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Mike Thompson on the XFL: "Made for TV tripe." See "On TV with Mike Thompson" pg 9.



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Matt Tullis leads Marist over Fairfield at Madison Square Garden on Sunday. See Sports page 12.

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Signs of winter can be found all over campus. Monday saw the third significant snowstorm of the winter season to wallop Poughkeepsie. This latest snowstorm blanketed Poughkeepsie with about 15 inches of snow. Here, junior Carrie Smith's car is snowed in outside of West Cedar.

## Marist professor discusses growing up a minority

by **BRENDAN MCGURK**  
News Editor

Tuesday night, February 6, Marist Professor Peter del Rosario gave a speech in the Performing Arts Rooms about the effects of oppressive forces of racism and ethnocentrism on minority groups growing up in a culture different than their own. A mixed crowd of about 65 attended the lecture, entitled "Growing up Different than those in a Dominant Culture."

Prof. Rosario, an assistant professor in the psychology department at Marist, is also a licensed psychologist, working in the area of group and family therapy.

The theme of Rosario's lecture dealt with the impact oppression has on someone's sense of self and their consequent view of the dominant culture. Rosario said that he experienced firsthand the negative result of oppression when he and his family came to America from the Philippines in the 1960s.

Rosario began the presentation by projecting three pictures of his nearly three year-old daughter onto an overhead screen. He said that he fears his child will experience the racial oppression from a dominantly white culture that he experienced.

"I would like to think that my young daughter doesn't have to go through what I went through," said Rosario. "These are people we're talking about - just like you and me."

The focus of Rosario's presentation was a model of a multicultural counseling theory that examined the way in which members of a minority group view themselves and the dominant culture in which they grow up.

In the first stage, which begins when the subject experiences the very first elements of socialization, minorities begin to internalize depreciating messages received from different facets of the dominant culture. Rosario

invited the audience's attention to an experiment conducted in the 1940's. African-American children as young as three years old were given a variety of dolls of varying ethnicities. The children almost unanimously wanted to play with the Caucasian dolls. They said they identified most with the Caucasian dolls, and labeled the doll of African-American ethnicity as "bad."

Rosario said that the second stage, usually reached when the subject attains a higher education, results in acceptance of their minority status. Depreciating societal messages that they have received are questioned and usually disregarded. At this point, the subject usually begins to identify more with their minority group.

Stage three witnesses over-compensation resulting from years of abandonment of their identity. The subject will tend to completely immerse themselves in their own group, paying little attention to, and often disregarding, the dominant culture.

According to Rosario, the subject will begin to achieve enlightenment by stage four and begin to adopt a "middle of the road" attitude, identifying with aspects of both the minority and dominant culture.

This will eventually lead to stage five, the presumed healthiest stage. In this stage, the subject will develop a selective appreciation of both cultures. Rosario said that his aim was to adopt an enlightened education approach when teaching children about diversity.

"We have to send the message to our children that different does not equal bad," said Rosario.

Junior Seth Cotton said that an approach such as this fosters a healthy understanding of diversity by children.

"Hopefully, education such as this can really help children ...See **SPEECH, 3**

## TTY telephone installed in Donnelly

*Editor's Note: The following is an e-mail from John Gildard, the Assistant Director of Human Resources, regarding the placement of a TTY telephone in the lobby of Donnelly Hall. TTY telephones are for use by the hearing-impaired and the deaf.*

The ADA Committee in conjunction with Verizon Communications has installed a public access TTY telephone in Donnelly Hall. The TTY phone is on the wall-mounted phone booth directly opposite the DaVinci Computer Lab. The phone uses both voice and TTY communications.

The Donnelly Hall location was chosen because the building is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is centrally located on the campus.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions regarding ADA issues please call the campus ADA phone line at 575-4ADA.

## Capping project benefits community, students

by **KATHERINE SLAUTA**  
Editorial Assistant

The hard work and dedication of twenty-two Marist seniors is providing a little more information and assistance to Dutchess County.

After a semester-long endeavor, 22 communications majors finished their capping project with great success. Not only did they earn a final grade, but also admirable recognition throughout the community.

The senior capping class was assigned by Professor Daniel Alan Cochese Davis to serve as a public relations firm to a non-profit organization that required more public attention. The class volunteered their time and skill to help promote the work of the Dutchess County Community Action Agency (DCCAA).

Working with the DCCAA, the class created an informative video, a web site, 10 radio public service announcements, and two newsletters. All were designed to inform the Dutchess County community about the various programs the DCCAA offers to low-income per-

sons or families.

Daniel Alan Cochese Davis, a Marist College Communications professor said the project was experimental, and was designed to collaborate the skills of students from various communication concentrations.

