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## Gillespie Forum dissects Obama victory

By JOSEPH GENTILE  
Politics Editor

Fresh off the campaign beltway, leading media figures made a pit stop at Marist recently for the Gillespie Forum to address the outcome of Election Day. Conducted last month in the Nelly Goletti Auditorium, the lecture spotlighted the esteemed punditry of the Hudson Valley, including Marist Poll director Dr. Lee Miringoff, as a blended audience of Marist students, faculty and local residents questioned the commentators about national, state and local election results.

The event entitled "Understanding the 2008 Elections" continued the Hudson Valley tradition, beginning in 1988, of bringing policy analysts to discuss a broad range of topics at the community level. Established by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Poughkeepsie, the fund named in honor of June and Aaron Gillespie, according to the group's informational literature, is focused on addressing "the bonds that bring us together as citizens of Dutchess County, New York, the United States, and the world."

Commentators Dr. Miringoff and Dr. Gerald Benjamin, the director of the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at SUNY New Paltz, were in attendance at the event moderated by Professor Emeritus Glen Johnson from Vassar College. While the forum did address important subjects, such as race relations, the commentators related lighter stories about being rinkside at Rockefeller Plaza and Major

League Baseball analogies.

"I had the enviable position of being the last commentator to talk before they [the media] announced President-elect Obama," Miringoff said of his night in New York as more "blue states" dotted the ice of Rockefeller Rink on a national map displaying the Electoral College results.

Having turned out 20 polls before Election Day, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion (MIPO), according to Miringoff, made more than 1,000 calls on the eve of election night and fell within the 1 percent margin of the official electoral results.

"You're only as good as your last poll," Miringoff claimed.

However, aside from the obvious firsts of an election that catapulted an African-American to the White House and featured a female vice presidential candidate for the Republican Party, Miringoff reminded the audience that Vice President-Elect Joe Biden is the very first Irish Catholic to be elected to that office. Furthermore, voter turnout exceeded levels set by the 1960 election of former President John F. Kennedy, and a record one-third of the electorate participated in early voting.

But, as Benjamin cited, the estimated turnout of 7 million voters in New York signaled a drop-off from the 2004 election that witnessed at least 7.4 million voters. Even though voter turnout surged in Bronx and Kings boroughs due to record participation by minorities, voter turnout still remained consistent in Dutchess County with 58 percent of eligible voters participating. Elsewhere though, turnout was more encouraging in swaths of rural northeastern, western and



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Doctors Benjamin Gerald (left) and Lee Miringoff (right) discussed election results at the Gillespie Forum on Nov. 19.

central New York.

"New York is changing, and it's not just the urban and suburban parts," Benjamin said.

Including the "surprising" pickups of North Carolina and Virginia, Miringoff said, the Democratic Party managed to cement its growing advantage in the Midwest, with the addition of Indiana, and the desert Southwest states of Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. Ultimately, "the country is more Democratic than four years ago," Miringoff said.

Yet, as Obama beat McCain to attract young voters by a two-to-one margin in an "unrivaled way," Miringoff alleged they weren't solely responsible for his victory. Even if that entire demographic had stayed home on Election Day, Obama still beat McCain, according to Miringoff, by nearly two percentage points.

When asked what stifled the McCain campaign though, Miringoff offered a timeline of events, beginning with Sen. McCain's comment about the

"fundamentals" of the U.S. economy to threatening to delay the very first debate at Vanderbilt University, as giving off mixed signals to the electorate – and torpedoing his favorability rating.

Even though Gov. Sarah Palin offered an initial boost to McCain's ratings, her denial of global warming, by grouping it alongside evolution and stem-cell research, prompted Miringoff to label her a "drag on the ticket."

"I have one piece of empirical evidence," said Benjamin, a self-identified Republican, about McCain's selection of Palin. "It changed my vote."

First hosted by Marist College in 1992, the Gillespie Forum offered an incredible opportunity to bring the Marist community and the greater local community on campus, according to Steve Sansola, associate dean for Student Affairs and secretary for the Gillespie Forum board.

"Politically, I think it's important for young people to be civically engaged," Sansola said.

## Dance Club dazzles at new venue with annual show

By AMANDA LAVERGNE  
Staff Writer

The Marist College Dance club put on a successful show on Nov. 22 and Nov. 23 at their new venue, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, selling over 700 tickets.

The show, which is put on at the end of each semester, is usually held in either the Nelly Goletti Theatre or the McCann Center. However, this year the club made the decision to move to FDR.

With a bigger stage and weeks of practice, this year's show seemed to be better than ever, according to sophomore Michelle Francesconi, a dancer

in the show.

"It was great because we could make more money and attract a wider audience," said Francesconi. "It was stressful to travel to the high school during the final weeks, but it was worth it in the end."

As a completely student run club with over 400 students, each dance was choreographed by a student in the club. Sophomore Cassandra Palummo choreographed for the first time this year.

"I was so excited to choreograph this year, I liked having the creative freedom that came with it," said Palummo.

Several students who attended the show were also impressed

with the new location for the show.

"I attended the show last spring and it was hard to see the dancers," said sophomore Lisa Odoardi, "but by having it in the high school auditorium it was easier to see your friends and what was going on."

Another dancer in the show, sophomore Amanda Huggins, was also pleased with the change in location as well.

"I think that by moving it to FDR we could raise a lot more money for the club and it was nice to have a more professional set-up," said Huggins. The executive board of the club hopes to keep it moving at this high, but successful, pace and

plans to have an even better show this spring.

Besides holding a performance every semester, the Marist College Dance Club helps out with other events on campus, such as "Up Till Dawn" and "Miles for Medals."

Each year, the club chooses a charity to donate a portion of their proceeds to. This year, the club chose to donate to a charitable program run by a Marist student. The student makes and bracelets and other jewelry, called "Freedom Beads," and she donates the profit to help an individual afflicted with an eating disorder.

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## Security Briefs

# Students still fail to smuggle and swipe properly

By TYLER THURSTON  
...funnier than you.

### 11/19 – Champagnat

A Champagnat student got things started off on the wrong foot, meaning they couldn't stand on them, after a suspected night of drinking. The RD and guard on duty checked on the student, and allowed them to return to their room for a presumed night of the bed-spinning and clutching the garbage can. I think we've all had nights like this, although they usually end, you know, standing. That's probably a sign to call it a night, at least a good one. Now, walk back to your room. Or crawl, whatever works for you.

### 11/19 – Champagnat

Champagnat continued to take a beating, with one off-campus resident failing to swipe in properly, and upon discovery, refused to give their name and sign in. When the student was asked to leave, they once again refused, and were arrested for trespassing. You know, fighting authority is fun for awhile. You get angry, things get heated, and you start arguing like you're in a TV movie and you're fighting for your daughter's life. But once they're lowering your head in the back of a car, that's where I'd want to draw the line. Oh yeah, you might want to turn around, considering that line is about five feet behind you. Oh well, hindsight.

### 11/19 – Marian

Another student didn't see the need to swipe, instead attempting to storm past security like a bat out of Hell. Security recognized the non-swiper from previous entries, and the student was sent to Judicial Affairs. Depending on who the guard is, it does seem easier just to say you forgot your ID than to try and fly by without anyone noticing. Unless everyone in that

building is headless, somebody's going to see you. So, with just one quick run-by, you can go from klutzy young college student to rebel without a cause. Look how that just happened.

