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## Bill O'Reilly to give 55th Marist commencement speech

by LISA BURKE  
Co-Editor In Chief

He tells it like it is, even when people don't want to hear it. While this may put some of the guests off, it sure doesn't deter the fans, as his news show, *The O'Reilly Factor*, has beaten Larry King in the ratings more than once.

In addition to hosting duties, he has had a *New York Times* bestseller with *The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, The Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous in American Life*, and has also written a novel, *Those who Trespass*, about a bitter former newsmen who goes on a killing spree.

So what's next for Fox News' Bill O'Reilly? The 1971 Marist College graduate is returning to his alma mater to speak at the 55th commencement on May 19.

But don't worry. He won't put anyone on the spot.

Chief College Relations Officer Tim Massie said that he thinks O'Reilly is one of the most qualified speakers we've had here in years, and that he will bring a lot to this year's ceremony.

"He has something meaningful to say," he said. "I'm sure he will be entertaining, and have some very humorous stories to tell about when he was at Marist."

When looking for a graduation speaker, Massie said Marist looks for someone who has an affinity to the school, so they will have a desire to do it.

"We do not pay [our commencement speakers]," he said. "We do not believe it is a proper use of our money or students' activities fees."

Massie said that O'Reilly has been back to campus many times and has stayed connected to Marist over the years.

"He is high-profile, a leader in the communications field," Massie said, "and he will very easily be able to relate to Marist students."

Senior Dave Casarella said that he is disappointed with the choice of this year's graduation speaker.

"I believe we should have a speaker with qualifications equal to Bill O'Reilly, but find someone who better reflects the interests of the graduating class," he said. "I would just like to see somebody else."

Another criterion the chosen speaker must fulfill is to be worthy of an honorary doctorate, which

the board awards to the speaker at the ceremony. This year, O'Reilly will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

"Bill was very grateful to be asked and we're thrilled to have him," said Massie.

After graduating from Marist with a B.A. in history, O'Reilly went on to receive a Master's degree in broadcast journalism from Boston University, and in 1996, he received his master's degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. That same year, he joined the Fox News team as an anchor host. He has since moved to the more prestigious position of a self-titled news show host of *The O'Reilly Factor*, a show whose fast-growing popularity is remarkable, beating both *Larry King* and *Geraldo Rivera* in the ratings.

According to the Fox News website, O'Reilly created his show "to fill a void he felt existed in television news. 'Too many news programs have become public relations friendly,' O'Reilly said, 'and the viewer is left with many unanswered questions because the host or hostess does not want to of-

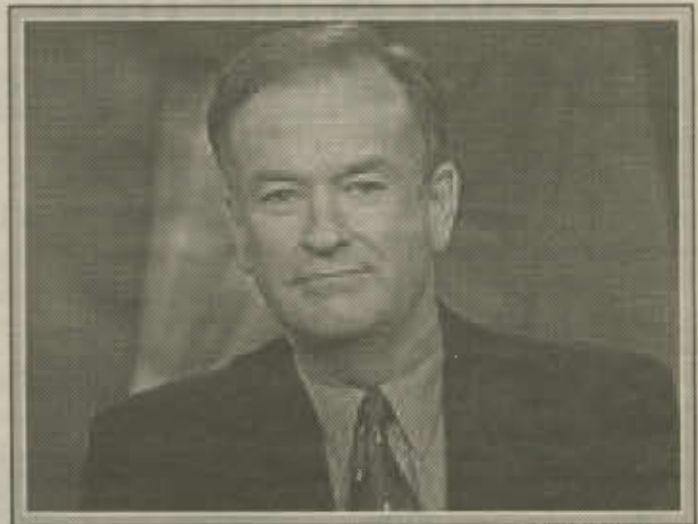


Photo courtesy of Fox.com  
Bill O'Reilly, host of Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor*, is scheduled to deliver the 55th commencement speech at Marist College on May 19. O'Reilly is a 1971 graduate of the History department.

fend anyone. That will not happen on the *Factor*."

Some critics say that his style is too harsh. Many guests have been "unable" to appear, and may just be afraid to face O'Reilly. He's out to win viewers, though, not friends.

"I'm willing to have Americans say: 'O'Reilly is an SOB and a mean bastard,'" O'Reilly said, according to the *Daily News*. "Many people think I'm rude, and I guess I could be con-

sidered that if I were at a cocktail party, but I'm not. I don't want people to like me, I want them to respect me and watch the program."

Friend and gossip columnist Liz Smith has said that she finds it amusing when she reads about O'Reilly being described as "Mr. Intimidation."

"When I first met him many years ago, he was as sweet as pie," she wrote in her column in the *New York Post*.

## Holy Week doesn't stop violence

by ASHLEY THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Violence between Palestinians and Israelis marred the Jewish Passover and the Christian Palm Sunday despite seasonal messages of goodwill expressed over the sounds of gunfire. The fighting, however,



was less intense than seen recently during the six month-old Palestinian uprising.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat called Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon with Passover holiday greetings for the Jewish people on Saturday, according to Israeli Radio.

Arafat arrived in Egypt late on Saturday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa told reporters after the meeting in Cairo that the presidents discussed Israel's "provocative measures" toward Palestinians.

Palestinian witnesses and security sources said that Palestinian gunmen and Israeli soldiers traded fire overnight in Ramallah before Israeli

tanks launched shells. No injuries were reported. The Israeli army said it had also fired tank shells at the nearby village of Beitunia. Palestinian witnesses said gunfire resumed in Ramallah on Sunday morning.

Israeli security forces are on high alert for the Jewish festival of the Passover in the middle of renewed violence and Islamic militant threats to carry out bombings.

Thousands of soldiers, police, and border police have been deployed throughout the country for the weeklong holiday, which began on Saturday evening.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has urged Yasser Arafat to use his authority to end the current upsurge of violence in the West Bank and Gaza. He made the plea when Arafat telephoned him to offer Passover greetings.

In a similar call to the opposition leader, Yossi Sarid, Arafat called for a resumption of peace talks. Hours after the conversations, however, there were reports of fresh fighting in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In Gaza, three Palestinians were reportedly wounded in a



JARED AVIGLIANO / The Circle  
The Baltic National Debate Team (front row) squared off against the Marist Debate Team Tuesday in the Nelly Golletti Theater.

### MIKE'S TV PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"  
Fri., Apr. 13, 9 p.m., USA

"Smokey and the Bandit"  
Sat., Apr. 14, 10 p.m., TBS

"Robin Hood--Men in Tights"  
Sun., Apr. 8, 8 p.m., Comedy Central

...for more, see *On TV with Mike Thompson*, pg. 9

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Photo Courtesy of Toptown.com  
Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, smiling despite continued conflicts between the Palestines and Israelis.

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# In Your Opinion



## What is the most important part of Easter?

**Chris Blasie**  
Senior

"Seeing my family. I go to my aunt's and eat a pile of food."

**Junelayne Dale**  
Graduate Student

"Time with my family, rejoicing that the Lord is risen and of course, the chocolate."

**Michael Craig**  
Senior

"I love getting to the food, eating flying fish."



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## SECURITY BRIEFS

Compiled by Scott Neville

A West Cedar resident allegedly took his Red Jeep Wrangler mud-bogging on a newly-seeded section of Upper West Cedar's lawn Tuesday, April 3, at 3:45 a.m. The tire treads left deep ruts in the lawn and a trail of mud and straw from the scene of the crime to where the security patrol found the truck parked in West Cedar's overflow lot. The tire treads matched and the mud-covered tires, side panels and hood of the Jeep were enough evidence for the officers to boot it. The Jeep's owner denied all knowledge of the incident, but was awarded three tickets and a landscaping bill anyways.

A foglight was left hanging, a light cracked, and a molding torn from an Upper West Cedar vehicle some time before it was reported Tuesday, April 3, at 1 p.m.

A security patrol found a car parked in a student lot with a Donnelly parking pass Tuesday, April 3, at 11:45 p.m. The officer thought it was suspicious enough to find the driver. After a short investigation, the owner was discovered to be a student who purchased the car from a Marist employee and left the precious parking sticker on... that is, until the officer confiscated and destroyed it.

A Gartland F block resident hurt himself Wednesday, April 4, at 11:25 p.m. He landed on his knees while playing basketball at the McCann Center and needed the ice and the support only the St. Francis medical staff could provide, so he went up there for treatment.

A security officer spied a student burning two candles in his room while the officer patrolled the Champagnat hallways at 1 a.m. on Thursday, April 5. The RA was called, blew out the candles and confiscated five more before leaving the room. The student may have stood a better chance of being undetected if he had closed his door before lighting his fire hazard stockpile.

Town of Poughkeepsie Police officers called a Marist security patrol person Thursday, April 6, at 3:40 a.m. to pick up a Townhouse's L block resident at the main entrance. The police picked her up when the driver of the car she was riding in was pulled over, arrested and charged for driving while under the influence.

A Leo resident was taken to St. Francis after dislocating her shoulder during a dance rehearsal in the Nelly Golletti Theater Thursday, April 6, at 7:20 p.m.

A Ford Mustang's rear window was smashed, the cloth roof slashed, and the seatbelts cut sometime before a security patrol discovered it at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, in the Lower Hoop Lot. The glove compartment had been ransacked, but nothing was reported missing.

An overflowing toilet turned into a messy situation when the water seeped through the wall and into a fire alarm panel in Gartland's G block Saturday, April 7, at 11:20 p.m. The water damaged the equipment, setting off the alarms and causing Fairview firefighters to respond. All attempts to reset the panel failed, so a security officer was placed on the scene as a 'fire watch' while the alarm was taken out. The alarm was replaced the following day, as housekeeping staff mopped up.

The Leo Hall mentor found one of his residents outside the mentor's door at 3:05 a.m. Sunday, April 8. Security officers and the Duty RD were called, as was the Fairview Ambulance crew for the intoxicated student. But, upon a closer examination, the student was found completely sober and somehow convinced the group of authoritarians that he had been sleep-walking. The student was escorted back to his room and housekeepers were called to hose off the door. He was not given a glass of warm milk to soothe his nerves.

### Correction

Last week's In Your Opinion photographic participant known as "Yemmi" was really Jim Dabek (left). He did not offer an opinion to the question.



This is Yemmi (right), who slept for 17 hours and ranks it the craziest thing he did on Spring Break.



The Circle staff apologizes for any confusion this may have caused.

The Habitat for Humanity article which appeared on the front page of *The Circle's* Mar. 29 issue was credited to news editor Brendan McGurk. However, most of the information, research and writing was done by one of the story's sources, Megan Thompson. The staff of *The Circle* apologizes to Ms. Thompson for this oversight and would like to give her the proper credit for her work.

