortunately, the team has had a rough couple of days of practice leading up to the match. The men's team lost their balls, and then their shit.

It is believed that a family of woodchucks broke into the tennis team's supply closet and stole all of their tennis balls. Coincidentally, the Wilson factory workers, the tennis ball makers, are on strike, and the tennis team has been desperate for practice.

One player volunteered his dozen apples that he had just purchased from Stop & Shop; when all of those had exploded on the courts, another player volunteered oranges, and one strawberries. The courts were a mess, but some players were seen licking their rackets during breaks.

"I've never seen such a childlike display," head coach Tim Smith said. "My men turned into kids this week, all because of exploding fruit. I hope to God this hasn't killed our chances this weekend."

Women's Water Polo

Ashleigh Huckins, the women's water polo coach, is facing a conundrum she never thought she would see. Huckins has been reviewing applications and tapes from potential players who are interesting in playing for Marist. One applicant in particular, Colleen Santana, stated in

her application that she was afraid of water.

Colleen Santana explained she was born with an irrational fear of water, not trusting its clear liquid state. Proper hygiene and getting enough proper fluids through out the day was a struggle, and required serious effort on Santana's part. It took years of self-convincing before she would even think of entering a pool for recreational purposes after the scarring life experience of learning to swim, something Santana's parents saw as a necessity.

But, one day, after much encouragement from her parents, friends and teachers to give swimming another chance, Santana decided to have a go at it. This time, instead of squirming with discomfort, Santana found herself actually enjoying the water. In fact, she became so fascinated with water sports, she began trying out different ones to make up for lost time. Santana eventually settled on focusing on water polo. She soon rose to becoming a nationally ranked player in her home state of California. Huckin's would not release any information about Santana's future with the school and team, but did say she found her story "inspirational."

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Women's basketball program cut

By GARRIN MARCHETTI
Managing Editor

Over the past nine years, the Marist women's basketball team has won eight straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championships while establishing itself as a mid-major powerhouse in women's college basketball.

Despite the overwhelming success of the program, Marist has decided that they are better off without the team.

The Marist athletic department announced yesterday that it will drop the women's basketball program indefinitely. In its place, the school will be starting a men's squash team that will compete right away next school year.

Marist athletic director Tim Murray said that the reason for the decision was based primarily off of financial analysis. The women's basketball team has always been one of the college's most expensive sports to maintain.

Although the community has continually supported the Red Foxes during their run of success, Murray, his staff and ultimately the college felt that program was too expensive to keep running.

"After a thorough look into the yearly costs and expenses of the program, we as a staff felt it was necessary to make a significant change," Murray said. "We just felt that in order to continue our mis-

sion in creating an overall strong athletic program, we had to make this change."

Women's head coach Brian Giorgis was seen leaving the McCann Arena yesterday, shortly after Murray's announcement. Giorgis offered little insight on the subject, only saying that the decision took him by surprise, to the say the least.

"We [the team] were completely blindsided by this. Came out of nowhere," Giorgis said. "I thought that eight straight titles qualified as job security. But I guess not."

Players were unavailable for comment. Murray said that he spoke to the entire team prior to his announcement.

"They were shocked and sad. I can understand that; they need to leave a school that they have called their home," Murray said. "But there will be better opportunities for them at other schools. They will understand that eventually."

The sport that will take the place of women's basketball will be squash, the popular tennis-like sport that has grown in both recreational play and collegiate athletics. Currently, there are 26 schools with a squash program.

Harvard, Vassar and Trinity are several schools that have competed in the sport. Trinity in particular has enjoyed tremendous success, winning 14 national championships in 15 seasons.

Murray said that the athletic department will begin conducting its



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Leanne Ockenden and the rest of the Red Foxes of the women's basketball team were informed that the school was dropping the highly successful program yesterday.

coaching search immediately. Already, there have been rumors that Marist will try to hire Trinity head coach Paul Assaiante to take over the newest group of Red Fox athletes.

As news of the women's basketball program's demise circulated around campus, the student body still could not come to grips with the new reality.

"I just don't understand why [Marist] would do something like this," Dylan Arthur, a junior, said. "They have been the most successful team in the conference by far, and Murray just wants to toss them aside? For squash? It really is unbelievable."

Other members of the Marist community were still trying to understand what exactly this new sport would be.

"The only squash that I know of is the kind that is served on my Thanksgiving table," junior Rob Romanowski said. "I always thought that racquetball and squash were the same thing. Everyone knows what basketball is; no one knows what squash is. This is ridiculous!"

Murray would not elaborate on whether there were plans to build new squash courts in the McCann Arena. Currently, there are two racquetball courts in the back of the building, but it would be expected that there will need to be more now.

Jim Calhoun named basketball coach

By GARRIN MARCHETTI
Managing Editor

Weeks after Chuck Martin was relieved of his duties as head coach of the Marist men's basketball team, Marist has found a replacement to lead the team into a new, and winning, era.