### 11/21 – Champagnat

Champagnat once again made their mark, with an alcohol confiscation being reported on the 21<sup>st</sup>. 25 cans of Bud Light, 25 empties, and a half-empty bottle of rum were taken, with several guests being sent back to their respective rooms. At least security reports the bottle of rum as half empty. Imagine if they were actually optimists? That's a whole lot more alcohol. Silver lining, people.

### 11/21 – Midrise

Two students were reported leaving Midrise with empty backpacks, only to return later looking like Dora the Explorer smuggling her family across the border. This can only mean one thing, either somebody just got a lot of homework suddenly, or the bags are filled with liquid of the alcoholic nature. It apparently was a case of the latter, with security confiscating 60 cans of Natural Light from the backpacks. So, a 30 rack a bag? Bold choice, I'll give you that. I don't know anyone whose homework looks like 30 cans or a box, but that's just details.

### 11/21 – Campus

One lucky driver was spotted reaching speeds in excess of 50 mph on campus, with security attempting to stop the motorist and the car refusing to slow down. The driver was later discovered, and their car has now been banned from campus. That's one speedy way to get banned from campus. It's also one way of looking like a huge tool, but whoever said you weren't a little multi-tasker?

### 11/22 – Marian/Library

Speaking of multi-tasking, three separate incidents occurred on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, all involving the noticeable odor of marijuana on campus. The first two occurred in Marian, with two suspected rooms being searched for paraphernalia, and only one pipe being found in the second room. Upon this new discovery, the student jumped out the window, because that's not sketchy or anything. You're probably not going to get very far, and if you're high, you really aren't going to get very far. Later that day, security noticed 3 individuals congregating outside the library, and once again noticed the strong smell. The students were chastised, and told to leave the place of study and go back to their rooms. Maybe stop by the Cabaret first to get some chips, but return to their rooms regardless.

### 11/23 – Library

In by far my favorite case of the week, students reported strange papers being printed from the library, some with type speaking directly to the person standing there. So,

papers, finals, projects, exams, quizzes, and presentations, and this is what you do at the library? Eh, it's your time, good for you. See you next semester. Probably not, but you tried.

### 11/23 – Upper West Cedar

One student reported a flat tire, and upon inspection from the mechanic, it was concluded that the tire was slashed. Whoa, these people are not messing around anymore. Whatever happened to just putting a "kick me" sign on someone's back? Now we're slashing tires and cutting brake lines. Well, I'm jumping to conclusions with the brake lines, but you never know until you're bombing it through a red light. I probably shouldn't jump to conclusions, though. If only I had a mat, with different conclusions that I could jump to. They should definitely make that.


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# Obama touts change for financial aid

By HEATHER STAATS  
and JIM URSO

Infinite are the opportunities that come with a college degree. With these prospects, however, comes the daunting idea of how to pay. To help prospective students and their families, President-elect Barack Obama has plans to alter and simplify the current system

Part of Sen. Obama's plan involves simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This would allow families to check a box allowing the college to use their tax information directly from their tax forms instead of filling the information out all over again.

"There are pluses and minuses to everything," said Joe Weglarz, executive director of Student Financial Services. "It may solve some issues but in the big picture it

may create more."

In order to make the FAFSA application easier, Sen. Obama's plan requires colleges to get financial information directly from the IRS.

"It's going to be tough to get the IRS and FAFSA to work together," Weglarz commented. "The information is very confidential."

Beyond Sen. Obama's plan to reduce financial aid complications, other agencies are stepping up to the plate. By putting the application online, the federal government has nearly abolished the paper application.

According to the Web site [insidehighered.com](http://insidehighered.com), more than 1.5 million high school students failed to apply for FAFSA in 2006. But, why is that number so high?

"Awareness of FAFSA needs to be raised," Weglarz says. "People don't apply because



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Obama tries to offset college costs.

they feel that it won't help them or they just don't know about it."

Another aspect of Sen. Obama's education plan is a tax credit given to college students in return for 100 hours of community service.

"I question how you would monitor that tax credit," said Weglarz. "There's so much money involved, especially with the state of the

global economy."

Some major concerns about the tax credit include how the service will be supervised and where all of the money will come from.

"Now that there is an educational incentive, there will be more involvement," said Christina Tello, lead organizer of Marist Students for Barack Obama. "However, I do think the tasks should be defined or there should be a certain amount of hours allotted to a certain activity."

Tello has been involved with community service all her life and even received a scholarship for that service.

"It's humbling, builds character, and gives everyone a reason to be thankful," said Tello.

Not everyone though shares her enthusiasm.

"He's going to need to fix the economy first," said junior Colin Frederickson. "It could take two

terms, if he gets reelected, to get the economy back to where it needs to be."

Sen. Obama has intended to shake up the education system by allotting more money to certain programs. However, this plan is accompanied with much skepticism.

"I would hate to be him," Weglarz commented. "He has such a big agenda, I don't know how he can possibly accomplish it all."

"It's all really nice in theory," Frederickson said, "but there are bigger problems that need to be taken care of first."

Still others think that Sen. Obama has the tools to achieve all of his goals.

"I don't think his plans are idealistic," said Tello. "I think that they are detail-oriented where needed and the results will be beneficial to our education system."

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# Prisoners are put out of sight, out of mind

By MICHAEL NAPOLITANO  
Staff Writer

One of the largest problems facing the United States that does not get enough attention is our broken criminal justice system. In the last 35 years, the number of incarcerated persons has increased by nearly 700 percent. Half of the increase is from non-violent drug offenders whose incarceration has increased 402 percent since 1985.

Part of the problem is that the laws that are currently on the books were drafted twenty, even thirty years ago. In New York, drug laws were intended to be very harsh towards offenders under Governor Nelson Rockefeller in the mid 1970s. At the federal level, harsh mandatory sentencing and the three strike rule was established under the socially conservative policies of Ronald Reagan.

Whether these laws intended to or not, they have been tearing apart inner cities since their enactment. These drug laws are more stringent on



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Americans forget a crucial part of society and the people impacted as a result.

drugs more common amongst the poor like marijuana and crack cocaine, while more "expensive" drugs such as cocaine hold lighter offenses. What has resulted is a large influx of low level non-violent drug offenders who may have done nothing more than had drugs in their possession at a routine traffic stop.

A common misconception with the criminal justice sys-

tem is that we can, "arrest and imprison our way out of a crime problem." Under that logic, why do we continue to imprison people at alarming rates while our crime rate has stabilized and is decreasing nearly annually? The answer is that incarceration is a business and the government is more interested in making money than rehabilitating alleged criminals.

This eerie fact is seen quite clearly in the recidivism rate, or the percentage of prisoners who return to prison upon release. Inmates who receive no rehabilitation have a recidivism rate hovering in the 70s while studies have clearly shown that the more counseling and education prisoners receive, the lower and lower their recidivism rate drops.

The federal government made the situation even worse when, in 1994, they decided not to issue Pell grants to any prisoner; Pell grants that would have allowed them to pursue an advanced degree while incarcerated. While congress cuts more programs for prisoners and the prison population continues to grow, I sit here and wonder why the government

isn't doing anything positive while they continuously make the situation worse for prisoners.