"It was designed to pull everything together," he said. "It provided students an opportunity to work together with people from other concentrations."

Davis, who is very active with non-profit organizations in the community, said the project was also formed because the DCCAA needed help promoting their organization.

"Anything we did was better than what they had," Davis said.

On December 11 last semester, the students presented their project in the James A. Cannavino Library. They began with the theme 'Dutchess County Community Action Agency: The Heart of the Community' and presented their ...See **CAPPING, 3**

## Jon "Maddog" Hall of VA Linux to speak tonight at Marist

*Editor's Note: The following is an e-mail to The Circle from Guy Lometti, dean of the Communications Department*

The Marist College Internet Seminar, a joint venture of the Marist College Computer Science Department, the Academic Technology Center, and the Marist College Computer Society, has invited Jon "Maddog" Hall, Executive Director of Linux International (www.li.org), to speak at Marist the evening of Thursday, Feb. 8, in the

Performing Arts Room (Student Center 346) from 6 - 9 pm. A reception with refreshments begins at 5 pm. All Linux aficionados are welcome!

Dr. Daniel Marcellus, a faculty member in the Computer Science Department at Marist, coordinates the seminar program and will introduce Hall to the assembly. Dr. Marcellus notes that Jon "Maddog" Hall is speaking this week at LinuxWorld Expo at the Javits

Center. Samuel J. Palmisano, President and Chief Operating Officer of IBM, is the kickoff keynote speaker for this exposition. If you miss Hall at the Expo, you will certainly want to take advantage of this opportunity to find out the latest news on Linux and the Open Source Movement.

Hall will speak on topics ranging from the differences between distributions to business ...See **LINUX, 3**

## MIKE'S TV PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Truman Show"  
Sun., Feb. 11, 9 PM, NBC

"Weird Al Yankovic Live!"  
Mon., Feb. 12, 8 PM, VH-1

"Barbra Streisand-Timeless"  
Wed., Feb. 14, 8 PM, FOX

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

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## Security Briefs

Compiled by Scott Neville

A visitor ventured on to campus bright and early to slip and fall in front of Donnelly Hall Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 a.m. He toughed it out and refused medical attention for his bruised pride.

A Sheahan resident played a little too hard in the snow, falling on her head and complaining of dizziness and nausea at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. A fellow Sheahan resident twisted his ankle playing rough in the snow. Doctors at St. Francis evaluated both of the fallen snow soldiers.

A DVD player valued at \$235 was reported missing from a Benoit residence Monday, Feb. 5 at 9:15 p.m. The alleged thief was smart enough to also grab seven DVD discs from the unlocked room, to watch at an unspecified time. Marist Security officers notified Town of Poughkeepsie Police officers by request of the student.

A 30-pack of Busch beer was confiscated from Gartland F block residents Monday, Feb. 5 at 8:50 p.m. The chill of the snowstorm may not have affected them too heavily, since two empty 30-packs were also seized.

A burst water pipe in Upper West Cedar's boiler room at 11:30 p.m. gushed all of X block's would-be shower water on to boiler room floor. Maintenance workers responded to fix the broken solder joint, so residents could resume their hygienic duties.

A forged license was taken away from a Leo Hall resident Saturday, Feb. 3 when the security officer noticed the resident really didn't seem five years older than he really was. Strangely, the age increase corresponded with an age old enough to legally consume alcohol.

While on another call to Upper West Cedar's X block in the early hours of Tuesday, Feb. 6, a constant barking noise alerted security officers that a dog was nearby. Their keen investigative skills tracked down the noise and found a bushy husky named Taz. The dog was allowed to stay in the house until the morning, when security guards picked him up and located his owner. One security officer said Taz was "a perfect gentleman" while riding in the patrol vehicle. Taz's owner, a Dutchess County Sheriff picked Taz up later in the afternoon.

A first-floor Champagnat resident phoned St. Francis to see if his finger needed to be treated on Sunday, Feb. 4 around mid-

night. The student asked, "If my finger turned green for an unknown reason, should I go to the hospital?" St. Francis medical staff advised him it would be a good idea, so Marist security officers he was quickly transported.

Town House C block residents notified security officers that an unidentified male entered their house through an unlocked front door three and a half hours after the incident. He supposedly was looking for another student that they had never heard of and insisted she lived there. He must have left without an altercation, since they notified security three and a half hours after the incident.

Fifth-floor Midrise parties were interrupted at 9 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. in different rooms drinking alcohol Saturday, Feb. 3. The festivities were cut short when security officers took away their party supplies, which included nine 12-oz. Bud Lights, twelve 12-oz. Coors, and a 40-oz. Olde English bottle.