Jim Calhoun, the former University of Connecticut head coach and one of the most successful coaches in the history of college basketball, has been named the new head coach of the Red Foxes, according to Marist athletic director Tim Murray.

Calhoun, who coached at Northeastern and UConn for 40 years, will come out of a one-year retirement to take over at Marist. This past season, Marist went 10-21 overall and lost in the opening round of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament.

"We are extremely excited to have Jim become the next face of Marist basketball," Murray said. "He is a Hall-of-Fame coach who has continued to bring out the best in his players for decades. We are confident that he will turn this program into not only a contender for the MAAC, but for the national championship."

Calhoun won three national championships at UConn, one of only five coaches in the history of the game achieve the feat. He also reached four Final Fours with the Huskies, while also capturing seven Big East Tournament championships. In his career, Calhoun compiled an 866-

369 overall record.

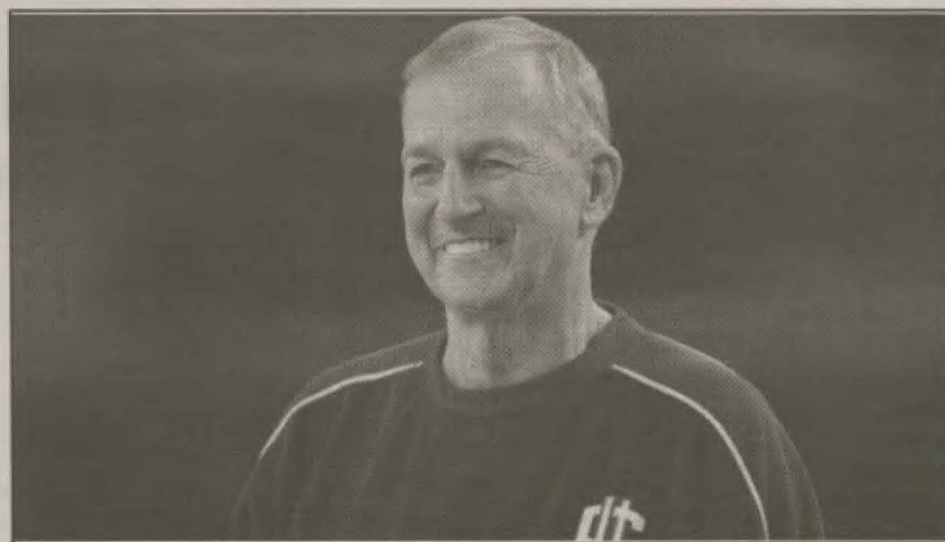
Murray explained that Calhoun had contacted him about the coaching vacancy about a week ago. After retiring after the 2011-2012 season, Calhoun spent the season watching games on television and realized that he wanted back in.

"He [Calhoun] said that he wanted to coach again, but that he wanted somewhere small," Murray said. "He had never heard of Marist before, so he thought it was as small as it gets. He said he wanted a challenge, and after reading about us, he realized this would be the perfect challenge."

Calhoun could not be reached for comment, but a spokesperson for the Hall-of-Famer said that Calhoun is "excited" for the opportunity to get back on the bench.

"Mr. Calhoun is looking forward to coaching basketball again and helping turn Marist back into a winning program," the spokesperson said. "He has had success in turning bad programs into highly successful ones, and he is confident that he will have the same success at Marist."

Calhoun will not be without talent. Marist returns its entire starting five that it had been playing with at the end of the season. Senior captain and 1,000th point scorer Devin Price will be lost to graduation, but the Red Foxes will be led by sophomore Chavaughn Lewis and junior Adam Kemp, both All-MAAC Third Team selections this past season.



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Former UConn head coach and National Basketball Hall of Famer Jim Calhoun has been named the new head coach of the Marist men's basketball team.

Calhoun will pick his own coaching staff, according to several sources. Those same sources say that Calhoun is looking to fill his bench with recently fired head coach Ben Howland, formerly of UCLA. Howland would serve as Calhoun's top assistant.

Two former head coaches with a combined seven final Fours between them. If Marist wanted to breathe new life into its basketball program, then it is on the right track.

The campus was abuzz with news of Calhoun's hire, and the excitement for next season has already begun.

"I am so excited for next season," junior Jeff Woronick said. "Being from Connecticut, I have been a huge Calhoun fan my entire life. I know that he will make Marist into a national powerhouse."

Some Marist students were still skeptical about the news.

"It all seems kind of strange," junior Kevin O'Donnell said. "Why would this Hall-of-Fame coach come out of retirement to coach this team? Hey, I'm not complaining; we need to have a winning team around here. I just can't believe it happened."

Murray would not announce the official details of Calhoun's contract. He explained that the money was never important to Calhoun; it was all about creating another chapter in a storied career.

"He is fully committed to making Marist a college basketball dynasty. We as a department will do whatever it takes to help Jim in his mission," Murray said.