My thought on congress: misconception and greed. Many believe that just because someone is incarcerated they are automatically a "bad guy," but often dismiss the grounds on which they were convicted and their offense. If I may mention it again as well, prison building is a business, a business that the government makes a lot of money off of, and they wouldn't want to see anything happen to their money.

So what can be done? With a new President-elect, hopefully this issue will be addressed, but I'm not getting my hopes up. This is one of those issues that has to be voiced by the people. I will continuously be advocating for prison reform in hope for a more just and equal society. As Dr. King said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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## Pop Culture: The demise of America?

By NATE FIELDS  
Circle Contributor

Three events in the past week really make me question the future of America. First, the terrorist attacks in India, where both American and British citizens were singled out by Islamic terrorists. Second, the Black Friday trampling of a temporary janitor at a Wal-Mart on Long Island. Finally, the announcement that former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer's prostitute has signed an agent to pursue a music career.

Now more than ever, I question the world I'm stepping into after graduation. I question what is really important in life. I question the direction of the country I call home. And honestly, I think it's time that we as Americans take a collective step back and examine what I call Americitis.

As a disclaimer, I'll admit, I'm just as guilty of Americitis as the next person, but change is necessary. We are out of control. Symptoms of Americitis include obesity,

voyeurism, naivety, and an insatiable zeal for instant gratification.

And we can make up all the excuses we want for taking that midnight trip to Taco Bell for "fourthmeal," for dropping everything to watch the reality television show about celebrities whose lives have spun out of control, for getting up at 5 a.m. to go shopping.

But the true reality of the situation can't be discounted. We spend more money every year on health care directly related to our inability to control the amount of food we consume (65% of the population is overweight) than that it would take to end world hunger, three times over. More people watched an average episode of "Deal or No Deal" in 2005 than the daily readership of the top 15 newspapers combined, and there is now a recognized psychological condition called Celebrity Worship Syndrome.

I could go on. The list of dumbfounding facts about the excesses of our society is seemingly endless.

So I must pose a question. What exactly are we doing?

Where will we draw the line? At what point do we realize as a society that our moral compass is drifting? I think the time has come. I think that we, as the next generation of working, voting and taxpaying Americans, have the power to change our direction for the positive. But do we have to want to?

We have to recognize our flaws, and work to fix them, not just put a band-aid over them and hope they go away.

It is true, we cannot legislate people's hearts, but we have to work to revitalize the individual moral obligation that has given way to road rage, 5 a.m. trappings, and a 45 percent divorce rate.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "a people that values its privilege above its principle soon loses both."

It's time to wake up. It's time to get off our butts and forget what Paris Hilton is doing today. It's time to make a positive difference in the world. We've got our work cut out for us so we better start now.

# Features

## Freshmen 101: How to survive finals week

By CLARE LANGAN  
Staff Writer

In two short weeks, you will have finished your first semester at Marist. Congratulations! What is it that stands between you and a month-long break? A little thing called finals week, my friends. The last day of formal classes is Friday, Dec. 12 and final exams are given from the Monday, Dec. 15 until Friday, Dec. 19. Be sure to refer to the finals schedule and check with your professors for dates and times. [www.marist.edu/registrar/finals.html](http://www.marist.edu/registrar/finals.html)

The library will have extended hours starting Sunday, Dec. 7. Reserve a study room, borrow a laptop, or find "your spot" to hit the books. The library is a great place to crank out that paper

or catch up on reading, free from the distractions of your residence hall.

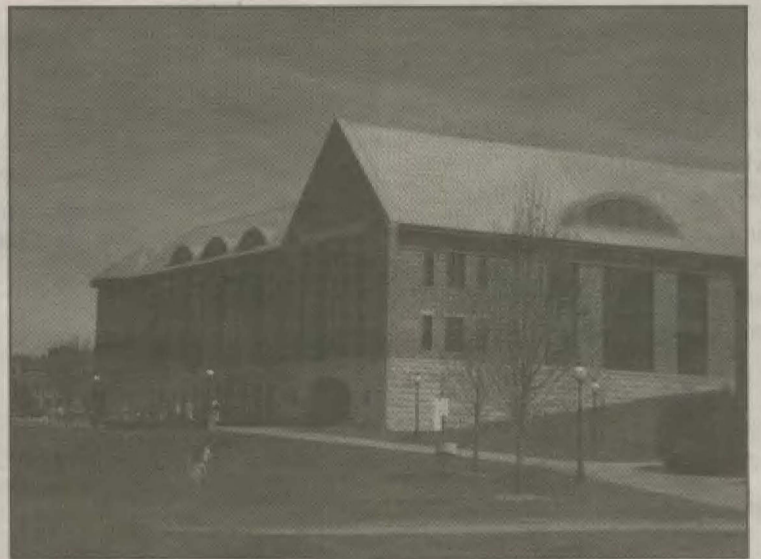
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Looking for some math help? The Math Lab, located in the basement of Lowell Thomas, can help you with your toughest calculus and statistics problems. The lab is staffed by professors during daytime hours and students at night. Visit [academic.marist.edu/math/StudentInfo/](http://academic.marist.edu/math/StudentInfo/)

[mathlab.htm](#) for the detailed schedule.

Finals week can be stressful for any student, and freshmen year is no exception. It is especially important to maintain your mental and physical health during this busy time. Take a study break to walk down by the river, hit the gym or watch your favorite holiday movie. Try to get regular sleep, eat healthy to keep yourself energized and try not to overdose on the caffeine (easier said than done, I know).

Use the resources around campus to your advantage and tackle finals week with confidence. Just think: in a few short days you will have a month of freedom and peace of mind knowing that you finished your first semester strong. Good luck!