WORLD  
VIEWS

**Surgery to separate twins lasts five days**

**SINGAPORE-** After five days in the operating room, neurosurgeons finally completed surgery on the Napali twins joined at the head. The surgery, which entailed detaching the brains by separating the veins of the 11-month-old twins, was expected to last only 36 hours. However, due to the many unanticipated veins, the surgery doubled in time, lasting 75 hours. A spokeswoman for the Singapore General Hospital said the twins are in stable condition.

**Tensions between U.S. and China continue**

**WASHINGTON-** Monday, Chinese officials demanded the United States apologize for the collision of the US EP-3 and a Chinese fighter plane that occurred on Apr. 1. The collision resulted in the death of a Chinese pilot. The United States refused to apologize for the death saying they are not at fault. While the US and China continue to work on negotiations, it is feared the longer the negotiations take, the more positive relations between the US and China will dwindle.

**Strep bacteria mapped**

**WASHINGTON-** Researchers at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center said on Monday they have finished sequencing the genome of streptococcus pyogenes. The bacterium is said to cause illnesses such as strep throat, acute rheumatic fever, scarlet fever and a flesh-eating disease. Scientists are optimistic this blueprint will aid in the development of vaccines to prevent these illnesses.

**www.ebaby.com?**

**LONDON-** A British couple lost their bid to regain custody of the twins they adopted over the Internet. Judith and Alan Kilshaw of Wales bought the twin girls over the Internet three months ago. However, a couple in California purchased the twins as well. Justice Andrew Kirkwood ruled Monday that the girls should be returned to Missouri, where the biological parents are seeking custody.

**Car Break-ins Continue**

Recently there have been several car break-ins on campus. The cars being targeted are located in the Hoop lot near Gartland. The cars have been reportedly vandalized and items such as CD players and CDs have been stolen.

Marist College Student Government Association is writing this press release to inform the student body of these unfortunate occurrences.

When parking your car at any lot, please remove any and all valuables. It is important to remember this so that no property can be stolen if there is a break in.

The Safety and Security Office is working very hard to apprehend the person(s) responsible for these crimes. They are determined to keep Marist College a safe community.

If anyone has any information about this topic please contact the Safety and Security Office at extension 2282.

**Student Government Association Spotlight  
Melissa Katomski  
Executive Secretary**

Hometown: Oxford, CT  
Age: 21  
Major: Psychology, Special Education  
Campus Housing: Champagnat  
Year at Marist: Junior



Melissa Katomski holds a position on Student Government that is often overlooked but never without importance. On a daily and weekly basis, Melissa takes minutes at both the Executive Board and the Senate Meetings. After she takes the minutes, she types them up and must present them at the next meeting to be approved.

Aside from her usual work, Melissa is involved in other aspects of Student Government. She was greatly involved in Unity Day 2001 and was even Master Of Ceremonies. She was involved when SGA went to Memory Walk 2000 to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association, and she also went to Vassar Brother's Hospital to share Christmas cheer in December 2000.

Aside from all of this, Melissa has recently been voted in as Vice President of the Class of 2002 for the Hogan Administration for the 2001-2002 school year. She is also greatly involved in club activities on campus. She is in Campus Ministry, the Student Programming Council, and is an R.A. for both this year and next as well.

Anyone who wishes to get involved in Student Government should come to the SGA office in the Student Center.

-Michelle Slesinski, Director of Public Relations



Wiffle ball spring training was in full swing on Monday as residents of West Cedar took to the courtyard instead of the diamond to take advantage of the warm weather.

**Holocaust survivor to address Marist**

by JACLYN JACOBSEN  
Features Editor

On Apr. 18, 2001, Marist College will be welcoming a very special guest. Marta Chernoff, a Holocaust survivor, will address students at Marist College's Annual Holocaust Memorial Program. Going into its eleventh year, the program aims to preserve the memory of all Holocaust victims, including Gypsies, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, and the handicapped.

"We remember in order to learn lessons for our own lives," says Professor Milton Teischman, who also heads the committee that plans each year's program.

This year's program is entitled "The Living Witnesses: Holocaust Survivors." The event will include music, poetry, and student presentations, all of which revolve around the theme of survivors. It will take place at 8 p.m. in SC 349.

Professor Teischman believes it is imperative to actively remember the horrors of the Holocaust. He says all must "realize the terrible dangers of racial, ethnic, or religious hatred" are still prevalent today. He adds, "We must understand that silence or indifference to human suffering is itself a very great evil."

Many people have worked to bring about this year's Holocaust remembrance program. Faculty members such as Teischman, Richard Feldman, Mar Peter-Raoul, and Rita Alterman have contributed. Also, Brother Frank Kelly, Elaine Newman, Tim Massie, and Ivy Reeves have played a tremendous role in the development in the program. Also aiding in this project were students Sarah Hrynyk and Jaclyn Jacobsen.

This year's program is sponsored by Student Activities, the School of Visual Arts, and the office of the Academic Vice President.

**Violence continues in Mideast**

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gun battle with Israeli tanks near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim. There were reports of similar clashes near the West Bank settlements of Psagot and Ofra. The fighting followed the violence between demonstrators and Israeli security forces on Friday. Approximately thirty Palestinians were reportedly wounded.

In another event after a negotiating session earlier this week with the Israelis, Palestinian security chiefs escorted to the border by American officials were shot at by Israeli troops as they tried to re-enter the Gaza Strip. The Palestinians called it an assassination attempt. Israelis said they were responding to fire from the vicinity.

Many people on both sides

had hoped the talks would offer a way out of the cycle of violence that has claimed more than 450 lives in six months of the worst fighting in decades. Arafat has now appealed to the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, to intervene to protect his people.

"There was a moment of optimism," Israeli peace activist Galia Golan said.

"Now, even the doves think it's going to get worse before it gets better."

More often, the collective shock that Palestinians and Israelis once felt at their daily bloodshed appears to be turning into a hopeless acceptance



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## SATs preparing for extinction in California?

by JASON SHAW  
Staff Writer

High school students may be putting their No. 2 pencils down for good.

If Richard Atkinson, the President of the University of California has his way, the SAT's will be as obsolete as the abacus.

He's making bold moves to eliminate SAT scores from the requirements of the applicants to the nation's largest and most prestigious university system, moves that can affect schools nationwide.

Atkinson's plan would involve ignoring an applicant's SAT I scores and concentrating on the student's activities, grades, and SAT II scores, which measure the mastery of particular subjects. It would also help the diversity problem on college campuses, since wealthy students

of only certain ethnic backgrounds seem inclined to score higher on the test.

Jaime Corkedale, Psychology/Special Education major at Marist College said the SATs are a false indicator of a student's ability.

"They tell you nothing about how well the student will perform in college," he said.

This is a common gripe; educators have been asking for years if standardized tests such as the SATs are really a reliable way to determine a student's aptitude.

Like Jaime, sophomore Erik Long didn't pull any punches.

"They're a joke," he said. "All the SATs do is determine how well a person did on that one particular test on that one particular day."

With anti-SAT sentiment rampant among the students who

were, or will be, forced to take the tests, it might be safe to say that the SATs are going the way of the dinosaurs.

Is it too good to be true? Maybe. There is still plenty of resistance to Atkinson's proposal. For starters, this would contradict President George W. Bush's education reform plan, a strategy that has a cornerstone in frequent standardized testing.

And many highly influential East Coast schools have no plans to do away with using SAT scores as a method of accepting students.

Harvard has gone on the record to say that the SATs are here to stay because they want students to have as many chances as possible to demonstrate their skills.

"If they're good enough for Harvard, then they're good enough for me," said Professor

Joseph Zepetello.

"The SATs shouldn't be an isolated method of determining a student's ability. And they're not; colleges look at other things besides the SATs. And as long as they're not, I don't see any problem with them," he said.

Atkinson's motives behind his plan are also in question; this may have less to do with the weaknesses of standardized testing and more with the fallout of affirmative action. California's public university system is struggling with the aftermath of Proposition 209, a law that banned the use of affirmative action in all public universities and government agencies in California.

A result of Proposition 209 was that the enrollment of minorities deeply declined, drawing criticism to the school system. Since

minorities have statistically scored low on the SATs, could eliminating the tests be part of an agenda that has nothing to do with their effectiveness? Or could the ethnicity problems of the test just be another reason to put them away for good?

Since the California University system is the single biggest client of the SATs and also the largest state university system, their decision will definitely have an effect on schools nationwide.

If the elimination of SATs creates a chain reaction across the nation, even stolid advocates of the test such as Harvard may have to sway under the pressure. But high school students should not put down their practice books yet. As with all debates, it will be some time until a certain conclusion is reached.

## Cancer Awareness Month: Education lessens risk

by LAUREN PENNA  
Staff Writer

The chances are that every Marist student's life has been affected by cancer, in some manner. If you have not known someone who has been struck with cancer, you are a lucky minority.

The month of April marks Cancer Awareness and Control month across the country. Even if the school has nothing formally planned, individuals can still make it their goal to use this month as a time to increase their awareness of the disease.

Junior Christina Quinci said the more awareness Marist students have about cancer, the better for the future.

"Awareness is good because it makes us better educated so we know about cancer for future generations and ourselves," said Quinci.

The American Cancer Society has predicted that this year 552,200 people will die of cancer. This means that more than 1,500 people will die each day from this disease. The fatality of the disease may have decreased over the years due to various treatments now available. At the same time, the number of those afflicted by cancer continues to rise. Aside from heart disease, cancer is the second most common killer.

The older people become, the higher their chances are at developing cancer. Cancer can occur in multiple areas in the body. It is an abnormal and uncontrolled growth of cells. When the growth of the cells is not halted or treated, the cancer will spread to other areas in the body eventually resulting in death.

Chemotherapy, surgery and radiation are the most common treatments for cancer. In some instances organs must be removed because the cancer has destroyed the organ and its ability to function.

Sophomore Amanda Jester said that she feels cancer awareness month is important because it teaches people to be aware of the potential risk.

"My grandmother died of ovarian cancer. I believe that being able to detect cancer early is key for surviving. If people are educated during cancer awareness month, they will be conscious of the symptoms and seek help before it is too late," said Jester.

Jester's grandmother was a part of the age 55 and older population in which 80% of the cancer cases occur. For the average college student, the chances of developing cancer are less likely. Cancer can suddenly develop but is most times brought on by an individual engaging in one of the risk factors. Smoking and overexposure to the sun (that means tanning beds too!) increase one's chances of cancer 10-fold.

The staff at the Health Center is taking steps to increase student awareness regarding these two risk factors. The staff is planning to make next month's bulletin board focus on skin cancer awareness.

Director of Health Services Jane O'Brien said that students are welcome to stop by and see the information that will be posted before the college closes.

"The bulletin board will have information about the risk of the sun, melanoma and other skin cancer information," said O'Brien. "For the most part students are not worrying about cancer and it is, for most, something to worry about down the road. We feel that skin cancer is a topic students are affected by now."