A Leo Hall entry officer stopped an intoxicated resident who did not have her ID. She flashed an Ohio driver's license, but refused to show it to the officer again when his Spidey-sense went off the scale. The Resident Director arrived on the scene and wrapped up the drama, as the resident handed over the false license.

In a residence hall far, far away, a Marian Hall entry officer detected a disturbance in the Force when two former students tried to get in to the building with invalid ID cards. The cards were confiscated and the two were told to leave, but were seen again outside of Marian with a third student. The student went through the front door, as the non-students entered through a window, but they were found and escorted by a squadron of security officers to the outer rings of campus.

Security officers stayed busy this weekend in the parking lots, booting three vehicles, and towing two others. Rhinebeck Savings bank also notified security officers that unauthorized vehicles parked there would be towed.

A Gartland E block resident sliced his finger while messing around with a computer speaker on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1:18 a.m. He was transported to St. Francis for assistance - for his finger, not his computer.

Two Champagnat residents were 'feeling ill' and were taken to St. Francis on Monday, Feb. 5 at 4 and 12 p.m.

## In Your Opinion



**Bridget Boian**  
Sophomore

"Watched Billy Madison"



**Amy Ostgulen**  
Senior

"We made snow angels"



**Alexis Kalieda**  
Sophomore

"I had a snowball fight"

### What was the most important thing you did during your snow day?

## Campus Corner

SPC presents a bus trip to New York City to see "Kiss Me Kate." The bus will leave Sunday, Feb. 25 from the Midrise Parking Lot at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$25 with a valid Marist ID.

SPC Lecture Series will present Yara Svoray's "Hitler's Shadow," Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. As told on the original HBO film "The Infiltrator," Svoray will reveal his infiltration in to a contemporary nazi group as a son of a holocaust survivor.

"Stop in the Name of Love," the Pulitzer Prize winning drama will be performed in the Nelly Goletti Theater Feb. 8, 9, 10 at 8 p.m. and 11 at 2 p.m.

"How I Learned to Drive" a play directed by Sara Zizzi and Steven Kelly will dazzle the Nelly

Goletti audience Feb 8, 9, 10 at 8 p.m. and 11 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty/staff/seniors, and \$7 general admission.

SPC presents the Second City in the Nelly Goletti Theater on Friday, Feb. 16 at 9 p.m. Admission is a \$5 general admission, \$2 donation to benefit the Taylor Avenue Fire Victims.

Belleayre Mountain awaits eager ski slope enthusiasts. SPC will present a bus trip to the mountain Saturday, Feb. 17. Contact College Activities at 3279 for more information.

Catch a bus to the Galleria Mall to pick up those Valentine's Day gifts. Buses will run hourly from the Midrise Parking Lot from 6 p.m. through midnight.

The Vassar Repertory Dance Theater's 19th Annual 1869 Bardavon Opera House Gala will be held Saturday, March 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. \$6.50 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and students. Contact 473-2072 for more information.

Catch Marist's voice professor Joanne Fenton starring in The Gilbert & Sullivan Musical Theater Company's production of "The Medium." The dark play revolves around a woman that gets pleasure watching other people's misfortunes, until the tables are turned with horrifying consequences. Showing will be at the Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck February 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and February 11 and 18 at 3 p.m. Phone 845-876-3080 for more information and tickets.



Mike Thompson, Matt Daigle, Scott Neville, Mike Ferraro, Jimbo Maritato, Chris Knudtsen, Ed Williams III, Brendan McGurk, and Ben Brenkert (from left to right) await a Valentine's Day Dinner.

Win a free dinner with a member of the Circle's Editorial staff. Raffle tickets are \$5 for your choice of a dinner companion and ALL proceeds go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dutchess County. The raffle will take place at 10 p.m. on Sunday night in the 2nd floor lounge of Midrise.

WORLD  
VIEWS

by ED WILLIAMS III and  
KATHERINESLAUTA  
Editorial Assistants

Israeli elections ushers in  
new Prime Minister

Jerusalem - The Israeli elections for prime minister ended Tuesday with Ariel Sharon defeating outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Barak in a landslide victory. While voters appear to support Sharon over Barak, the result has created uncertainty in the Middle East peace process as Sharon is detested by many Arabs.

Cruise and Kidman call it  
quits

Los Angeles - One of the longest lasting Hollywood marriages has come to an abrupt halt. Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman are calling it quits after 11 years. The couple reported that they're separating because their work does not allow them to be together. Cruise and Kidman have two adopted children, Connor and Isabella.

Just plain William...