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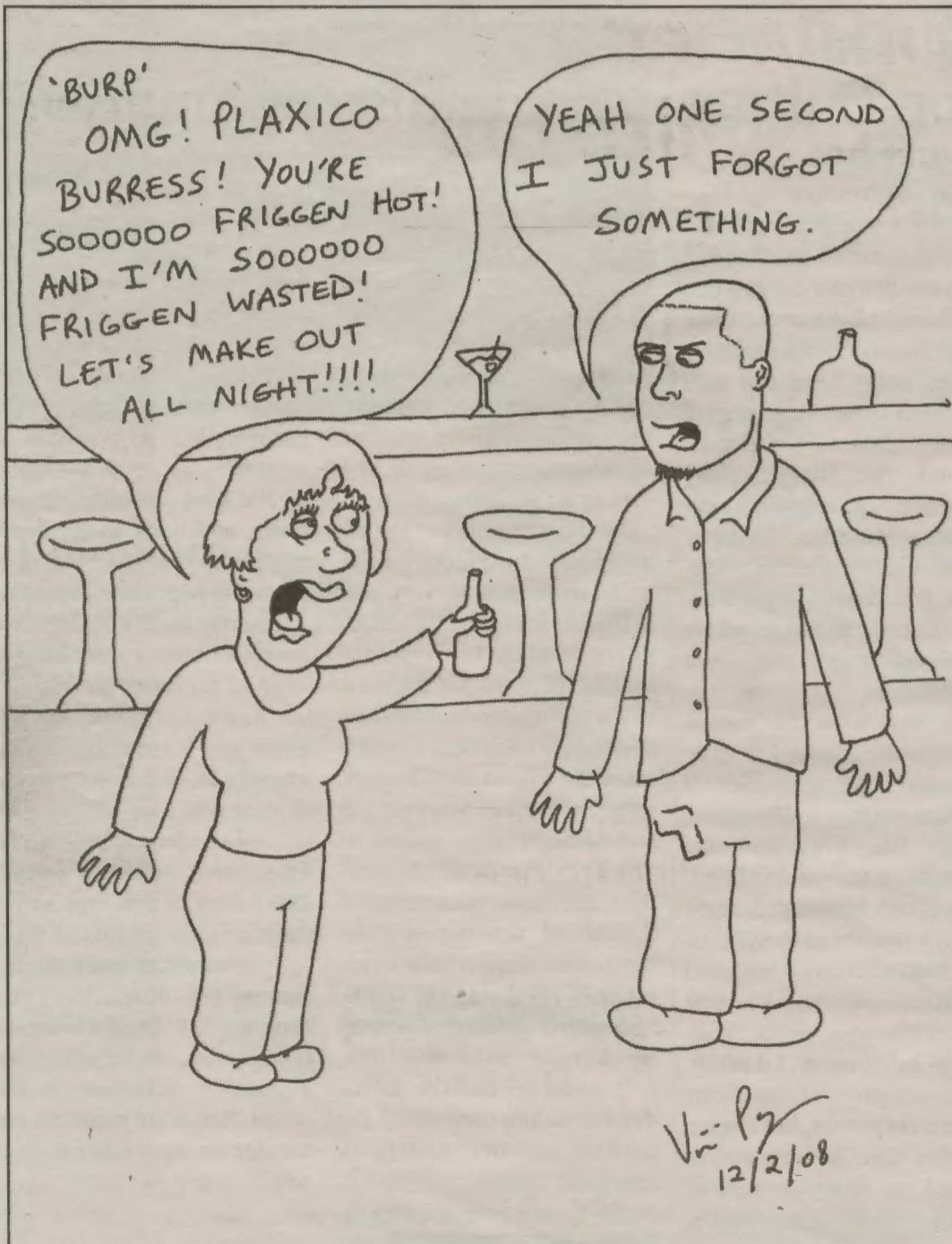
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By VINNIE PAGANO



## Marist in Ireland: Our Ryan Air adventures

By COLIN JOHNSON  
Circle Contributor

For anyone planning to go abroad and travel, Ryan Air is the way to go. The flights are cheap and they are the most reliable airline in Europe. In addition to being a great deal, it is an interesting experience for the non-flyers out there. Who are these non-flyers? They are people who believe in the laws of gravity and that human beings should probably not try to defy them.

Initially out of the Marist group in Dublin we had a bit of a mix. Graham Bullis, Maureen Link, and Liz Feeny have no problem with planes. Graham laughs at turbulence, Maureen talks herself into submission, and Liz downs an entire pack of gum. Kerri Johnson and I made up the non-flyers. Anyone watching us on the flight to Dublin probably saw the color drain out of our faces every time the plane hit a bump. Needless to say, although I planned on traveling while in Europe, I had blocked the airborne aspect of it out of my mind.

Eventually the day came when we could no longer stomach Irish food (Guinness and potatoes) and decided we needed to expand our hori-

zons. We picked Paris as our first destination. I don't know much about Paris except for the typical sites, i.e. the Eiffel Tower, the Bastille, the Arc de Triomphe, and of course I know Mona Lisa kicks it at the Louvre from time to time. Before I knew it we were booked and set, and that's when it hit me that the Paris trip would involve not one, but two plane rides. Oh well, carpe diem right?

Ryan Air does not use those elevated tunnels when entering their planes. Instead you just walk across the runway and onto the plane. At first I was pretty excited about this because, like most people, I hate being confined to that elevated tunnel. However, I forgot that without any building to block it, Dublin's wind could have a field day. I felt like I was at the top of Mount Everest. The girls' hair was blowing everywhere, small children were lifted off the ground, and all the while I tried to forget that we would soon be flying directly into this wind.

Luckily take off was a breeze (no pun intended) and before I knew it we were flying over beautiful landscapes that I had absolutely no

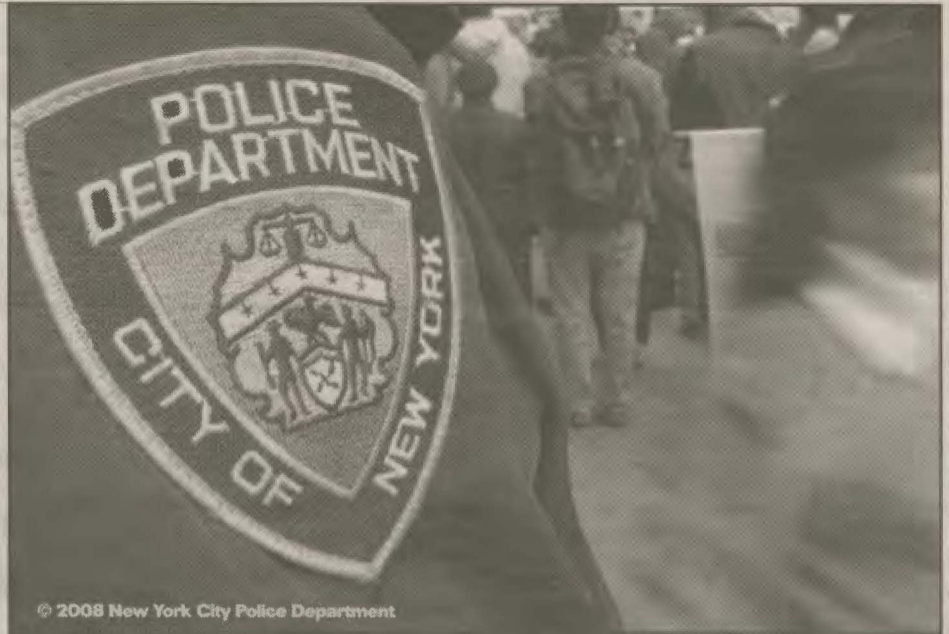
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## Students experience new flights

chance of seeing from my aisle seat. The flight was short and our pilot soon announced we would be landing. A layer of fog had settled in over France, and apparently it was too thick to land. This was fine with me, except for the fact that our pilot did not realize this until he was about 800 feet (rough estimate) off the ground, at which point he proceeded to pull up sharply, and give me my first near death experience. As we climbed, I looked over at Graham who was laughing like an evil kid with a microscope and an ant farm. By the time my heart rate returned to its normal pace, our pilot was already engaging in his second failed attempt at land-

ing, which again resulted in more trauma on my part and sick laughter on Graham's. Third time's the charm and we finally landed four hours outside of Paris. Two buses later we had made it, and the flight was already out of my mind. The trip was great, I ate the best hamburger I had tasted in months, I got to see the Mona Lisa, and I even threw a few paper planes off the Eiffel Tower. All in all, it was well worth the terrifying flight over. However, I can't say that the plane ride was completely unfortunate. After all, we landed, and after a flight like that my fear of planes is surprisingly gone.



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## Savvy shopping for the broke college student

By KELLY GALLUCCI  
Circle Contributor

It's that time of year again – sugar cookies, twinkling lights and the seemingly endless search for the perfect gift. That's right, it's December, and with only a few weeks left of the semester, most people are scrambling to figure out just what to get for their roommate without breaking the bank. To help out, here are a few budget safe and roommate approved ideas for this year.