O'Brien said that she and a staff member from Counseling Services are currently being trained to be facilitators to lead a smoking cessation group for Marist students. The smoking

cessation group will be similar to a support group that targets students who smoke.

Smoking increases an individual's chances 50% of developing lung cancer. Lung cancer is the most common type of cancer among both men and women. Aside from lung cancer, men should be privy to prostate and colon cancer.

Woman should be aware of breast cancer and have mammograms, as recommended by her physician. On May 5 Revlon will be sponsoring a walk in Times Square to support the fight against women's cancers.

The American Cancer Society recommends yearly physicals and self-examinations, in order to keep an eye on any changes in the body. Early detection is key in cancer survival. School of Communications Adjunct Jim Dworak said that certain prevention and pre-testing are essential for men and women.

"Colon cancer has the greatest potential for being cured if you have the test done, I have a yearly colonoscopy as a preventive measure," said Dworak. The American Cancer Society also recommends that men and women should eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetable,

cut down on high-fat foods, watch weight, exercise, always wear sunglasses and sunscreen that is SPF 15 or higher and should not use tobacco or alcohol. Survival rates climb as more people take preventive measures. The American Cancer Society reports that people who live five years after diagnosis have a 59% chance of survival.

For those who do not develop cancer in their lifetime, they are blessed with good luck. For those who suffer from cancer or know someone who does- there is support. For more information, go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call 1-800-ACS-2345.

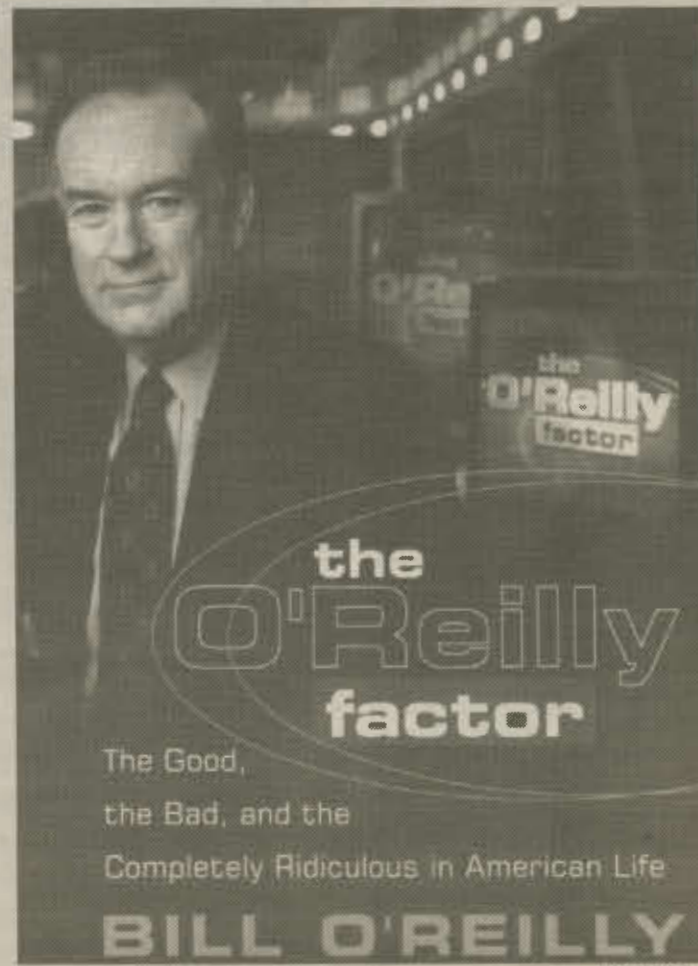
## Bill O'Reilly: the factors of life

by NICK BONOPARTIS  
Staff Writer

As the host and anchor of the most popular news show on cable TV, Bill O'Reilly dedicates his time, on-air and off, to investigating the good, the bad, and the completely ridiculous in American life.

So it's fitting that his book, *The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous in American Life*, reads as if it were his TV show. Broken into 20 chapters - ranging from "The Money Factor" and "The Race Factor" to "The Sex Factor" and "The Drug and Alcohol Factor" - O'Reilly divides and subdivides facets of American life that affect nearly everyone and analyzes our approach, as the American people, to how we approach these issues.

Along the way, the results showcase O'Reilly's trademark sarcasm and loathing for stupidity. In "The Class Factor," the book's opening chapter,



The Good,  
the Bad, and the  
Completely Ridiculous in American Life  
BILL O'REILLY

Courtesy Photo

...See O'REILLY, 5

Bill O'Reilly is the author of the new book, *The O'Reilly Factor*.

## Tax plan neglects lower class

by ALEXISSCARPINATO  
Editorial Assistant

Although President Bush intends to boost the receding economy with a \$1.6 trillion tax cut, Americans may be uneasy about its effect on certain groups of taxpayers.

The largest tax cut, of \$4 million each, will be granted to the top 400 upper-income taxpayers.

David Geffen, billionaire and music enthusiast, said that he does not need a tax cut.

"It is a privilege to be an American citizen," he said. "It is appropriate to pay a greater share of taxes."

Bush also called to end the "death tax", which is a tax on inherited estates.

Joel Smith, publisher of the Alabama Tribune said that he is in favor of the elimination of tax on inherited estates.

"I hope the president and Congress will repeal the death tax and help my family keep publishing our 72-year-old, twice-weekly newspaper," he

said.

According to the Federal Reserve, along with the slump in the economy, comes a change in the stock market.

"Falling stock prices have vaporized more than \$4.5 trillion of that paper wealth, which should cut one percentage point



Bush proposes tax plan off the economy's growth rate this year and next," they said.

John B. Riggs, New Ventures Director in Connecticut, said that he favors the direction of the economy and Bush's tax

cuts because they will fuel a turnaround in spending and help avoid a huge economic recession.

"I think the economy is on the verge of a minor recession and I'm pretty excited about it because it works to my favor from an investment perspective," he said.

Joe Fantini, from the Economic Institute at Bard College, said that the tax cut is much too aggressive.

"The economy is very volatile right now," he said. "I think the government should go to a flat tax."

Robert S. McIntyre, Director of Citizens of Tax Justice, said that higher taxes on average American families to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy is an unfair idea and bad economics.

"Replacing the current, progressive income tax with a flat-rate tax would dramatically shift the tax burden away from the wealthy, and onto the middle class and the poor," he said.

Within Bush's tax plan, six million of the lowest income American families are completely removed from the tax rolls, according to the House Committee.

President Bush addressed the need for a tax cut for the middle and lower class.

"It's important to remember there are people struggling to get ahead, particularly with energy bills going up, and the economy slowing down," he said.

Eva Clayton, Representative from North Carolina, said she has concern for groups such as farmers within the budget.

"In my judgment, you can't have that big a tax cut and pay down the debt, and take care of farmers, and take care of Social Security," she said.

### Spring is like a perhaps hand

Spring is like a perhaps hand  
(which comes carefully  
out of Nowhere)arranging  
a window,into which people look(while  
people stare  
arranging and changing placing  
carefully there a strange  
thing and a known thing here)and

changing everything carefully

Spring is like a perhaps  
Hand in a window  
(carefully to  
and fro moving New and  
Old things,while  
people stare carefully  
moving a perhaps  
fraction of flower here placing  
an inch of air there)and

without breaking anything.

E. E. Cummings

## O'Reilly's Factors of life

O'Reilly casts aside race as the major factor in determining quality of life and says instead that Americans are for the majority born into a class they'll never move away from: "...class is not just about money. It is about opportunity for your kids or dashed hopes...about education...about enduring values or materialism that comes out as greed or self-indulgence or complete disregard for others. It is the bottom line, in a way, for every problem I talk about in this book."

In "The Sex Factor," O'Reilly opens by tackling a lighter issue: "Note to Pamela Anderson: Fantasy Queen of working class guys: Sorry you got mobbed by those rude teenage boys down in South America because of your gigantic fake breasts, you made the right decision-to have them 'downsized.' And if you change your mind, a Florida surgeon has just introduced sili-

cone implants that can be enlarged or reduced at will."

O'Reilly then goes on to detail how today's sexual culture originated in the 1960s, and covers everything from America's constant obsession with sex to STDs and the episodes of Hugh Grant and Bill Clinton to the Internet becoming a haven for pornophiles.

In "The Dating Factor," a self-reflective O'Reilly remembers his blunders, and subsequent successes, with the ladies, and even reveals that back in the day, he was a disco-dancing machine. O'Reilly, a veteran TV nental United States a few times at his various posts, also revisits his early days and the lessons he's learned along the way.

O'Reilly is a Marist College graduate, and he dedicates a few scattered thoughts among the bigger issues within the book to remembering his college days here. O'Reilly reminisces

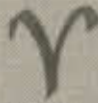
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about his football days and the state of race relations at the college, citing lack of diversity, and even revisits a controversial column he printed in the campus newspaper. In his informal "manual for dealing with the opposite sex," here provides phrases and appropriate reactions, such as "When I graduated from Vassar..."

In all, the book is entertaining. The style, which changes pace with news-like headlines such as "This Just In," and "Talking Point," makes for either good extended reading or prime bathroom material, because the book can be picked up and put down without any real interruption to its flow. And the issues O'Reilly tackles are real - he doesn't make an effort to appease anyone when he addresses them, instead analyzing the oftentimes-idiotic things people do. This one is definitely worth picking up - before commencement.

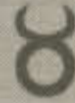
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ARIES

The trouble with turning fantasy into reality is that things don't always fit. In your head, it's all so perfect. In real life, problems arise.



TAURUS

You may be feeling a little low. Spend the day going over the numbers: it'll be time well spent. Cut down on distractions and minimize headaches.



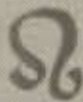
GEMINI

You could be the one with good judgment, objectivity and common sense. The others could get too hot under the collar. Offer your skills as an arbitrator.



CANCER

The pace is quick, but with any luck at all, you can get the job done by tomorrow. Plan to put most of the money you're making into savings. It'll buy you more that way.



LEO

You're rarin' to go, but you're dragging an anchor. Distant horizons beckon, but there's work to be done at home. You think you're miserable now? Just imagine how you'll feel then: Hustle!



VIRGO

If everybody would just leave you alone so that you could concentrate, you'd be fine. But, no, they have to bug you with their incessant questioning. Maybe you just need peace and quiet.



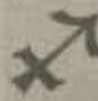
LIBRA

Somebody who's been driving you nuts may be hard to shake. You want to get in the last word, but that's never going to happen. Did you ever think that if you lose, you might win? It's just a game.



SCORPIO

You may need every bit of power you can generate. The pace you've set is so intense, it would quickly wear out a lesser mortal. Even you may be pooped by the time this day is through.



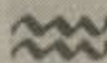
SAGITTARIUS

Your idea of a good time often involves getting away and exploring new horizons. But now, you may be more interested in staying close to home. It looks as if somebody there has your full attention.