London - Prince William Arthur Philip Louis of Wales announced Tuesday that he wants to be known as only William. According to a spokesman, he decided he did not want to adopt the HRH (His Royal Highness) title at age 18.

Yugoslav's death believed  
suicide

Belgrade - Yugoslavia's last interior minister under the rule of Slobodan Milosevic was found dead in his car in the town of Knjazevac. While there are no confirmations about the cause of death, there are speculations that it was suicide.

Capping  
students  
benefit local  
organiza-  
tion

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work.

The informative video discussed programs available in Beacon, Red Hook, and Poughkeepsie. The web site, available in both English and Spanish, provided information detailing the DCCAA and linked to and from the national organization's site. The newsletters, also available in both English and Spanish, spread information to both the public and each DCCAA division. And, the 10 radio public service announcements were also created to educate the public about the DCCAA.

Both the DCCAA and the community were extremely impressed and thankful for the work of these undergraduate students. The average price of such a project would normally cost between \$250,000 to \$1,000,000. However, because of the efforts of these students, the DCCAA only paid \$380 for the service.

The results of this project went beyond a final grade in a capping course. The students were asked to present their project once again in January to the DCCAA's board of directors. The project has sparked the interest of other non-profit organizations such as the United Way and Big Brother/Big Sister. Also, the project has allowed some area seniors to obtain employment, one being the Director of Communications at the DCCAA.

Kyle Wood, a senior Communications major that is involved in Davis' capping course this semester said he saw the work of the previous class and was impressed.

"It was a very thorough job," he said. "It looked like they researched it well."

Davis said he looks forward to working with a new group of students this semester that will be working with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization as well as the Department of Social Services. However, the work of this first semester class paved the way for such anticipation.

"It was a very positive experience," Davis said.

Professor's speech  
condemns racism

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"Diversity and tolerance are really things that America's children need to learn in today's world."

This was the first in a series of student/faculty lectures sponsored by the Office of College Activities. The next lecture in the series is slated for Tues., Feb. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room.

Student Government Association Spotlight

Kristine Dunn  
Executive Vice President

Hometown: Essex, New Jersey  
Campus Housing: New Townhouses  
Age: 22  
Major: Political Science  
Minor: History and American Studies  
Year at Marist: Senior



One of the hardest workers of the Student Government Association, Kristine Dunn, Executive Vice President, has a hand in everything accomplished by the SGA. Kristine serves as the office manager and oversees everything that goes on in the office and coordinates all the activities.

She is in charge of the SGAs, monitoring their work and keeping them task oriented. She works closely with the President of the Student Body on a daily basis and fills in for him in his absence.

Some of Kristine's upcoming events that she has been working hard on include Unity Day and a lecture series violence. The lecture series will include speakers on the subject of violence on campus. One of Kristine's biggest projects for the year is the Transition Dinner in which club presidents and SGA leaders are recognized for their achievements during the year.

When asked about the new semester, Kristine said, "I hope students come out and support class events and are looking forward to lots of fun upcoming activities in the spring."

Anyone interested in joining Student Government should stop by the SGA office in the Student Center.

-Michelle Slesinski, Assistant Director of Public Relations

Linux exec to  
visit campus

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models for Open Source software. Maddog (as he likes to be called) will start with a brief history of Linux and description of the architecture, followed by analysis of Linux in various technical and business markets. Maddog will also talk about applications of Linux that he has found around the world.

Questions to be answered are:  
-- Who started Linux and why?

-- Why is Linux different than Microsoft Windows?

-- How can I make money with "free" software?

-- What does the GPL really mean?

-- Would you accept software written by amateurs?

There will be statements like:  
-- It can not be secure if everyone can see the source.

Jon has been in the computer industry for over a quarter century, and 17 years of that has been with UNIX. He has been a software engineer, systems administrator, product manager, marketing manager, and professional educator. Before accepting a job at VA Linux Systems working full time for Linux International, Jon was employed by Compaq Computer Corporation in the Digital UNIX Marketing group and Bell Laboratories.

Before that, he was Department Head of Computer Science at Hartford State Technical College, where his students lovingly gave him the nickname Maddog. Maddog has an MS in Computer Science from RPI (1977) and a BS in Commerce and Engineering from Drexel University (1973).



SCOTT NEVILLE/The Circle

Signs of winter on campus include this frosty fellow watching students pass outside of Lowell Thomas.

Meningitis alert on campus

Editor's Note: This is a message reprinted from a campuswide email dated Feb. 2 from Vice President Gerard Cox.

The college has been notified that Amy Funk, a student who resides in townhouse L-3, has been diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis. The student was diagnosed while at home and is currently hospitalized in her hometown. Her doctors say that her condition is improving.