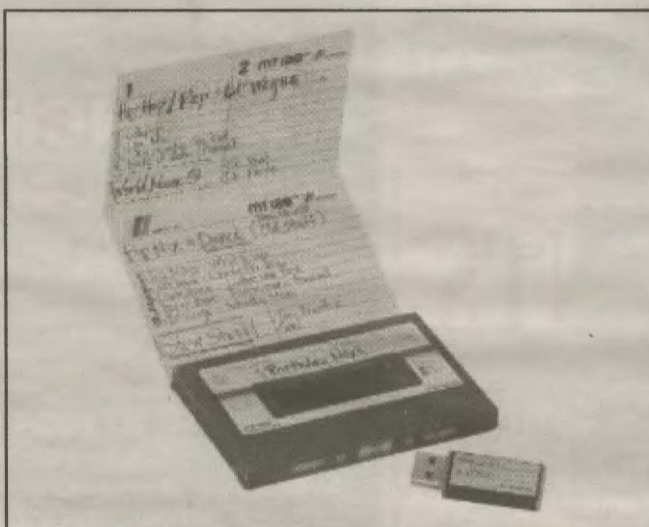
**For the animal lover** - Loyal Army started out as a small company in California and is now shipping out millions of products to Target, Delia\*s and other popular stores. With cute designs and quirky sayings, the tees are sure to please your roommate. Loyalarmy.com has clothes for both guys and gals, and with 20 percent of proceeds going to protect animals, you really can't go wrong with this gift. Screen-tees start at \$20.

**For the humorist** - If you're looking for a sweet gift that will give your roommate a good laugh, head to Hallmark. For \$10, they're selling adorable little penguins. The trick here is to unscrew the head and pour holiday-colored jelly beans into his stomach. Put the head back in place and give him a little push down and he pops out the candies from beneath his tail.

**For your picky roomie** - Maybe your roommate loves music but has specific taste, and this is where the gift card never fails. This is a way to show that while you do pay attention to your roommate's interests, you

want them to be completely satisfied and are thus leaving the choice of the gift up to them. If they like music, iTunes cards

roommate would go nuts for. **For the chocolate lover** - Who doesn't love a nice cup of hot chocolate on a cold night?



From AMAZON.COM  
The Mixtape Memory Stick combines the old school cassette with modern digital music technology.

Lake Champlain Chocolates (www.lakechamplain-chocolates.com) sells gourmet hot chocolate mix for only \$9.50, leaving you with more than enough to throw in a mug to match. Flavors come in mocha, mint and other creative mixes. This is a gift sure to please anyone with a sweet tooth, and if you're lucky they might even share.

**For your favorite artist** - Whether your roommate is an aspiring architect, fashion designer, or just someone who loves to doodle in their Organic Chemistry notes, this gift is ideal. The Museum of Modern Art is selling this colored pencil set in their online

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## currently singing A weekly review of the latest songs



From NEW.MUSIC.YAHOO.COM  
Coldplay's collaboration with Kylie Minogue is up for listening on (RED)Wire.

By RYAN RIVARD  
Co-A&E Editor

**Coldplay f/ Kylie Minogue "Lhuna"** - Chris Martin was not far off when he described this collaboration as "sexy." Martin and Minogue exchange verses behind an ambient musical backdrop as the seductive track lures the listener with hypnotic sound waves.

**U2 "I Believe in Father Christmas"** - Bono has launched a new online music magazine called "(RED)Wire" where members pay \$5 per month in exchange for exclusive music every week. Half the monthly fee goes to buy medicine to help people in Africa living with HIV. This shimmering, arena-rock rendition of Greg Lake's "I Believe In Father Christmas" is part of the initial batch of tunes and provides ample excitement to get into the holiday spirit.

**Jay-Z f/ Santogold "Brooklyn (Go Hard)"** - This Kanye-produced track found on the soundtrack for the Notorious B.I.G. biopic "Notorious" is fashioned closely like "Swagga Like Us." The title and sample is taken from Santogold's opening line in "Shove It." Hova raps about his hometown of Brooklyn with Santogold appearing at the end with a flavorful verse of her own.

**Bruce Springsteen "My Lucky Day"** - The second song released from his upcoming album, "Working On a Dream," due out on Jan. 27, is much more fast-paced compared to "Working On a Dream."

**Lily Allen "The Fear"** - This new material from Ms. Allen is genuinely clever pop done right and tastefully.



From MTV.COM

The cast of "Twilight" brings to life the vampiric characters from Stephenie Meyer's popular young adult book series.

## 'Twilight' takes bite out of box office with faithful adaptation

By KAIT SMITH  
Co-Managing Editor

If you've browsed the Bumper Sticker application on Facebook over the last few weeks, chances are you've heard about "Twilight." The popular book, now adapted into a movie, exploded in popularity over the summer and has now resulted in the biggest pop-culture phenomenon this fall.

While fans nationwide crowded into theaters for midnight showings on Nov. 21, one question plagued their

minds; will the movie be as addicting as the book? The answer is hard to reach, mainly because of the extreme highs and ultimate lows found in the two-hour movie.

Directed by Catherine Hardwicke, ("Thirteen," "Lords of Dogtown") "Twilight" tells the story of Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart), an average teenage girl who moves in with her father in Forks, Wash.

Characterized by constant rain and cloud cover, Forks is the perfect location for heart-throb vampire Edward Cullen

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## Nanotechnology brings science from the lab to the runway

By MEGHAN MCKAY  
Staff Writer

At age 7, I began creating a line of futuristic-chic garments including bulletproof silk ball gowns, stainless steel stilettos, waterproof sweaters and jet-pack jackets. I wasn't sure how to go about actually constructing these clothes, but I knew that someday it would be feasible.

Growing up amidst the explosion of the Internet and dot com companies, wireless and digital technology, the cloning of Dolly the sheep and the Y2K scare, it was easy to imagine that by the time I grew up, technology would exist to make items like disposable jeans, invisible turtle-necks or color-changing biker jackets very possible. Heck, by then I expected cars to fly and robots to do the cleaning, at the very least.

Here we are in 2008, and housekeeper robots and flying cars seem quite far off. However, in terms of hi-tech clothing, we've come a long way. Though we haven't figured out invisibility capes or bulletproof silk yet, textile experts are using nanotechnology to develop fabrics that are

wrinkle, water, stain and dirt-resistant and that's pretty darn sweet.

Scientifically clueless fashionistas might ask what "nanotechnology" is. Nanotech describes any technology done on the nanometer scale. A nanometer is equal to one-billionth of a meter, which is anywhere from three to five atoms across.

Using nanotechnology to alter the chemical make-up of a fabric results in a permanent change that won't wear off fabric the way a "permanent press" topical treatment or waterproof coating would. Manipulating atoms at the nanotechnology level results in chemicals that form a molecular bond with fabrics, so the awesome new properties will last forever.

The company Nano-tex, a leader in the field of nanotechnology and fabric engineering, has developed fabrics that wick moisture and balance body temperature, repel liquids, provide permanent static protection, repel lint, dust, dirt and pet hair, and repel and release stains. You might not realize it, but these fabrics are

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# Fashion Watch

Deck your head with hats and headbands this holiday season

By ELORA STACK  
Staff Writer

The top of your head is as good a place as any to make a fashion statement, and this season makes it easier than ever. Hats, barrettes and headbands can all be found in any store's accessories section. Fur, feathers, bows, jewels, black, purple, green or pink; you name it, they've got it! Your head will never be cold, and will never be unfashionable.