CAPRICORN

If you and your friends could hang out all day, doing whatever you felt like, you would be a happy camper. Not today, anyway. Console yourselves with plans for the future. Wait a while.



AQUARIUS

Somebody's liable to lead you into uncharted territory. You're usually the one who needs a map. You may be drawing it as you go along. Cartography is one of your natural talents.



PISCES

Looks like fortune is smiling on you. There's work to be done, but you don't know where to start. You don't get extra points for going faster - although it won't be long before you do.

## If not Marist, where? Health services ill-equipped to handle STDs

by **BENBRENKERT**  
Asst. Opinion Editor

While Marist is a liberal arts college in the Catholic tradition, this does not prevent many of the students here from sexual promiscuity (even though many of them may be Catholic). I hope that dialogue on HIV/AIDS education and condom sale on campus will challenge a conservative administration and an encumbered Student Government Association to reevaluate policy in light of 21st century concerns.

Students must travel to Dutchess County Health Services for HIV/AIDS testing even though Health Services at Marist offers STD testing three times a week with a physician. According to Jane M. O'Brien, Director of Health Services, DCHS is well equipped with staff and physicians and also provides pre/post-counseling services. Still, it was troubling to hear that Marist might not be able to provide services here because of a limited staff, size and funding. As a result of this, problems could arise due to patient confidentiality and anonymity, something that is equally disturbing.

With confidentiality, the student/individual is identified using their personal name, but their information is kept private. Anonymity provides the individual with a number by which they are identified and the case is handled through that number instead of the person's name. Clearly, confidentiality and anonymity would be hard to maintain at a small campus like Marist. In the end, it would seem that Health Services is not equipped for adequate in-house testing. This is a problem that should be looked into in light of the relative size of other Health Services departments at other colleges such as Vassar.

After researching STD- and HIV/AIDS-related services on campus, I was shocked to discover the limited nature and scope to which students are educated on topics like safe sex, protection, awareness and prevention. While students are aware of infection and the risks of unprotected sex, they may not actually take action to protect themselves in those moments of passion that we. This is something that as a community, we must recognize and accept. Jane O'Brien also voiced her consternation that residence hall stu-

dents showed poor attendance to programs on sex education and STD prevention this year as well as in years past. Seemingly, meetings have been held late at night, when students, mostly freshman, are unwinding from their intense day of schooling. Resident Directors and Resident Assistants must advertise better and develop programs that center on dinner and discussion. Freshman should be required to attend a floor program on "Sex in College," as their adjustment into a college environment may be both life altering and enlightening. In the past, speakers have filled the theatre by educating audiences through entertainment and student interaction. Mary Welker, a junior at Marist, said she "could not remember the last time Marist held any HIV/AIDS related event."

More shocking is the realization that Marist does not have an official position or policy on HIV/AIDS. Marist does not tolerate discrimination across the board. In terms of HIV/AIDS protection, prevention, and awareness, there are no formal statements or commitments, and Health Services is responsible

for providing education and resources to students on campus. How effective is this position if Health Services waits for programs to be announced or created by the campus' residence life association? If one in every 500 college students have HIV perhaps Matt Pelletier, a junior at Marist, is right when he says, "Marist is failing by not providing enough information to students on STD's and HIV/AIDS." Pelletier further commented that "the least Marist could do is provide condoms for students in health services, the bookstore, or allow resident assistants to hand out condoms to residents."

The chance of someone on campus being infected with some STD or HIV/AIDS is not that unrealistic, though I want to stop in the way of concluding that Marist houses at-risk students. With every incident of drunkenness or rape, the chance of contracting STDs or HIV/AIDS is increased. Every situation depends on the students involved and those students will be the ones who decide how they will respond to such acts of irresponsibility. Marist does recognize the need for community support with counseling

services available to students. The question remains, should Marist do more to educate and safe guard students?

When Eckerd's opened up across the street I was somewhat relieved to know that students would have access to condoms. As a Catholic, I am aware of the burdens of heritage and modernity. Yet I believe it would be better to promote safe sex on campus then abstinence. In an age where sex is prominent, Welker added, "I respect the heritage and tradition of Marist, but feel that Marist needs to promote safe sex through condom sales on campus." In a multicultural society, how the conflict between tradition and new societal values is resolved will have far reaching implications that carry into the future. As students continue to play Russian roulette with their bodies, they must resolve the impending debate over heritage and modernity.

*Ben Brenkert has the weight of all the Marist community's follies on his shoulders. Do him a favor and be more responsible (this way he won't develop an ulcer).*

### OPINIONS OF THE WEEK

*"Easter is coming and the Royals bullpen is still laying eggs. How many more years do I have to put up with this garbage?"*

-Mike Ferraro

*"I cannot be the subject [of mockery] this week, because I did not write a column that everyone can make fun of"*

-Mike Thompson

*"Shut up and make me a sandwich."*

-Brendan McGurk

*"I think Brendan McGurk should eat fewer sandwiches."*

-Chris Knudtsen



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## Left out

by **MATTDAGLE**  
Opinion Editor

Early last semester, I had a professor ask the class for an honest assessment of Marist College. Discovering the typical reluctance of Marist students to be forthright with answers, he became more specific with his prodding. What, he asked, was your biggest gripe with the administration over the course of your time here. Finally, a student spoke up. "I feel like the school abandoned us once we became juniors," he said. "Once they had us locked in, we were left alone."

Hold that thought for a moment. Imagine hundreds of college students, rendered homeless by the administration. Impossible, you might say. And yet on the campus of the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, several hundred students may be faced with similar circumstances beginning next fall. Shortly before their spring break, housing officials learned of a policy change in which housing would be denied to upperclassmen in favor of a new commitment to placing freshmen on campus. The problem was that the deadline to revise the housing contract for the upcoming school year had already passed, and this act by the administration effectively ignored the rules set in previous housing contracts. Housing officials, clearly distraught over the change in policy, went against the will of the administration and informed dorm supervisors, the bulk of which are students. Word quickly spread through campus, and shortly after midnight, livid students gathered outside in what developed into a massive protest. The outburst got the attention of the media, legislators, parents, and the general public.

Still, the school remains unrelenting and the plan currently entails stripping 537 beds previously committed to upperclassmen and redistributing approximately 200 of them back to this group via lottery. By going back on their contract with students, a minimum of 100 students will be denied housing, with the number reaching as high as 300. Students are suddenly forced to scour the local area for suitable off-campus housing, a development that has led to a massive increase of local rent. The absurdities in this case continue to pile up. A new rule in the revised housing contract implemented by the school denies on-campus housing to students whose town halls are within a 30-minute drive (based on the 1960 Massachusetts State Mileage Guide). "It's not even a lack of commitment, it's a lack of total consideration and respect for the students and their opinions," stated UMass student Alana Rich. "Our fight is no

longer about the policy because at this point it's too late to change it. The fight is about showing them that they can no longer treat the students in such a negligent manner and think that they can get away with it."

What the absurdities of the UMass case break down into is this: A pathetic attempt to rationalize a complete disregard of upperclassmen in favor of incoming students. Oddly enough, this is becoming more and more of a trend across the nation. Schools, whether private or public, are keeping their focus on the students most at risk to leave the school. Those are, of course, the freshman and sophomores, the classes most likely to experience significant amounts of defection by means of transfer. These are the classes viewed as the sources of increased revenue.

Here at Marist, we are all the beneficiaries of intensive acclimation programs during years one and two. However, why is it that when we become juniors we are cut loose? While it is true that the individual must assume some degree of responsibility for his academic performance, there is still a disheartening lack of commitment to the well being of upperclassmen. If it were not a concern of the students, it would not be at the forefront of student concerns. Be it housing or academics, there is a clear disregard for upperclassmen. Some say it is a frightening time to apply for housing once you become a junior.

While Marist does not have the extreme problems that UMass-Dartmouth has, one only needs to look back to the past two Augusts. Twice there has been a crisis of sorts regarding on campus housing. The root of these housing problems has been in admitting too many freshmen. And while it is in fact necessary to keep the future of the school in mind, the present must also be taken under consideration.

Marist is by no means perfect. But instead of promoting the school for raising their admissions standards five years running, there should a focus on student satisfaction for their entire four-year career. Instead of banking on tuition from incoming classes, think about the revenue that could be provided by alumni donations. This has been a weak part of the Marist strategy of late. Perhaps satisfied alumni are the solution. And that could mean a full four years of satisfaction, not a mere two.

*Because Matt Daigle is a senior, he will be expected to contribute in every way by means of alumni giving. Fortunately for Matt, he will still be a student in grad school, and hence, poor.*

## Dread and repulsion Chinese food for thought

An American plane was on autopilot when it collided with a Chinese F-8 fighter jet on April 1. The crew of the American plane has been held hostage while searches went on for the missing Chinese pilot, who has now been officially presumed dead. As George W. Bush trembles and tiptoes on the battlefield of international politics, 24 American citizens wonder when they'll be able to come home. Bush et al. have issued a few mild-mannered threats to the Chinese, and expressed deep regret for the loss of the pilot; the crew has still not been released.

A number of possible strong-arm tactics have been mentioned to intimidate China into releasing the crew, tactics such as selling arms to Taiwan, establishing trade restrictions, and even sabotaging Beijing's bid for the Olympics. Rather than rock the boat however, W. has decided that the concerns of big business are more important than the freedom of 24 individuals. After all, Congress has already overlooked rampant human rights violations in China in exchange for new markets and cheap labor, so it shouldn't really come as a surprise that the corporate control of our political machine would rear its ugly head in this instance as well.

The hesitance shown by the Bush administration initially



came as a surprise, and even I thought that I may have misjudged W. as a trigger happy redneck itching for an opportunity to flex the muscles of our all-mighty army. This is not the proper time, nor the proper scenario, for W. to prove that he is not his father's son by sitting back and playing the diplomatic game of niceties with a reserved patience. Human lives should not be depreciated for the sake of business ventures and corporate cost-benefit analysis.

The body of the EP-3E Aries II plane is undoubtedly now a carcass, having been gutted by the Chinese government. Whatever was in that plane, whether it be sensitive spy equipment or a box of leftover ALF merchandise, was not meant for the Beijing government so they could have the common courtesy to put a big old stamp on the plane and spray paint "return to sender" on the side.

The cowardice of the Bush administration can either be considered as horrendous or as substantial proof of my original theory of George. The "lesser of the two evils" theories that

Gore supporters often cited has finally been proven wrong with this China incident. Bush is obviously the lesser of evils due to his infinite idiocy and incompetence; in any hypothetical situation presented, Gore may have bungled and dropped the ball, whereas W. is too pathetic to act all. He truly is the man of the people because he is banking on humanity's survival skills to salvage any crisis while he chows a Porterhouse steak at a fund-raising party and while a mentally retarded prisoner is executed in Texas.