Meningococcal meningitis—an inflammation of the membranes of the brain and spinal cord—and its accompanying bloodstream infections are rare but potentially dangerous. The risk for contracting the disease is low.

Some common early symptoms of meningococcal meningitis include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, rash and lethargy. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact Health Services (ext. 2270) or his/her physician at home.

Meningococcal meningitis is spread by direct, intimate contact with infected individuals (for example sharing a glass or cigarette, kissing, sharing utensils, or participating in drinking games where people drink from common containers). Fortunately it is not as infectious as a cold or flu and is not spread by casual contact.

People in the same household or anyone with direct contact with a patient's oral secretions would be considered at increased risk of acquiring the infection and should contact Health Services. People who qualify as close contacts of a person with meningitis should receive antibiotics to prevent them from getting the disease. Health Services has received a sufficient amount of the medication (an antibiotic) to provide treatment for all students who may have been exposed. If you need treatment or have any questions, please call the Health Services Office at ext. 2270.

## Vandalism strikes Midrise again: Housing left in the dark

*Resident directors, resident assistants ponder stronger measures to prevent future destructive attacks*

by JASON SHAW  
Staff Writer

If you have been paying attention to the Security Briefs since September, you have probably noticed that, in between the alcohol busts and rowdy off-campus visitors, a good amount of ink has been devoted to the acts of vandalism in Mid-Rise Hall. Or maybe, while strolling through Mid-Rise as a visitor or resident, you have had to step over broken shards of plastic light fixtures littering the hallways and stairwells. Or maybe you have been inconvenienced by the toll these acts have been taking on the efficiency of the maintenance staff of our school. Either way, the acts of a few unruly residents have had a major effect on our campus.

"Well, this isn't the first time this has happened. This type of vandalism has been a part of Mid-Rise for years," said Mid-Rise's Resident Director Angel Mariaga, who is working with security to end this senseless and destructive tradition. It seems that breaking lights has

been a favorite pastime for almost every class to pass through the nearly 7-year-old residence hall. No one can really say what it is about these lights that warrant a good smashing.

Most of these acts of destruction occur on Thursday and weekend evenings, leaving many to believe that this is a result of the dangerous combination of boredom and drunkenness. They also occur late at night, when few people are wandering the halls to witness anything. These acts are not localized to any particular area, and there has been no floor or stairway left unscathed.

In addition to breaking lights, signs all over the building are being ripped down, as well as student message boards. And the rhyme or reason to all this is? As mentioned before, boredom and drunkenness are highly probable candidates. Attention-seeking is also a likely motive, or maybe some ego-trip is involved in getting away with wrecking school property. It could also be a good old-fashioned rebellion against authority.

Whatever the motive, the culprits are costing the residents of the Mid-Rise complex money, as they will be forced to pay for the damages and may also have sanctions put against them that will jeopardize their privilege to have visitors. And if you think that replacing a few light fixtures would be cheap, think again—over thirty fixtures have been broken so far.

So the question arises: what is being done to prevent any future vandalism or even catch the vandals?

"We're keeping residents informed through floor meetings, building meetings, voice mails," Angel said. "That's about all we can do." Authorities are hoping that somebody will eventually see something, or that someone will rat the vandals out. The feeling is that if this continues, the vandals are bound to make a mistake at some point. They are still unsure as to whether it is Mid-Rise residents that are causing this damage, or if frequent visitors are responsible. It is also unclear whether one group of vandals is behind everything, or if there are some

copycat vandals at work as well. Security is not alone in their fight, as Mid-Rise residents refuse to take this lying down. Some residents have taken it upon themselves to address the vandals through flyers that they placed the building. Through these flyers, they are trying to remind those responsible that Mid-Rise is a home to many, and that continuing their acts will result in stricter rules, "as if this school isn't strict enough already." The RSC of Mid-Rise is getting in the act and urging residents to do their part in preventing vandalism.

"We're talking to students, trying to find out why this is happening," said RSC President Betsy Damon. "We're hoping that maybe the residents will open up to fellow students so that we can determine why they're destroying their own building." And how exactly do the residents of Mid-Rise feel about this situation?

"I think it's stupid," said one Mid-Rise resident, who will remain anonymous for the safety of his or her lights and message board. "I think that whoever's

doing this is immature. And just because we're paying to live here doesn't make [the building] ours."

And don't think that because you do not live in Mid-Rise, this outbreak of vandalism does not affect you. If you have needed a light fixed this year, you can understand. Because of the constant repairs of vandalized lights in Mid-Rise, maintenance is running short on lights for residents all over campus. Some have waited over a month to see some light. You may also be surprised to find out of some new rules or regulations that will be set for residences all over campus because of these incidents.