From URBANOUTFITTERS.COM

Decorate your head like you decorate your Christmas tree. Hats range from crocheted or knit beanies, retro bucket hats, berets, funky fedoras, bowler hats, floppy hats, classic Hollywood cloches, to earflap hats. Cover your cranium in any color or pattern your wardrobe dictates.

Headbands and clips are also adding a new fashion flare to your hair. Bedazzle

your noggin with feathers, bows or jewels. Feminine hats, feathery frills, and bow barrettes are the perfect homage to the 1920s, '30s, and '40s. Men, if you are stuck on

what to get your pesky mother-in-law, your picky sister, or your fashionable girlfriend this holiday season, but have a limited budget, a nice hat or decorative headband makes the perfect gift. Girls, buy your friends or yourself a

nice little treat, and splurge on the part of your body that is often fashion forgotten. There is an endless array of accessories to make your head the brightest ornament this Christmas season. With a feather on your cap, or a bow on your head you'll be fashionable enough to be stuffed under any Christmas tree.

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# Gifts that college money can buy

store (www.momastore.org) for \$17.00. The Zen-style gift has 36 vibrantly colored pencils in a recycled cardboard storage tube. If this isn't ideal for your roommate, check out the online store anyway because it's full of unique and fun gifts sure to please.

**For those outdoorsy types** - Macy's and Target are both selling aluminum water bottles in their effort to encourage both green and healthy living. Bottles come in unique designs and range from \$7.49 to \$20 depending on the brand and style. It's the perfect gift for your favorite hiker, athlete or eco-enthusiast.

**For the roommate with a sweet tooth** - Fairytale Brownies are a family favorite at my house and we're sure to get a box every Christmas. The cheapest is \$15.95 and includes eight delectable brownies (original, caramel, chocolate chip, peanut butter, pecan, toffee crunch, walnut and white chocolate) or for the \$17.95 box you can choose your favorite eight from the thirteen amazing flavors offered. I highly recommend the mint. Boxes can be



From BROWNIES.COM

Brownies appeal to everyone's sweet tooth.

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**For the gamer** - Until Dec. 7, GameStop is having the mother of all gaming sales. Ads brag that they have over 2,500 games (both new and used) for under \$20. The store is loaded with equipment for just about any gaming system you can imagine, so if your roommate likes gaming at all this is probably the best place to shop for them.

**For the music lover** - The Mixtape Memory Stick is my favorite pick this holiday season and I'd suggest buying it up

soon because most stores are selling out. Amazon.com is still fairly stocked on this new spin of an old classic. The concept is a new age mix tape: you put the songs on the jump drive, which fits into the mix tape. It's a great way to give your roommate a playlist of tunes you think they'd love.

**For the sports fan** - Dick's Sporting Goods provides a wide range of collectables and memorabilia for fans of the NFL, MLB, NBA and more. So whether your roommate would appreciate the New York Yankees iPod cover or a Chicago Bulls skin for their cell phone, their interests and team loyalties are covered.

**For the Pink lover** - Victoria's Secret is a winner every time and right now they're having a 2 for \$20 sale on all Pink tees. My advice is to snag one of the adorable \$13 tote bags and throw in one of the shirts as an added surprise for your roommate.

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# Putting on wrinkle-free pants of the future one leg at a time

already being put to use in your gym clothes, outerwear and even everyday apparel. Obviously, you're not going to find much nanotechnological fabric at fast-fashion havens like Forever 21 or Charlotte Russe, though.

What's the point of spending extra on a spill-resistant pencil skirt if it'll



From ADDIS.COM

Wear Nano-tex pants with confidence, since you'll stay stain-free.

go out of style next month? As the technology improves, and as we college kids get older and invest more in our clothing, we can expect to encounter more and more "nano-tex" in stores we shop regularly, and even on the runway.

Even more exciting than what the use of nanotechnology in fabrics has already

accomplished is what it can achieve in the future. Wrinkle-resistance is handy, but not so awe-inducing. Your mom is probably excited about stain repelling pants, but you're barely stifling a yawn. The current applications of nanotechnology are useful and practical, but now that we have the nanotech know-how,

the sky is the limit for new technologies.

Researchers at the University of Zurich have created a fabric that will stay dry even after being submerged in water for over 2 months. This technology could result in self-cleaning clothes and bathing suits that never get wet. Using nanotechnology, fabrics can truly be engineered to do anything.

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# 'Twilight' proves vampires are more than blood-sucking creatures of the night

(Robert Pattinson) and his family. Self-proclaimed "vegetarians," vampires that feed off animals rather than humans, the immortal Cullen "kids" attend Forks High School in an attempt to blend in with the crowd. The brooding and angst-ridden Edward had no trouble keeping to himself until Bella came along.

Edward feels a desire to protect the clumsy Bella, who finds herself on the verge of death as a van skids on ice across a parking lot in her direction. He comes to her rescue, stopping the van dead in its tracks with his hand. Bella, thankful but suspicious, does research and discovers the Cullen family secret. Surprisingly, knowing that the handsome Edward is a vampire only makes her more drawn to him.

The story of Edward and Bella begins, and the movie gives the audience a good glimpse of the complexity that ensues when your boyfriend is a vampire. The one kissing scene in the film ends abruptly

when Edward flies across the room; Bella's blood is too tempting, and he doesn't want to run the risk of killing her. How sweet.

More conflict arises when the Cullen family decides to play a family game of baseball which attracts the attention of nomadic vampires. James (Cam Gigandet) gets a whiff of Bella's tempting scent and makes her his target. The chase that follows was rushed in the film, and lacked the romantic mush that is typical of any book in the "Twilight" series. These elements, combined with cringe-worthy special effects, bring this movie close to crashing and burning.

Amidst all of the negative aspects, the cast for this film was near perfect. The Cullen family, described in the book as painstakingly beautiful, was portrayed by relatively unknown actors, and they embraced their roles well. Making it even better was the natural chemistry between Stewart and Pattinson. Not a single glance or touch looked

forced.

Any screenwriter takes a chance when trying to condense a 500-page book into a two-hour movie. Screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg doesn't fail here, but it's certainly not a masterpiece. Fangirls will follow the plot every step of the way, but newcomers may be baffled by the speed in which Bella and Edward fall in love. Meyer devoted more than half the novel to the progression of their relationship, but on screen, the duo goes from strangers to soul mates before Bella has a chance to unpack.

Was it a great film? No. But it wasn't horrible, either. Now that Summit Entertainment has gotten the go-ahead to make the sequel, "New Moon," the movie will probably get more funding. Hopefully that means better special effects, and better screenwriting.

After "Twilight" made close to \$70 million on opening weekend, it's likely that the newly-created studio can afford it.

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## Beauty & the blizzard: Skin remedies for winter

By MOLLY COSTELLO  
Staff Writer

For anyone who is forced to venture out into the world between October and April, you understand one of the greatest hazards of living in Poughkeepsie. That's right, I'm not talking about the occasional break-in, hospitalizations due to drinking substances other than water, cab rides, or even the looming possibility that you will be the victim of security's latest change in parking rules, I'm talking about being cold. Since I cannot endorse or recommend the use of liquid substances to ease your pain I've decided to go in another direction: the following is a list of this year's latest and best products for preventing and treating dry skin, a grave issue for Marist students battling harsh winds.