W's faith in the American power of perseverance is also being supported by his confidence that the conflict between Israelis and the Palestinians will also blow over. Clinton's arduous but ineffective peace talks are nothing but a hazy memory as I watch daily reruns of stories on the evening news about insults and mortar shells being lobbed between the two stubborn sides. Too bad neither of the camps has an excessive amount of oil for W. and Cheney to faun over because it wouldn't be long before American boys started dropping bombs and taking names. I'm done.

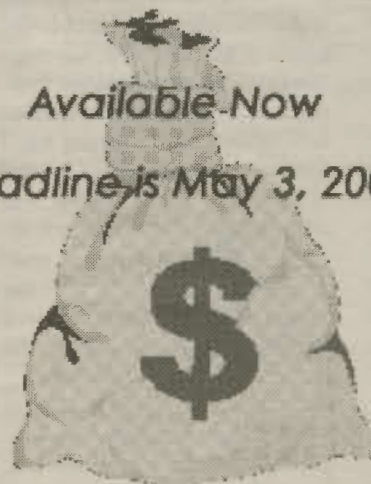
*If it were up to Chris, the Chinese would be the ones who would be done. Let our people go!*

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## Bellevue drives fans mental at Stevens U

by ADAM KOWALSKI  
Staff Writer

Last Friday morning I found myself at home getting ready to head on back to school when my phone rang. My friend asked me if I knew who was playing a free show up at Steven College in Hoboken that night. If I had known I wouldn't have been getting ready to come back. *Bellvue*, the latest incarnation of Jesse Malin's (lead singer of *D Generation*) new band was supposed to be going on around 12. The lineup was basically the same as the last time I saw them about a year and a half ago, the only changes were that they dropped the keyboard player and acquired Johnny Pisano, formerly of *Marky Ramone and the Intruders*, on bass.

The show itself was one of the more...interesting shows I have been to of late. It seems that the promoters, a local magazine whose name doesn't even deserve print in this rag, decided it would be a good idea to not tell anybody about it. So by the time *Bellvue* hit the stage there were about 16 people there. Now this is not to say that they didn't put on an incredible set, of course after having the lights turned off so they could "rehearse" as Jesse put it. They tore through songs from their new release "To Be Somebody" with an incredible amount of

energy for such a small showing. After the set Jesse seemed to be rather amused and said, "well they asked us to do it and we figured it would be a good place to do some of these in front of an audience before some of our bigger shows later this month." Some of those shows include Friday the 13th at *Don Hills* in NYC as well as a live performance at the Union Square Virgin Mega-Store on the 18th to celebrate the official release of their album.

Their album has been glued into my cd player for the last few days. Driving back to school I listened to it straight through twice including numerous listens to a few of the songs. Most of the material is not that new because the cd was recorded over the last year or so and contains a few slower songs from when Jesse was a solo acoustic artist. Many of the songs have a very dark, sad and lonely feel to them that have managed to send me into a hypochondriac depression. The lyrics are very personal and introspective. They go from a quiet melody like the line from "Basement Home", "I'm sinking down on your love/ where is the god above?" which is sung over a beautiful piano riff, to a scream of "He tells her she's the next Madonna/She powders her face" in "Money Runner" to a haunting image of depression in "Brooklyn" with

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## Almost Famous is almost perfect

by GREGGLANDRY  
Staff Writer

Movies reflect society, and so motion pictures are also in a state of recession. Sure movies are being made, but the studios would be better off re-releasing their classics of yesteryear. There is clearly a lack of quality movies being made, just take a look at what's playing now. Who in their right minds is making movies like *Tomcats*, and Tom Green's upcoming movie? Hey Mr. Green how about giving the act a rest already! Ask yourself- "What was the last great movie you saw in the theater?" As I decided whether or not to bother writing anything about some of the mediocre fare that is out now I saw a light. It being Marist TV, which was playing *Almost Famous*.

Although this rock and roll tale didn't get much attention at the Oscars, it is a story not to be missed by fans of every music genre. It is a much-needed sign that Hollywood still has the ability to make movies that can move you. The story is based loosely on Writer/Director Cameron Crowe's (*Jerry Maguire*, *Fast Times At Ridgemont High*) own teen adventures as a rock critic.

William (Patrick Fugit), a teenage boy, is given the opportu-

nity of a lifetime to travel with a rock band and write about them for *Rolling Stone* magazine. After growing up in the 70's in a household where his mother abolished rock and roll, William is absorbed by the music when his older sister leaves home and gives him her albums. He goes on to write for *Creem* magazine and is mentored by the colorful Lester Bangs (Phillip Seymour Hoffman) Soon thereafter *Rolling Stone* magazine hires him to accompany the fictitious band *Stillwater* (not the actual band of the same name which was around in the same time period) on their "Almost Famous" tour.

William meets up with the "Band Aids", (groupies fixated on only one band) led by the loveable Penny Lane who is played excellently by the Oscar worthy Kate Hudson. Shortly after, he begins to fall for her. Once on the road, William learns the lessons of life, which he wouldn't have learned in his final days of high school. He is there for the bands highs and lows. He is accepted by Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup), who is the band leader, as well as the rest of the band. But he is always referred to as "the enemy" for he is a rock critic.

In a scene where William is

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## ABSOLUTE MADNESS! Rock 'em sock 'em television icons



by JIMBO MARITATO  
A&E Editor

The wonders of television have brought us some amazing and ridiculous television shows. Cartoons are of as much importance to kids as the toy inside the cereal box and videogames. If anything, I believe the latter two rely on the former in order to succeed since it is usually the cartoon that is spawned first. So let me re-

quence and the fact that his sword functions as a handheld bat-signal. He-Man's alter ego Adam has the ability to mobilize the Eternian royal guard as well as a butt-kicking twin sister. In addition, he rides a big green cat. It's apparent that He-Man has had enough experience with overgrown felines in order to keep them under control. Winner: He-Man

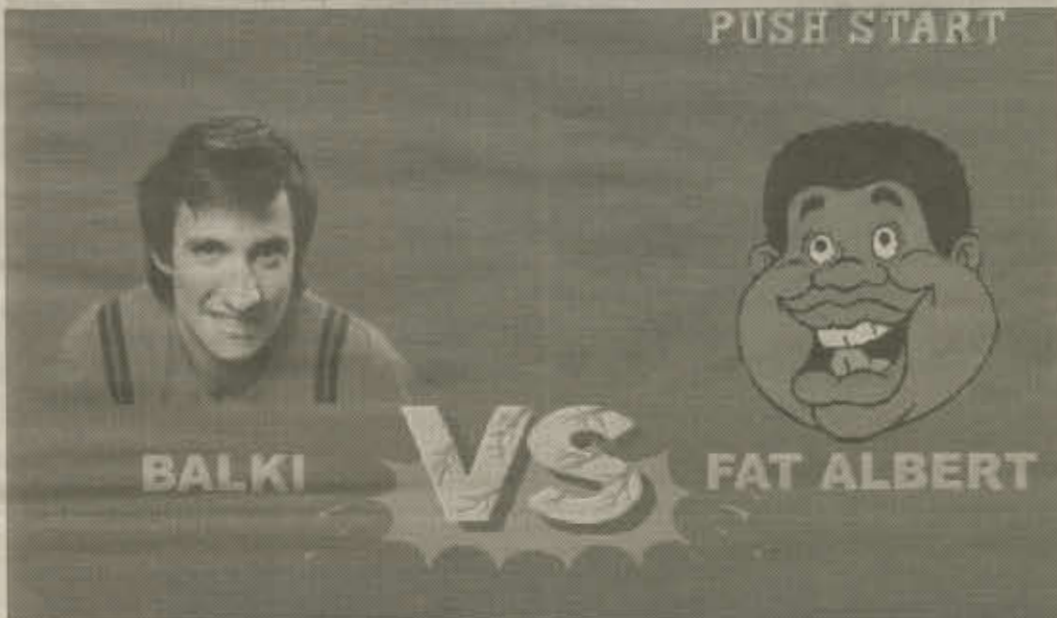
Krang vs. Shredder: I will never understand why the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* presented us with these two villains as allies. You've got a team up between a highly skilled ninja who uses the entire ginsu knife collection as a wardrobe and a walking brain. Plus, let us not

of pancake syrup? "Silly rabbit" downs the Trix, feels victorious for about ten minutes, then drops dead.

Winner: Mrs. Butterworth

Smurfette vs. Brainy Smurf: Classic Fatal Attraction story. Smurfette wins easy- she's the only female Smurf, so she's got no competition. Seduce him, lure him in, then kill him. 'Nuff said.

And then in the main event- Fat Albert vs. Larry Appleton and Balki Bartokomous: In this handicap match, we pit the main characters of the late eighties TV show *Perfect Strangers* against the nefarious Fat Albert. The factor of size necessitates a handicap match since Larry



phrase my first statement. Cartoons are of as much importance to kids as life itself, followed by the subsequent marketing and merchandising the cartoon produces. I think that makes sense. I digress.

The cartoons and television programming of our youth provided us with some epic battles: He-Man vs. Skeletor, Lion-O vs. Mumra, the list goes on and on. My article two weeks ago regarding the invincibility of Russell Crowe inspired many fictional battles in my head in order to prove that Crowe would indeed win. At some point I became even more insane and began to ponder who would be the victor in other battles. I present to you, the readers of Marist College, my take on the battles of epic television characters.

He-Man vs. Lion-O: This is quite the battle. When you stack up the odds, both sides come out quite even. Both heroes have a magic sword that allows them to utilize their powers and have a group of warriors that blindly follow wherever they lead. More importantly, both individuals have never heard of pants. There are also some apparent differences between these heroes. For one, Lion-O is a walking-cat-man-thing. He-Man is a man of royal blood as his alter ego Adam is the prince of Eternia. In this battle, I believe He-Man would be our victor. Despite Lion-O's infinitely cooler battle cry se-

forget that Krang couldn't move without the help of his trusty fat, bald man shaped plastic body. This gives Krang a complete weakness. I will never understand why Shredder put up with Krang's incessant whining and cackling when all he would need to do in order to win this battle would be to take away any and all methods of transportation for a brain to successfully move around. Slice, dice, repeat.