In short: we live in a community—and anything that will affect Mid-Rise will in some roundabout way affect everyone living on campus.

So, if you've been involved with any of this destruction of property, it may be in your best interest to take up another hobby. And if you're not, do your part in making sure that your homes are not desecrated any further.

## Surgeon General declares child mental illness crisis rise

*Urges awareness and treatment of potentially devastating mental diseases*

by JESSICA REVOIR  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Surgeon General, David Satcher, stated in a breaking news article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Wednesday, January 3, "The burden of suffering experienced by children with mental health needs and their families has created a health crisis in this coun-

try."

The article was basically a follow-up to his 1999 mental health report, in which goals and strategies for helping children and teens cope with various mental illnesses were explained to the public.

Apparently, there has not been much improvement over the past two years, because Satcher still constitutes this issue as a

national health "crisis."

The article stated that the specified types of mental illnesses afflicting kids and adolescents today would include: depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADD), autism, various anxiety disorders, and other "conduct" disorders resulting in lying, stealing, the damaging of property, and acts of cruelty to other hu-

mans or animals. The problem worsens when children exhibiting these types of behaviors are not given the special help they need to overcome their troubles.

In many of these cases, the parents of children with mental illnesses are helpless or incapable of aiding their own kids because these children need professional assistance. However, many sufferers of mental

illnesses are not receiving the care they need, resulting in this national "crisis."

Some of the reasons for these children and teens not receiving the care they need are because the care facilities they attend are not living up to their standards of meeting the behavioral, developmental, and emotional desires of their patients;

See ILLNESS, 6

## Raising spirits is campus priest's specialty: *An interview with Fr. La Morte*

by JACLYN JACOBSEN  
Features Editor

Sitting in his office in the Byrne Building behind Champagnat, Father La Morte is the epitome of the satisfied priest who enjoys his work and relishes its rewards. Wearing the traditional attire of a Catholic priest (black pants and shirt, with the distinctive white collar), he exudes none of the formality usually associated with those garments.

Placid in composure and soft in speech, Fr. La Morte is the picture of a man who is only too happy to be where he is. Says he, "These past thirty-four years have been very fulfilling and very enjoyable. I've probably changed as much as I've affected change in others."

With a slight trace of a New York accent, Fr. La Morte mapped out his life path that returned him to Marist. Born and raised in the Bronx, Fr. Richard Lamorte attended Cathedral College in Manhattan, and then continued his theology

studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, located in Yonkers. After being ordained in 1966, he was placed at Our Lady of Carmel in Poughkeepsie, where he served the community for seven years.

He was then assigned in 1972 to the Holy Cross campus in Rhinecliff, where he helped troubled teens plagued with alcohol and drug addictions. He first arrived at Marist College in 1976, as the Catholic chaplain of the school (there was more than one chaplain at the time).

Leaving in 1985 to become pastor of the Church of Immaculate Conception in nearby Amenia, La Morte enjoyed this position until 1988, when he was asked to return to local Mt. Carmel to pastor as well. In July of 2000, Marist asked La Morte to return as chaplain, which he accepted.

With his vast experiences in the public sector, working with families, communities, troubled teens, and college students, Fr. La Morte has seen it all. Yet there are two specific reasons

why he enjoys working with the college community, and the Marist community in particular, so much.

"First, I like the opportunity to actualize my ministry," states La Morte. Working with people and helping them in their spiritual search is what a priest is trained to do," he said.

"And secondly, I am very impressed by the religious attitudes of many students and their level of community service." Living on the campus itself is another perk, according to La Morte, and becoming a part of the community of students, faculty, and staff only enriches the experience for him.

Also, he adds, his presence itself is a "statement of how important the college community views the spiritual support of its faculty and students."

La Morte compared the college experience to being "not unlike a small town," he said, "especially where people's needs are concerned."

La Morte first considered en-

tering the clergy while in high school, where he was taught by Marist brothers.

"They impressed me," he said, "because they taught me that males can be both spiritual and normal."

His interest in religious service was heightened by a local parish priest. "He was happy and he loved what he did," said La Morte.

"He was very approachable and I could talk to him about anything." In the end, La Morte opted for the priesthood, because it allowed to him to be "connected with a family life."

In this day and age, where the end of religion is being proclaimed from every media outlet, Fr. La Morte is nevertheless not surprised by the spiritual vivacity found on the college campus.

"Most people need to touch a part of themselves, so it's not unusual to be spiritual in today's world," he explained.