Chapped lips are a problem that everyone can relate to and

Carmex is the remedy of choice. While I'm sure the original will suffice, this year Carmex has made an upgrade with a new cherry flavor in a convenient squeeze tube with SPF 15.

A step down from Carmex was Palmer's Cocoa Butter stick. This product does not contain SPF 15, but claims to be effective anywhere you have dry skin.

Rosebud Salve, for those of us not living on a budget, is another product marketed for chapped lips, and claims to be effective for cracked hands as well. Not only does this stuff smell great, it comes in this great vintage looking tin.

Finally, for the practical and budget conscious Vaseline is the answer. Not only is it cost friendly, it has been around for decades and there's a reason for that.

Wind burn for anyone that has to spend time outside (just walking from Fontaine to

Donnelly counts), can be a problem. Two great products for this are Olay Complete and, for those people brave enough to spend more than their obligatory ten minute walk to class outside, Kheil's All Sport "Non-Freeze" Face Protector. Kheil's, while kind of on the pricey side, is an amazing product for anyone who plays winter sports. It contains SPF 30 and not only protects your face from the wind; its wax consistency keeps your face warm, thus allowing you to forgo the convict style ski mask. Olay on the other hand, only contains SPF 15 and is more suited for everyday use.

Finally this year's selection of body moisturizers offers some new products; however, the most effective seemed to be found in the originals. Beginning with the most expensive, and least likely to be purchased by your average college student, is Philosophy.



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A list of the most effective skin care products to battle the cold .

This brand of products keeps you smelling great and as an added bonus for those of you that like inspirational messages on your beauty products, each one has its own.

Cocoa butter is another slightly more budget friendly product.

Whether its Suave, Queen Helene, or Palmer's, depending on what you're willing to

spend, they all do the trick. Queen Helene had the lightest consistency and seemed to work the longest, but any will suffice. The overall favorite though once again was Vaseline. Whether it's the new Vaseline for men or Aloe fresh, this brand is the most cost conscious and effective in preventing dry skin.

## Sex, love & relationships: Woes from the web

By KARLIE JOSEPH  
Assistant Health Editor

In the archives of overused adages and cliché wisdoms, the phrase "communication is key" seems to be at the top of the list. As early as the temper tantrum ages, I remember my mother telling me to "use my words," with the idea that clearer self expression would lead to a healthier bond. The article "Communication Skills" on Discoveryhealth.com even acknowledges that good communication "keeps the relationship flowing." But in 2008, the Facebook phenomenon and an explosive texting trend have made it apparent that communication has gone far beyond "using your words."

In 1998 an anthropologist by the name of Robin Dunbar devised a theory that humans can only keep a certain number of close relationships, based on conversations and time spent together. If this is true, it seems today's options of communication allow people to hold on, even in a situation that may have forced them to let go. As college students, we completely embody the technological-relation dynamic. This new immediacy and abundance of information surrounding our peers has resulted in a new societal standard (for

better or worse).

My hometown friend, Jane, examines the good side of the argument. While she originally doubted her own wandering

ideal, most people can agree that the case is rare; after Bebe ended things with her ex-boyfriend, she began the natural process of casual hookups. In time, a small



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Communication: the transition from face-to-face to face-to-screen.

curiosity and ability to withstand a long distance commitment with her boyfriend; eventually her pessimism took a turn. With continuous phone conversations, instant-messaging and habitual "text-sex," Jane began to realize that being alone wasn't necessarily lonely. As they passed their time in conversation and anticipation, eventually Jane's roommate came upon the true secret of their bliss, when she walked in on one of their x-rated iChat sessions. Even with this slight embarrassment, Jane still swears by this new found invention.

While Jane's situation seems

attraction fueled by flirty conversations and passionate drunken make-outs began to develop with Ken. However, confusion struck when their usual sober friendliness turned to a cold encounter. Bebe wracked her brain for a reason behind this sudden change and eventually the secret was revealed. Apparently, her ex-boyfriend Cheeks had done a little Facebook stalking of his own; he not only guessed the situation but also Bebe's password, and composed a message from her account, which expressed her alleged "undying love" for

Cheeks and ended all ties with Ken. Bebe struggled for an explanation for the hasty assumption and embarrassing psychotic message.

My friend Marely's situation was nothing more than a hard slap from reality. Having maintained a long term relationship for over a year, she had been appreciative of her constant source of availability of interaction. However she began to become a little skeptical when a pattern of pictures began to develop with her boyfriend, Richard and another girl, that held remarkable resemblance to herself. While Marely originally tried to fight her gut feelings, her jealous urges eventually led her to message this complete stranger asking the questions directly. To her horror, Marely's suspicions were confirmed. Needless to say, he ended up with neither of his fantasy duo.

A *New York Times* article I recently read ("Brave New World of Digital Intimacy") said social scientists have defined this new sensation as "ambient awareness." This basically means that a person's moods and thoughts can be determined through the small actions they perform on social networks. I started thinking about the effect of this distant, yet constant connection.

With my own situations, I have seen the changes that can bring a trusting relationship to jaded jealousy. Even though it was my decision to split with Holmes, I was fixated on our online interactions. I could drive myself crazy analyzing away messages, pictures and exchanged bumper stickers. While we had always handled our split with a mutual respect, I soon found myself falling into the distrusting temptation of going on his Facebook with his password that I had always known. After weeks of obtaining information in this invasive manner, I finally came clean. But to my surprise, I had not been the only one sneaking around. I was shocked by of how far our standards had dropped, and was scared of my own jealousy. In our situation of a concrete break up, could ignorance really be bliss?

I started thinking about this incessant communication and the effects that it has had on our generation's definition of relationships. If we are constantly holding on, are these forms of communication a mode of unification, or a device of self destruction? Does keeping this close cyber-eye catch cheaters, or create them? I wonder, how it would be if we rid ourselves of all devices, and remembered how to "use our words."

# Fitz leads team over Lafayette

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
Assistant Sports Editor

Corielle Yarde dribbled down the right sideline, avoiding the lone defender while still eyeing teammate Lynzee Johnson the entire way down the floor. The two on one opportunity resulted in a bucket as the Yarde pass was grabbed by Johnson who laid it in to give Marist an 18 point lead with 10:56 remaining in the game. The eighteen-point lead was the largest that Marist held in their 66-55 victory over the Lafayette Leopards.

"It's not one of our best performances, but I give Lafayette a lot of credit. It's a different style than we are used to. I think our performance probably was indicative of eight out of nine days on the road, and they haven't had a day off in a while," head coach Brian Giorgis said.

"We're a better basketball team than what we showed, but we're also young and we're kids; that's going to happen."

On a night where the Red Foxes were not shooting particularly well from three-point range, an area where they usually bury their opponents, they turned to their inside game for most of their offensive production.

Junior Forward Rachele Fitz delivered for the Red Foxes. She shot a remarkable 15 for 20 from the field and finished with 34 points. On a night where her teammates finished just 9 for 35 from the floor, a 25.7 shooting percentage, Fitz's inside presence was certainly needed.

"I know my team looks to me if we're down or whatever," Fitz said. "Coach always tells me and 'Jules' also, and certain other people, 'You have to want the ball.' When times get down like that or we need points, I do want the ball."