Winner: Shredder

Mrs. Butterworth vs. The Trix Rabbit: OK, I know what you're thinking, that neither of these two characters are television icons. I'm sorry to be the one to inform you that you're wrong. We all remember the talking bottle of syrup. We all remember the rabbit that could never seem to get any Trix. They were both on TV and we all remember them, therefore they must be television icons. This is another pretty easy battle to sum up. Mrs. Butterworth definitely has an advantage over our foolish rabbit in that he is obsessed with Trix. Despite being immobile with the exception of her mouth, she often befriends children at the breakfast table. The rabbit, also ever present at the breakfast table, is an enemy of Trix eaters everywhere. So, all Mrs. B needs to do is convince the kids that Trix IS for rabbits as long as rat poison is part of a balanced breakfast. What kid in their right mind wouldn't trust a talking bottle

Appleton is no match for the big man. Upon entering the ring to his entrance music ("Hey hey hey! It's Fat Albert!") Albert would pick up the meek Appleton and attempt to consume him. At this point, Balki would pull out a bowling ball from under the ring and do his classic dance and then roll the ball between his legs for a strike-taking out Albert and thus putting a hole in the ring. At this point, Appleton would jump on top of Albert and begin repeatedly slapping him like a little girl. At this point, Larry and Balki would both attempt to execute elbow drops in classic *Micho Man Randy Savage* style. The dynamic duo successfully land their devastating elbow drops and would then proceed to gloat in the ring. Shortly after Larry tries to hog the spotlight however, Balki snaps from years of abuse and he grabs Larry from behind to perform the *Mypos Goatherder*, laying Larry out. Balki, finally redeeming himself, would then literally roll Fat Albert on top of Larry for the pin. Winner: Fat Albert

*Jimbo Maritato would like to give props to Chris Knudtsen for coming up with a better ending to the Perfect Strangers/Fat Albert match than his original. The original ending can be seen in the upcoming director's cut of this article*



## On TV with Mike Thompson

### The Job is television at it's best

by MIKE THOMPSON  
Head Copy Editor

A new show debuted recently that is a nice change of pace from the standard sitcom we've all grown used to seeing. The fact that *The Job* is unusual isn't all that surprising, given that the show is from the mind of Denis Leary (who stars as the main character). However, what is surprising is how good the show is. Too often, new sitcoms that try to break free of the standard sitcom mold wind up

through all of the messes Mike creates for himself. For example, in that same episode, Mike finds out his co-worker Jan (Diane Farr) is seeing a man named Jeff Larsen. Mike has been attracted to Jan, a single mom, since the start of the series, so he becomes jealous. Mike meets Jeff, grows even more jealous, and starts doing some snooping on him. Just after his girlfriend calls him to tell him what happened on the subway, Mike



investigation, they talk to a local thug who they think might know something about the feet. The conversation with the thug is genuinely funny, as he doesn't want to relay any information that he may know. "I don't have any information," the guy says. "About that thing in Queens? I don't know nothing." "What thing in Queens?" Pip asks. "I don't know," the thug replies. "It might not have happened yet."

It's not all comedy on *The Job*, and that's part of what makes it so good. There are some real nice dramatic moments to the show. For example, after Mike confronts Jan about Jeff, she grows very angry with him and speaks to him about it the next day at work. At the office, she tells Mike that she knew Jeff was married when she started going out with them, but she wasn't looking for marriage, or even a long-term relationship. "I was just looking for romance," she says, tears streaming down her face. "Jeff held me, and he touched me, and I need that right now." Mike apologizes for what he did, saying, "I just wanted to stop you from going down the same idiotic path I'm on. You're better than that."

There are some interesting production values in *The Job*. Filmed with one camera, and entirely on location in New York and New Jersey, the show has the same visual grittiness as *NYPD Blue* and *Homicide: Life on the Street*. While the almost incessant use of a handheld camera can be a little off-putting at times, the filming techniques generally add to the appeal of *The Job*.

Overall, *The Job* is an excellent show. It features some great writing and acting. The characters on the show have real personality. In short, this is the best comedy-drama since the short-lived *Sports Night*. Hopefully this show will enjoy a greater level of commercial success. *The Job* deserves to become a hit. The show airs Wednesday nights at 9:30 on ABC, which is located at Channel 7 here at Marist. Tune in; you'll be glad you did.



Photo courtesy of www.allyourtv.com

Denis Leary, Diane Farr, and Lenny Clarke in the new show *The Job*. collapses under the weight of their overstated edginess. The results can sometimes be painful to see. I'm happy to report that watching *The Job* is anything but painful. It's a great show.

*The Job* is probably the best show to premiere in 2001. Unfortunately, since its debut last month, it has not done very well in the ratings. This is understandable, given that it's up against NBC's powerhouse *The West Wing*, but it would be a shame if the show got cancelled. It's a very well done program. Leary stars as New York City detective Mike McNeil. Mike has problems in his life. He is married, yet seeing somebody on the side, and is addicted to prescription pills. In short, he is a flawed hero. This is especially evident in a recent episode. Mike's girlfriend calls him at work and tells him someone grabbed her on the subway. She became very distraught and went home. Mike's immediate reaction: "So this means you didn't go to the dentist and pick up the Tylenol with codeine?" When the conversation ends, his girlfriend tells Mike she loves him. His reply to her: "Yeah, yeah."

Still, you can't help but root for Mike, because, through it all, he is ultimately a good guy. Mike's partner, Pip (Bill Nunn), knows this, and sticks by Mike

finds out that Jeff is a lawyer, was in rehab, and is married with three kids. He tells Pip all of this, saying, "Can you believe this guy?" Pip immediately comes back with a sarcastic reply: "Gee, my married partner just got off the phone with his girlfriend, and now he's upset because she couldn't score the Tylenol with the codeine. No, I just can't believe it."

Of course, Pip still helps Mike spy on Jan and Jeff outside of her apartment later that evening. Of course, Mike won't admit that that's what he's doing. "I'm not spying," he says to Pip. "I'm taking an interest." Just before Mike goes in to confront Jan in front of her boyfriend, Pip tells him that what he's doing is wrong. "Maybe you're right," Mike says. "I am," Pip replies. There is then a pause, and the camera zooms in on Mike. You're tempted to think Mike is going to reconsider. "No," Mike says, as he gets out of the car and goes up to his apartment.

Of course, *The Job* isn't just about Mike's mixed-up life. Mike is a detective, and there are police stories in the show. For example, someone started leaving human feet in a bag outside the apartment of a podiatrist. The trouble is that no one knows who is doing it, so Mike and Pip investigate. During the course of their

## Bellevue

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"I sometimes lie awake until sunrise/Wondering how we've become what we despise." The album also includes a cover of the Rolling Stones song "Heartbreaker" and a song called "Sweet Talker" by a band called Sister Double Happiness.

Although the CD is calmer than what you might expect, the live show, and what appears to be the future direction of the band, is anything but. This al-

bum seems to be a brief summary of the last two years for Jesse Malin and cohorts. "To Be Somebody" will be in stores on April 18th but is available online through the bands website [www.bellvuemusic.com](http://www.bellvuemusic.com) and at upcoming live shows. Seeing *Bellevue* live is an impressive sight, I just look forward to seeing them in front of a thousand people where they belong.

## Almost Famous

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interviewing Russell, Russell remarks, "I'm telling secrets to the one guy you don't tell secrets to." Throughout the journey he has phone conversations with his mother, which gives William's character a very personal feel. A memorable scene is after the band has a big argument on their tour bus and everyone breaks out singing Elton John's "Tiny Dancer". That scene as well as pretty much every other flows as smooth as the songs, which accompany the story.

To some it may be a little too joyful. If that is the case and you are looking for a depressing dark action piece, see *Exit Wounds* with the man of all genres, Steven Seagal. *Almost Famous* does what few movies are able to do; it gets its hooks into you, and brings you on a ride. When the band is doing well you are happy, and when they are encountering a pitfall you are sad. Nonetheless, *Almost Famous* is a much-needed classic in a time when something great is needed.

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# Women's lacrosse wins three games in a row

by SCOTT DESIERE  
Staff Writer

The Marist College women's lacrosse team was off to a slow start; emphasis on was.

By winning three straight games, the last coming courtesy of a 13-3 thrashing of Howard University at home on Sunday, the Red Foxes have made their slow start a thing of the past and vaulted their way into third place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) standings.

Senior tri-captain Pam Brown scored four goals and sophomore Dina Gregory recorded a hat trick on Sunday, as Marist made quick work of Howard. The Red Foxes wasted little time, jumping out to a 7-0 lead before seven minutes had elapsed, and the issue was never in doubt after that.

Brown, who was named MAAC Player of the Week, scored three of her four goals as part of Marist's early outburst. By the time the first half was finished, Marist held a commanding 10-2 lead.

Senior goalkeeper Christy

Uellendahl made nine saves for the Red Foxes, and yielded only one goal in the second half of play.

Gregory was on the mark all weekend long. The first year player was a force on Saturday as well, as the Red Foxes recorded their first home victory of the season, defeating LeMoyne College by a 9-8 score at Leonidoff Field.

It was Gregory's four-goal performance that led the way for Marist. Trailing 5-1 late in the first half, the Red Foxes mounted a furious comeback, scoring six unanswered goals, three by Gregory, to take a 7-5 lead midway through the second half.

Lemoyne would get as close as one goal late in the contest, but Uellendahl and the Red Fox defense were able to hold off the late charge and secure the victory.

Uellendahl made eleven saves in the victory, and for her performance over the weekend, was named the MAAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Marist got the winning streak

started on April 4 when the team picked up an impressive road victory, topping the defending MAAC champion Manhattan Jaspers by a 9-7 score.

Brown was superb, scoring six goals as Marist came from behind once again and erased another early 5-1 deficit. Brown scored twice in the final two minutes of the first half to cut the lead in half, and then tied the game early in the second.

Molly Hanley also scored twice for Marist, and her second tally of the game late in the game gave the Red Foxes the lead for good.

Marist traveled to Fairfield for a road contest against the Stags on Tuesday, April 11. Details were unavailable at press time. Following the game with Fairfield, Marist returns home to close out the regular season with three MAAC home games against Siena, Canisius, and Niagara.

The MAAC tournament will be held later this month and will be hosted by Fairfield University.

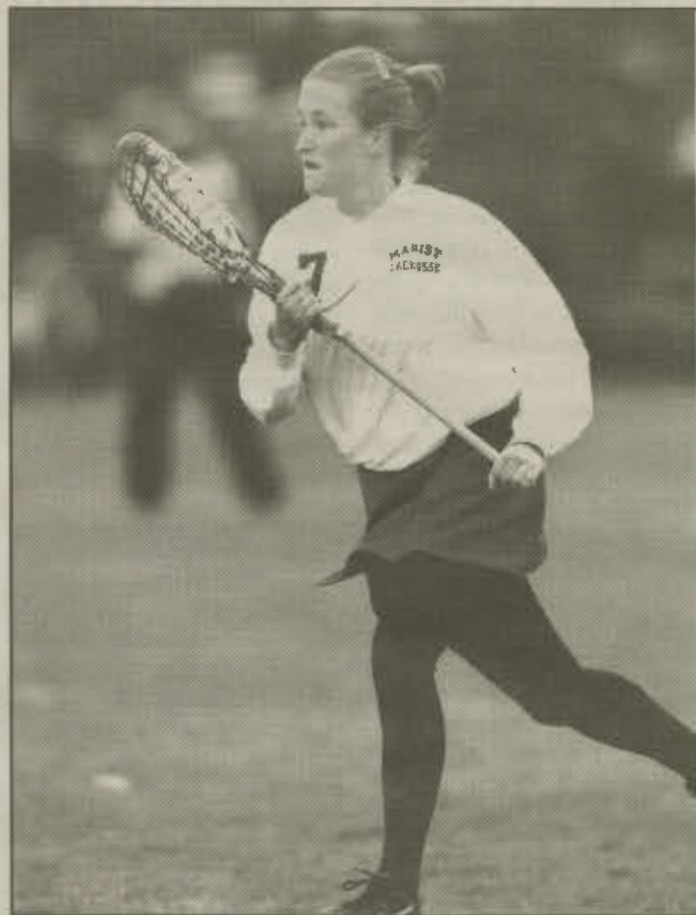


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Pam Brown scored 12 goals and had 10 assists last week to earn MAAC Player of the Week honors. Teammate Christy Uellendahl earned MAAC Defender of the Week honors for her job in goal.