"The 'foxhole mentality' that people associate with religion

doesn't appeal to people. God is not that narrow."

As for those apprehensive about religion in general, Father La Morte offers his own take on spirituality. "Any movement we make towards our own fulfillment is worthwhile and what God had in mind when he gave mankind free will and desire," he states.

"Different people find spirituality in different ways," he continues. "The worst thing anyone can do is to judge someone's spiritual frame of reference."

Father La Morte has interests expanding beyond religion, however. He enjoys reading and the occasional walk, and loves to cook.

He also loves musical theatre, and attends whenever he can. But, perhaps most of all, he enjoys being at Marist College, working with students and faculty, and providing spiritual support for those who are searching for it.

## IN FOCUS THIS WEEK: Smoking in Dorms: Privilege or Right?

The Features Editor is re-introducing a new section entitled "In Focus This Week." The goal of this section is to provide a forum in which real student concerns can be more directly addressed and discussed.

by ANN METZ  
Staff Writer

Upon going off to college, most young adults move out from under the parental roof of protection and into an environment that affords them more freedom than they have yet encountered. It is understandable that many of them feel threatened by limitations imposed on that newfound sense of freedom. However, in order to maintain a healthy, productive society, limitations must be imposed, even on those areas that we consider matters of personal choice.

After all, what would happen if we all did destructive things just because we enjoy them or they make us "feel good?" I do not refer to my reading audience as young adults to be formal; I chose those words precisely because every student at Marist College is just that - an adult.

As adults, we (I don't exclude myself) all have the responsibility to not only take our own concerns into consideration, but we must also look at things from the point of view of those around us and give some thought to the environment. If one is to abide by this standard, then smoking cigarettes is no exception. Within the confines of a school dormitory, smoking cigarettes is not a guaranteed right. It is a privilege.

Last fall, a student, who will remain anonymous, informed me that his roommates disrespected his right to breathe clean, unpolluted air. They smoked cigarette after cigarette in his presence with the windows closed

### Illness...From 5

the parents of these children do not realize their child has a mental condition; or very often since children are perceived as "little," their problems are considered "little" and are frequently deemed unimportant, these problems are many times ignored altogether.

In fact, less than one in five children with a mental condition actually receives the full treatment they need. This is a pretty serious statistic, because, according to the National Institute of Mental Health, one out of every ten children has some type of mental illness which can cause impairment if not treated.

Six million kids, ages six to twelve, have been currently diagnosed as clinically depressed in the United States. Keeping all these numbers in mind, it is crucial to say that these children really need the right help.

Where will this help come from? As indicated by the Surgeon General's report, there are eight specific goals to get the country involved in helping kids with mental illnesses.

and the door shut. The small space was soon filled with clouds of choking cigarette smoke, and the student said he began coughing uncontrollably.

He could have removed himself from the situation, you say. True, but why does the non-smoking student need to give up his right to be in the room so that his roommates could continue to indulge in a pleasure that was obviously harmful to him? And cigarette smoking is undeniably harmful. It has been inextricably linked to lung cancer, emphysema, heart disease and a myriad of other devastating illnesses.

In addition, this student was in bed, trying to get some sleep. Would you want to move out of your bed in the middle of the night simply because your roommates wanted to light up? Why couldn't these students that craved a late-night smoke simply walk outside?

Of course, the argument will always be raised that the dorm rooms are the property of the student. We pay Marist College an estimated \$20,000 a year for living here and attending class. That makes it ours, right? If a student wants to smoke in his or her room, then the administration should not be able to place restrictions on the students. Not exactly true.

It is a privilege to be able to stay in student housing. Remember those priority points that everyone is trying to acquire by earning a high GPA and being actively involved on campus? Furthermore, the Student Handbook clearly states that

housing is not guaranteed for juniors and seniors. Therefore, it is not an absolute right to stay on the Marist College campus.

So what if you and your roommate both smoke? As long as you keep your door closed, who cares? Again, there is adult responsibility involved. It is everyone's job to consider all those individuals who share the building and floor with you. While enjoying cigarettes, students are notorious for leaning out the window and tapping their ashes outside. Consider the potential fire safety issues involved, as well as the fact that your neighbors have to contend with dirty ash blowing through their windows and settling everywhere. Do you enjoy cleaning other people's messes? I know I don't.

Finally, most people are no longer allowed to smoke in public places, including restaurants, business offices, schools, government buildings, and movie theaters. Here at Marist College, faculty members do not smoke in their offices or within the academic buildings. They enjoy their cigarettes outside the building.