Former editor-in-chief involved in scandal

By JENNA GRANDE
Managing Editor

He was the epitome of a class act in the Marist sports communication field. He was the ideal editor-in-chief of the well-known school paper. His replacements dreaded the anticipatory comparison remarks, because no one person could fill the shoes he left behind. He was going down a legend in Circle history: It was all set in stone.

That was until he was caught smuggling funds from The Circle into his personal account to buy season tickets to Syracuse University basketball games.

Eric Vander Voort grew up in the Syracuse area and has always been a strong supporter of the team. This loving support, however, could be the downfall of such a wonderful reputation.

Yes, Eric Vander Voort was a lot of things: a man with a hard work ethic, an in-depth knowledge of sports, and a fan of home-cooked Italian meals. But, he was also a liar.

It is the scandal shaking a community that prides itself on service, honor, dignity and self-respect. According to reports from the Office of College Activities, funds were miss-



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Former sports editor and editor-in-chief Eric Vander Voort is now involved in scandal.

ing from The Circle's account, with Vander Voort actively pursuing Bob Lynch as the culprit for the missing money.

"Eric was down here every day, trying to get in contact with Bob. He kept saying something about funds, but it was all a mumbled slur of words. Bob seemed apprehensive around Eric, though," Building Manager at College Activities James Pareti said.

Though the school is trying to keep details hushed, sources have

revealed Vander Voort transferred money out of The Circle's account and forged Bob Lynch's signature on the transaction. He even went as far to hide his face from security cameras at the local TD Bank branch by wearing scruffy sweaters, scarves and hats. A spokesperson from the bank told The Circle that this is a common way thieves prevent themselves to being traced to the scene of the crime.

The spokesperson from the bank also said it is estimated that Vander

Voort managed to transfer out \$2,000 from The Circle's account into a fake account under the name Bob Lynch.

This news has come to be a huge shock to some of the people closest to Vander Voort. Girlfriend of three years, Kaitlyn DeFeo expressed her anger and confusion exclusively to The Circle.

"I do not even know who he is anymore. After so many years together, you think you can trust a person. Now, after this? I just can't. It's so much to process at one time," DeFeo said.

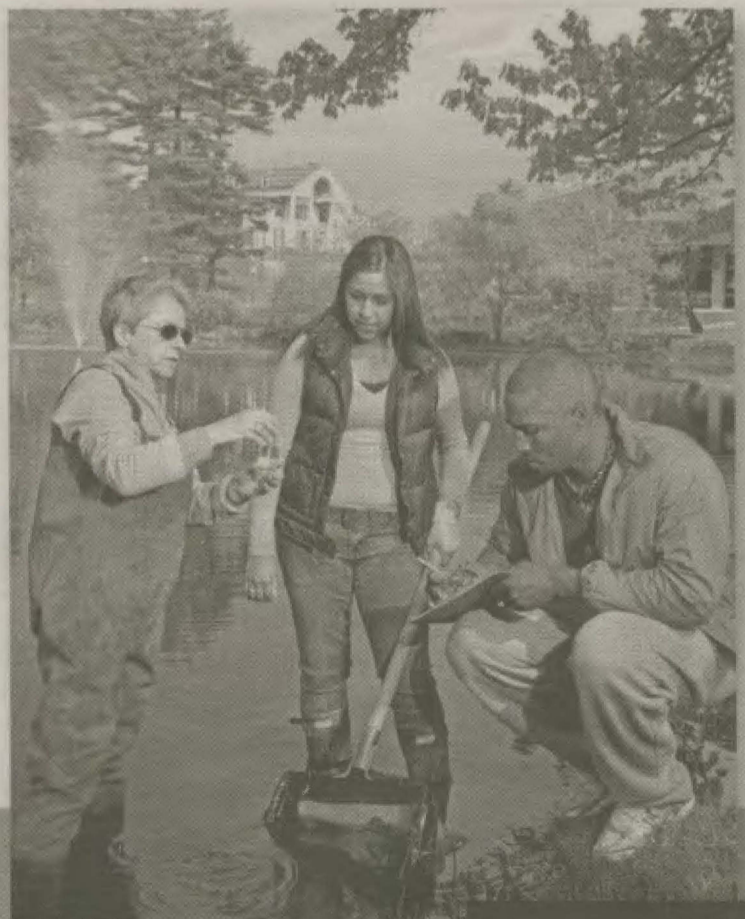
His RA colleague and personal friend Alex Erickson said no one was more surprised than he when he heard of the news.

"Eric has been one of my closest friends since freshman year. We have been RAs together in the same residence area now for three years. He has always been a confidant to me, and someone I considered to be an honest and trustworthy person. I wish I had gotten to know the real Eric," Erickson said.

Vander Voort has been in seclusion since the news broke of his scandal, neglecting his duties as a student and an RA in Lower Fulton. He couldn't be reached for comment at the time this paper went to press.

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