I do want to help the team score."

Although Fitz's performance was outstanding, Giorgis was quick to warn that an overall team effort will be needed once conference play begins.

"It would be nice if Rachele got 34 every night, but we can't rely on that and expect to win games consistently. We're going to be playing teams that have seen Rachele for two years now and have seen Julianne for three years now. They are going to try and take away some of the things that we do. We have to have a better balance. Other people will have to step up because we are going to be forced to have other people step up."

After trailing 34-22 heading into the locker room at half time, the Leopards responded by going on a 5-0 run to start the second half. Cristin Zavocki's three-point play pulled Lafayette to within seven points of Marist, 34-27. The Red Foxes then responded with an 11-4 run that was started by a Julianne Viani three-pointer.

Lafayette made one final attempt to get back in the game with a 10-0 run that pulled them to within eight points of the Red Foxes with 5:56 remaining in the game. Following a pair of Julianne Viani free throws, Rachele Fitz scored Marist's next eight points, making the score 64-51 and putting the game out of reach for Lafayette.

"Us missing shots kind of helped them get back into it. My disappointment was that we didn't do a good job of



JAMES REILLY/ THE CIRCLE

Lynzee Johnson was the Foxes leading scorer off the bench in their win over Lafayette. She contributed six points and four rebounds. The team will begin MAAC play this Friday against Niagara and continue on Sunday against Canisius. Marist, picked to finish first in the MAAC in the pre-season poll, has a 5-1 record thus far and will want to start conference play off with two wins.

securing the ball after they missed a shot. They had ten second chance opportunities," Giorgis said.

"When they get an offensive rebound, they are going to kick it out and force you to play another 30 seconds of defense, and that wears you down. It shows on the other end of the floor."

The victory against Lafayette improves Marist's overall record to 5-1. Prior to this game, the Red Foxes went 3-1 on a four game road trip. The Red Foxes defeated Northeastern and Harvard handily in the first two games of the road trip, outscoring them by a total margin of 169-128.

The next test for Marist was not an easy one, as the Red Foxes took on the No. 4-

ranked Oklahoma Sooners. The Sooners handed Marist its first loss of the season with an 83-57 victory.

Marist was able to end the road trip on a high note by defeating the Tulsa Golden Hurricane 73-53.

The Red Foxes now travel further upstate to play Niagara and Canisius to begin MAAC (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) play.

Senior guard Julianne Viani commented on what she feels the team needs to do in order to return to peak performance.

"I think it's a matter of resting up a little bit, and just getting back into the gym and getting some shots up, and I think we'll be alright," she said. "We just have to keep our confidence up."

## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's top male and female performers of the week

David Devezin  
Junior  
Basketball



Devezin led Marist with a 19-point performance in a 63-61 victory against New Hampshire.

- Scored a career high 21 points in the Red Foxes 88-83 loss to Delaware
- Has scored in double figures in four of the team's first five games
- Averaging 14.4 points per game heading into the Red Foxes game against Memphis

Rachele Fitz  
Junior  
Basketball



Fitz notched 34 points in Marist's 66-55 victory over the Lafayette Leopards.

- Was 15 for 20 from the field, tying the school record for field goals in a single game
- Scored over 30 points for the second time this season
- Also had 13 rebounds for her second consecutive double double



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## Marist set for MAAC schedule

Wisconsin into overtime before eventually falling, 60-58. The key player to watch on Iona is 6-foot-9 senior forward Gary Springer. Springer leads Iona in scoring and rebounding, averaging 14.4 ppg and 6.4 rebounds per game. Springer currently ranks sixth in the MAAC in ppg, just one spot ahead of Marist's Devezin.

Much like Marist, Iona prides itself on team defense. Iona is second in the MAAC in scoring defense, allowing 59

ppg. Iona also holds its opponents to 39.5 percent shooting from the field.

The first five games provided Chuck Martin a chance to assess his team. Going into the Iona game, Martin likes what he sees.

"I'm proud of these guys. I'm disappointed with the losses, but I'm proud of them," Martin said. "Three weeks ago if someone told us that we would be in the Rutgers game down one with 46 seconds, you guys would laugh right?"

Most people would. If they told you we would have a chance to beat Delaware, a team that was picked to finish fifth in the Colonial right, most people would laugh, so we're getting better."

Marist was predicted to finish 10th in the MAAC pre-season poll while Iona was selected to finish seventh. Siena was a consensus choice for No. 1.

Right now for Martin, the goal is sticking to his ultimate plan that he had when he took the Marist head coaching posi-

tion. "My goal was to have an identity, which we've done," Martin said. "People know that we want to play fast, they know that we're going to guard you; that we're going to pick you up 90 feet. The second stage is trying to clean some of that stuff up and learn how to compete, which we've done."

For more information, check out the Circle's basketball blog at <http://circleball.blogspot.com>.

**Upcoming Events:**  
**Men's Basketball vs. Iona**  
**Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m.**

## Red Foxes continue to build their identity

By GREG HRINYA  
 Staff Writer

Only four teams in the country run coach Chuck Martin's dribble-drive motion offense, and five games into the 2008-09 campaign, the results have been mostly positive.

Following Marist's 63-61 win over America East opponent New Hampshire, the 2-3 Red Foxes will take their up-tempo offense into Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) competition.

Marist takes on division rival Iona on Friday, Dec. 5, at the McCann Center in the first conference game of the season. MAAC teams now have the chance to see what the dribble-drive offense is all about.

"I want to give my guys a lot of credit for running a pretty good offense," coach Martin said following the team's win against New Hampshire. "This

offense is really, really complicated and there's a reason why only four teams in the country run it. These guys have done a great job in a really short period of time of really understanding the spacing and the timing and the ball movement and the quickness of it."

David Devezin is the catalyst for Marist's offense. He's scored in double-figures in four of the team's first five games, including a career-high 21 points against Delaware. Devezin has aver-



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Sophomore forward Lawrence Williams, who scored a career high 15 points against New Hampshire, has helped to solidify the Red Fox frontcourt. Marist currently has a 2-3 record on the season.

Hampshire coach Bill Herrion taking the Marist job, Martin compared Devezin's abilities

aged 14.4 points per game (ppg) and presented plenty of match-up problems for New

leading by 17 points with 11:11 left in regulation, an called timeout and switched into a 2-3 zone defense. Herrion wanted to contain Devezin.

"We couldn't guard him, the kid Devezin, we couldn't guard him," Herrion said. "He did whatever he wanted and we had a lot of trouble with him."

Coach Martin realizes that Devezin is the perfect player to run the dribble-drive offense. Upon

to his former pupil at Memphis, Derrick Rose.

"Dave is, as you guys know, he's a talent," Martin said. "We try to put him in situations where we can best utilize his speed, his quickness, and his craftiness. Tonight was one of those situations where we isolated him on the wings, we isolated him at the top of the key with some of our sets and we felt like we would have the advantage."

Marist will get its first taste of MAAC play on Friday against Iona. Both teams currently sit at 2-3 in non-conference play. Marist and Iona only have one opponent in common thus far. Marist beat Robert Morris, 72-55, while the Iona Gaels dropped a contest to the Colonials, 70-62, in which Iona trailed for most of the game.

Despite sitting at 2-3 record, Iona took nationally ranked

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