# Men's lacrosse drops two weekend road contests

by PETEMOYLAN  
Staff Writer

What was an important weekend to say the least for the Marist lacrosse team turned into a nightmare. Facing back-to-back conference opponents in St. Joseph's and Mt. St. Mary's, the team knew that this past weekend would be essential to their standing in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Although the team had a respectable 2-3 record coming in, their 1-2 record in the MAAC was not reflective of the quality of the team.

Unfortunately in the real world, the good guy doesn't always win, and Marist fell victim to not only their opponents, but at times themselves.

In the first game against St. Joe's, the game was tied at the end of the half. Marist had received solid play from freshman Sean McDonagh, who scored two early goals en route to a four-goal game, and the defense played exceptionally well, limiting the quality scoring opportunities for the Hawks. The second half, however, would be where the fun would end, with St. Joe's finding the back of the net six times in the third quarter and five times in the fourth.

Marist countered this offensive breakout with a four-goal fourth quarter driven by Paul Donohue, Jay Nahama, Mike Steeger, and McDonagh, but the lack of scoring in the third would be too much to overcome.

"If it wasn't for our offensive

drought in the third quarter, we could have won the game," said Donohue. "We just couldn't get going."

When all was said and done St. Joe's walked away with a 16-10 victory in a game that really could have gone either way.

**"It was the same thing happening all over again. This whole weekend came down to poor play in the third quarters."**

**Jim Mekovetz  
Senior midfielder  
Men's lacrosse**

The second game of the weekend was also a close affair, only this time the final score did not reflect the offensive tone of the game. Mt. St. Mary's came out on fire scoring five straight goals before Marist could answer with a goal from Brady Becklo. Neil Crescenti was also able to add a goal to the Marist cause, but the end of the first quarter already had the Red Foxes in a 7-2 hole. Donohue was able to score two in the sec-

ond quarter to keep the score tight, but another third-quarter lapse had Marist in a 14-5 hole.

"It was the same thing happening all over again," said Jim Mekovetz. "This whole weekend came down to poor play in the third quarters."

Much like the first game against St. Joe's, Marist was able to put together a rejuvenated fourth quarter effort, registering seven goals from Mekovetz, Donohue, Becklo, McDonagh, and Jaak Leino, but the hole would once again be too big as Marist fell to the Mountaineers 17-12.

If there is a silver lining to this whole situation, it's the four-game homestead coming up for the Foxes in which they will play Siena, Wagner, Sacred Heart, and Providence, all MAAC teams. Wins in these games are essential if Marist wants to make the MAAC tournament, which is made up of the top four teams in the conference, and although their conference record now stands at 1-4, not all hope is lost.

"If we get ourselves together and play the way we know we can, then we'll be able to make the tournament," said Ryan McCue.

With time running out on the Marist season, the team will have to forget their past mistakes and build on their numerous strengths if they want to reach their goal of the MAAC tournament.

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and 1-1 in MAAC play. Gosh led the Foxes at the plate, going a perfect 4-4 with two RBIs. She also earned three assists in the field while playing shortstop.

Koldjeski, Jessica Craver, Kathleen McEvily, and Jessica Shorley added two hits apiece to the route. In total, all but one Fox hitter reached base safely at least once in the contest.

The second game would not go as smoothly for the Foxes. The Rider Broncos raced out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, as Kim Merkle hit her sixth homer of the season, a two-run blast. Rider added another run thanks to a fielding error by Marist.

However, the Foxes would come storming back in the bottom of the inning, scoring two runs of their own. Gonnello sent a shot into the Hudson Valley clouds and over the fence for a two-run homer, her second in as many days, to make the score 3-2.

Marist would then tie the game in front of the strong gathering of family and friends, in the bottom of the third as Gonnello again earned an RBI, this time with a single that brought home Koldjeski, who had reached on an error.

But, the Broncos were not about to head back to New Jersey without a win. Rider broke the tie in the fifth on a RBI single by Kim Merkle, and then put the game away in the seventh with three runs to make the final score 7-3.

The opening weekend splits in the MAAC gave the Foxes a 2-2 conference record heading in Tuesday's matchup with Siena. Following the weekend, Marist was tied with Niagara for

the fourth and final playoff spot. The Foxes are in search of their first ever playoff appearance in the MAAC, after missing out by one game in each of the last two years.

This past weekend provided more evidence that Marist is well on their way to rebounding from a start they would likely want to forget. The Foxes opened up this season with only a 3-10-1 record. While conference play is only in its infancy, the Foxes appear to have put their early season troubles behind them.

While a 2-2 record probably isn't making people start to plan championship parties in May, it is a good start in a conference where a .500 record might be good enough to steal a playoff spot.

A key for the Foxes the rest of the way in the MAAC will be their play at home. The Foxes' matchup with Rider started a stretch of six straight home games, which ends with a contest against Fairfield today. As Fredricks puts it, "(Home games) are pretty important."

This statement, while simple, tells the story. The Foxes need to take care of business at home. After today, Marist will play eight straight games on the road, including four in the MAAC.

Additionally, Marist will need continued contributions from Gosh, who leads the team in batting average, and Koldjeski, who is the team leader in RBIs. On the mound, Fox and Kasack have slowly turned their seasons around, as both now have ERAs under 4.00. Kasack is showing signs of returning to the form she had in 2000.

## Samoan Speaks

by MARK SMITH  
Staff Writer

"Eenie, meenie, mynie, moe, catch a tiger by the toe..." At least that's what it must have seemed like for the field at Augusta National on Sunday, as Tiger Woods held off charges made by David Duval and Phil Mickelson this past Sunday.

For all the talk of Woods being in a slump at the start of this golf season, Woods has now reeled off several victories, including his fourth consecutive Major victory. He did it in classic style.

As fans, we are used to seeing Tiger win in a couple of different ways. Either Tiger blows the field away for the duration of the tournament, as he did at the Masters three years ago and at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach last year, or he charges late in the tournament, holding off his competitors fiercely to the end. This past weekend was an instance of the latter.

Tiger emerged from Saturday's third round with the lead, after firing a four-under-par 68. The competition was hot on his heels, as Mickelson, the second-ranked player in the world, was only one shot back. Mickelson seemed poised to play spoiler to Tiger's Superman act again. He had already stopped Tiger's streak of six consecutive PGA Tour victo-

ries, and last November he stopped Tiger's streak of 19 consecutive victories after having the lead through 54 holes. If anyone was capable of stopping Tiger, it seemed that Mickelson could do the job.

Mickelson wasn't the only golfer in contention on Sunday. Mark Calcavecchia and Chris DiMarco were only two shots back, and two-time U.S. Open Champ Ernie Els and Duval were both three shots back.

Woods' iron will would make the rest of the field irrelevant. While Duval would make up a stroke to finish two strokes back, he wilted under the heat of Tiger's charge and missed opportunities on the final two holes that would have forced a playoff with Woods. Mickelson, who is battling his reputation as the best golfer never to win a major, had his famed short game desert him and missed some important birdie opportunities on the back nine Sunday and faded to third place, three shots back of Tiger.

Tiger has now won the last four Majors, and is staking his claim as the best golfer ever. Just the fact that he is on the leader board on Sunday sends chills down the opposition. His mere presence forces near perfection from the golfers in the lead grouping. In an interview with Bob Harig of *ESPN.com*, Duval and Mickelson expressed some

of the frustration felt by those chasing Tiger.

"It's very difficult to win these events, any of these major golf tournaments," Duval said. "To have your game peak at the right place, at the right time. There's an art to that. It's an accomplishment for him that I don't know what you would compare it to, because I don't know if there is anything you can compare it with."

Mickelson was upset with his own mistakes. "If I'm going to win with Tiger in the field, I cannot make the mistakes that I have been making," he said. "I've got to eliminate those somehow. I may be able to make one or two, but I can't make as many as I've made all week. I just can't afford to keep throwing shot after shot away."

Tiger's dominance has been similar to that of Michael Jordan's dominance of the NBA. He is a one-man show who forces the fan to pay attention to only him for fear of missing something special. Tiger is the best, knows he is the best, carries himself well, and relentlessly works on his game. It is a formula for greatness that has worked for players like Jordan and DiMaggio. As long as Tiger's hunger and fire continue to burn, no golf record is safe from his claws.

## Men run well at Princeton

by ROB McGUINNESS  
Staff Writer

For the Marist men's track team, this year's Sam Howell Invitational at Princeton University was the site of several personal best performances and one more shattered school record.

Freshman Adam Waterbury had been chasing the outdoor shot put record for several weeks prior to the April 6-7 meet in Princeton, NJ, and on Saturday, Waterbury broke the record—previously held by Jeremy Smith—with a 45-foot 4-inch throw. Waterbury, who also holds the indoor shot put record, placed seventh overall.

"Adam finally broke out of his shot put slump outdoors. He has really struggled, but he was able to put it all together on Saturday," assistant track coach Chuck Williams said. "If he gets more height on his throws, he will be a big factor at the MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) meet, where we hope he'll get a top-three medal. This won't be easy, with the amount of throwing talent in the league, but we believe Adam is up to the challenge."

In the jumping events, senior co-captain Denis McManus placed sixth (43' 3") in the triple jump despite an injured ankle, and Joe Parizo claimed the highest Marist finish of the meet,

placing third in the high jump with a leap of 6' 3 1/4".

Highlights from the Friday evening distance races included strong performances from freshman Kirk Dornton and sophomore Jamal Padgett in the 10,000 meter run. Padgett placed eighth (31:39.21) and Dornton placed eleventh (31:57.5), running a 66-second closing 400m and a 4:52 final mile to break the 32:00 barrier.

"The distance squad had a tremendous evening," men's coach Pete Colaizzo said. "Kirk and Jamal in the 10k really shined and showed a lot of patience. They are really made for that event, and it showed."

In the 5,000 meter run, junior Mike Nehr ran a personal best time (14:45.61) and nearly broke the school record, currently held by Mike Melfi (14:42.36). Nehr would return on Saturday to run another personal best and nearly break the school record in the 1500m, finishing sixth with a time of 3:58.57.

"Mikey had two major personal-bests in the same meet, which is not easy to do," Colaizzo said. "He ran tough and aggressively in the 5k and really pushed the pace nicely. With a stronger finish, he has an excellent shot at the school record in that event. In the 1500, he ran very smoothly and finished strongly. It was nice to see."

Junior Chris McCloskey also

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**Pete Colaizzo  
Men's track coach**

ran a personal-best time in the 1500m, placing eighth in 4:01.64. McCloskey would return to run 1:59.14 in the 800m an hour later.

"Chris is almost back to full strength after a rocky end to his indoor season," Colaizzo said. "The final piece to his puzzle is his finishing kick. We've got a few weeks to work on that and get it down to where it needs to be."

The final event of the day, the 4x400 meter relay, featured some intra-relay team competition, as Chris McCloskey and Chris Salamone battled relay teammates Pat Brodfuehrer and Pat Driscoll to see which group would have the faster combined time. Driscoll (54.7) and Brodfuehrer (56.0) edged out McCloskey (54.7) and Salamone (57.4) by 1.4 seconds as the relay finished with a time of 3:42.7.

This weekend, the men's team travels to New York, NY, for the Columbia Invitational.

## 2001 Baseball Statistics

### OFFENSIVE LEADERS

Batting Average		RBI	
Steve O'Sullivan	.440	Anthony Bocchino	35
Anthony Bocchino	.421	Tim Allen	22
Tim Bittner	.396	Ryan Brady	19

Home Runs		Hits	
Anthony Bocchino	4	Anthony Bocchino	48
Jimmy Board	3	Ryan Brady	39
Tim Allen	2	Tim Bittner	38
Ben Cueto	2		
Pete Kruger	2		

### PITCHING LEADERS

(minimum 10 innings pitched)

Earned Run Average		Saves	
Kevin Ool	2.23	Brad Cook	4
Chris Tracz	2.57	Kevin Ool	1
Tim Bittner	3.03	Ryan Kondratowicz	1
		Brad Reed	1

Wins		Strikeouts	
Chris Tracz	5	Kevin Ool	49
Ryan Kondratowicz	4	Chris Tracz	47
Tim Bittner	4	Tim Bittner	42

## Upcoming Sports Schedule

### BASEBALL

4/12-vs. St. Francis(NY) 3:30 p.m.  
4/14-@ Iona(DH) NOON  
4/16-@ Iona 3:30 p.m.  
4/18-@ Lafayette 3:30 p.m.  
4/21-vs. Le Moyne (DH) NOON  
4/22-vs. Le Moyne NOON

### CREW

4/14-President's Cup @ West Point 8 a.m.  
4/21-Murphy Cup @ Philadelphia TBA

### MEN'S LACROSSE

4/14-vs. Wagner 1 p.m.  
4/18-vs. Sacred Heart 1 p.m.  
4/21-vs. Providence 2 p.m.

### MEN'S TENNIS

4/17-vs. Fordham 4 p.m.  
4/20-4/22- MAAC Championships @ American Tennis Club, TBA

### TRACK

4/14-@ Columbia Invitational, TBA

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

4/18-vs. Siena 3 p.m.  
4/21-vs. Canisius 11 a.m.  
4/22-vs. Niagara 1 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

4/12-vs. Fairfield 3 p.m.  
4/19-@ St. John's 3 p.m.  
4/21-@ Niagara 11 a.m.  
4/22-@ Canisius 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

4/12-@ Wagner 3 p.m.  
4/14-@ Rider NOON  
4/20-4/22- MAAC Championships

### That's a Fact

Women's lacrosse players Pam Brown and Christy Uellendahl were named MAAC Player and Defender of the Week

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### They Said It

"If we get ourselves together and play the way we know we can, then we'll be able to make the tournament."

Ryan McCue, men's LAX

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## Baseball continues dominance in MAAC play

by PETER PALMIERI  
Asst. Sports Editor

It's been said that winning isn't everything, but it's been almost the only thing the Marist baseball team has been doing lately.

After sweeping Canisius over the weekend and downing Monmouth University on Tuesday, the Red Foxes have accumulated four straight wins and seven wins in the team's last eight games.

On April 7, the team traveled to Buffalo to take on Canisius. The Red Foxes swept the three-game series to take over first place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

In the first game, Marist received home runs from juniors Anthony Bocchino and Ben Cueto. Senior Ryan Brady added two RBI to secure the 6-2 victory. Junior Tim Bittner allowed two runs in six and one third inning and struck out 10 Canisius batters. The win improved Bittner to 4-1 on the season.

In the second game of the double header, Marist sent freshman Chris Tracz to the mound. He gave up three runs in seven innings to earn the complete game victory. The win moved him to 5-0 on the year.

Brady, Bocchino, Bittner and

sophomore Spike Ridgley each recorded RBI to provide the run support for Tracz. The Red Foxes downed the Griffs 6-3.

Marist jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead at the end of two innings in the rubber match of the three-game set. Sophomore Tim Allen drove in three runs, including a home run, his second of the season. Junior Steve O'Sullivan also hit a home run and crossed the plate three times in the 10-2 victory. Sophomore Kevin Ool pitched a complete game, allowing two runs on four hits, while striking out eight batters. He improved to 2-3 on the year.

Canisius received a home run from Kyle Domogala in the third inning, but could only manage two more hits for the rest of the game. The loss dropped the Griffs to 7-12 overall and 5-7 in the MAAC.

Following the sweep of Canisius, Marist traveled to Long Branch, NJ, to take on the Monmouth University Hawks. Marist trailed 7-5 heading into the eighth inning. After O'Sullivan drove in junior Jimmy Willis with a sacrifice fly, Bittner poked a two-run double to put the Red Foxes up 8-7. Junior Mark Norton struck out three Hawks in the eighth and junior Brad Cook shut the door in the ninth. For Norton, it was his

third win of the season, while Cook recorded his fifth save.

Monmouth hit three home runs in the game, all from first baseman Jeff Toth. Toth totaled five RBI on the day, but the offensive spark was not enough for the Hawks. The loss dropped Monmouth to 11-17 overall.

The win for Marist marked the team's fourth victory in a row, improving its overall record to 19-8-1. The team is also 9-3 in the MAAC, ahead of second-place LeMoyne.

Marist has now won seven out of its last eight contests, falling to Army 6-0 on April 5.

The Black Knights jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the second inning and never looked back. Five different batters recorded RBI for Army, highlighted by Josh Rizzo's RBI double in the third inning. Miguel Gastelum was 2-3 on the afternoon, with an RBI and two runs scored. Sophomore Tim Allen recorded two of Marist's seven hits in the game. Ool took the loss for Marist, while Jacob Schneider lasted all eight innings for Army.

Marist hosts St. Francis today, before traveling to take on ninth place Iona over the weekend. The teams will play a double-header at noon on Saturday, and the series concludes Monday.



PHOTO CREDIT/Carlisle Stockton

Ben Cueto went 5-for-9 against Canisius over the weekend, while belting his second home run of the season on Saturday.

## Softball continues steady improvement in conference



PHOTO CREDIT/Carlisle Stockton

Michelle Gosh was named MAAC Player of the Week for last week.

by SCOTT MONTESANO  
Staff Writer

Rain, rain go away, come again another day.

This could have easily been the most repeated phrase on the Coach USA bus that carried the

Red Foxes softball team a couple of weekends ago. A string of rainouts gave Marist an unscheduled eight-day lay-off before Mother Nature allowed the Foxes to resume action last week.

While an extended break might be a welcome sight for a hard-working student, it is usually not good for a softball team used to playing almost daily. Nevertheless, since returning to the field last Wednesday, the Foxes have maintained their strong play that they started prior to the break. Marist has gone 4-2 since the layoff and has won seven of its last 10 games overall.

More importantly, the Foxes jumped out to a decent start this past weekend in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play, opening up their 2001 conference season by splitting doubleheaders with Manhattan and Rider.

On Saturday afternoon, MAAC play started for the Foxes with two one-run games at Manhattan. The Foxes fell in the MAAC opener 1-0, before rebounding in the nightcap for a 6-5 win.

In the first game, the Jaspers rode the shoulders of sophomore pitcher Candice Aulogia on their way to the victory. Aulogia allowed only four hits, walked one, and struck out six batters. Not to be outdone, Foxes pitcher Melanie Kasack hurled six strong innings, striking out three.

However, while the Foxes could not muster up any offense, the Jaspers were able to squeeze across what proved to be the winning run in the bot-

tom of the first. Senior Jessica Mack picked up her team-leading 11th RBI, driving in Amanda Rodgers with a single for the game's lone run.

Outside of that, the offense was scarce, as the teams combined for 10 hits, and only nine runners left on base.

The Foxes had their chances to get on the scoreboard a couple of times. In the top of the first, senior Michelle Gosh was at third base with only one out. Nonetheless, the usually reliable Amanda Koldjeski and Bobbi Jo Gonnello struck out to end the threat.

In the seventh, Marist had a chance to tie the game but pinch runner Amy Angus was thrown out at the plate.

The second game provided much happier memories for Marist, as Nicole Fox improved to 5-3 on the mound for the Foxes.

Marist built a picket fence on the scoreboard, scoring one run in each of the first four innings, and then added two runs in the fifth to jump out to a 6-2 lead on the Jaspers. Gonnello homered for the first time this season, while Gosh went 3-4 with an RBI.

However, the Jaspers refused to go down quietly, as the home squad mounted a rally in the bottom of the fifth. Manhattan led off the inning with back-to-back singles on their way to plating three runs to make the score 6-5.

The three runs would close out the scoring in the game though, as Kasack came on in relief to pitch the final two innings and pick up the save, and give Marist its first MAAC win of the year.

Apr. 8 While these games were not as close, the Foxes again split a MAAC doubleheader on Sunday, this time to Rider on the North Field in front of 87 fans. The Foxes' bats came to life in game one as the team buried Rider 9-1. But Rider recovered in the second game to leave Poughkeepsie with a 7-3 triumph.

The Foxes actually trailed in the first game 1-0 entering the bottom of the fourth. Then someone must have nudged the team on the shoulder and awakened them on this overcast Sunday.

Like one of the many speeding commuter trains that pass beyond the right field fence at the North Field, the Rider lead disappeared in the blink of an eye. Marist erupted for six runs in the fourth to take the lead for good. Then, one inning later, Marist put a premature ending to the contest by tacking on three more runs, extending the lead to 9-1. The game was called at that point due to the universal "eight run rule."

Kasack picked up the victory to improve to 5-9 on the season,

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