Even students must smoke outside. Student dormitories are public places and therefore cannot be viewed differently from other areas of residence, including a private home, particularly considering that we share our "homes" with a wide pool of individuals. Therefore, I suggest that students who wish to smoke do so outside the dormitories, or in an area separated from the building.

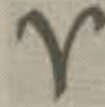
lescents.

With that said, mental illness can be a serious condition that often requires professional help or counseling. If you or anyone you know, has a mental disorder or illness, get treatment now - don't wait.

Among them are: reducing the stigma associated with mental illness; increasing public awareness, educating families, teachers, and clinicians; bettering mental health treatment centers; and improving the recognition and evaluation of mental health needs within children and ado-

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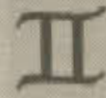
ARIES

You will solve a puzzle you've been struggling with. Unfortunately, one problem clears up, and another takes its place. Be the wise adviser; that's a lot more fun.



TAURUS

Not only are you smart, your intuition's on target, too. Avoid becoming emotionally involved, and you'll make better decisions.



GEMINI

Changes in your workload favor you. Offer to do something someone else thinks is too difficult. You can figure it out, even if you have to go back to school.



CANCER

You ought to be well-reimbursed, but that may not happen. Don't give up if the money hasn't met your expectations. When people know exactly what you want, they're happy to provide it.



LEO

Listen. Your conscience might be trying to tell you something. If you've felt someone nagging you, but no one else is around, maybe the voice is within you.



VIRGO

A meeting with friends should go well this morning. The whole group needs to reach a consensus. You can help. Do the math so you know how much it's costing.



LIBRA

If you want more money, ask early. It's easiest to get a job when you don't really need one. And, it's easier to get a raise if you're already entertaining a better offer.



SCORPIO

A friend from far away would like to tell you how to run your life. You'd be wise to listen. A friend from close by is doing the same. Use your own good judgment.



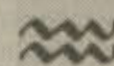
SAGITTARIUS

You're mastering the game you're playing now. Don't get cocky. You may discover you don't know nothin', yet. Consider it a reward for getting this far.



CAPRICORN

You can make more money without doing more work. It's good, you don't want to do any more work. You've filled up every waking moment with it, and you dream about it at night. Go back to a simpler way.



AQUARIUS

You may be bothered by a strange feeling. Pay attention in case it helps bring more money into your pocket. Maybe you can provide a new service to a powerful person.



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## The birth of a metal band: Ready to battle

by CHRIS YOUNG  
A&E Editor

Ever since I was a kid I wanted to be in a band. There are pictures of me at age 4 rocking on a toy guitar. There are pictures of me at age 4 rolling on a toy guitar. No, wait. The bottom line is that I had a toy guitar at age 4. My first real inspiration was Dave Mustaine. Granted I was only 10 at the time, he was cool and he could play some serious guitar. As I got older, I still wanted to be in a band. Now fast-forward 10 years in my life.

It is summer of 2000. I'm working at a supermarket making bagels and trying to save enough money to help pay for college. It sounds logical, but I ended up buying a new guitar because it was time for a change. I bought a 7-string because I had a few friends that had them and when they tuned them down hella low it sounded sick. So I ordered it and waited for it to come. In between this time I went to a few shows. One of them was in Saratoga Springs and it proved to be memorable, but not because of the bands that played.

At the show I was introduced to some kids that lived in Greene County, my area of New York. They actually lived 10 minutes from my house. We exchanged numbers and I thought that I'd never hear from them again. Wrong. A few days later I get a call from Ian, the drummer, and

he invites me over to play. So I went to this kid's house with the skeptical attitude that he was just a beginner and that I'd be home in an hour. Wrong again.

This kid is a sick drummer. He is 17 and if he keeps up with this, he could be the next Flo Mounier. He could grind and he could use the double bass. I was in awe. Along with him was his cousin, Gabe. This guy was good too. Finally, we have someone singing for us: this kid named Dan. I thought to myself, "this could be it." Over the summer, we jammed frequently and managed to write two songs in August. I came back to school and we were left on hold.

When I came back for mid-semester break we cranked out another song in just 2 hours. This song would go on later to be named "Prolongment." I think it is my favorite song we do. So when winter break comes we continue to practice another song. This one has a very mellow intro; music critic Pat Barrett notes that it is deceiving for the type of music we play.

To clarify things, my band has been jamming since August and we have four songs now. We then took the next logical step. We wanted to get a gig so we entered the Battle of the Bands. This upcoming event is going to be the first time we will be performing for a crowd greater

than two. I am writing this article upon returning from a practice session. I went home so we could sound good for this. It is very important. We are all very eager to play this show.

This weekend I am going home again to practice and it will be crunch time. First we want to get a name for ourselves. This should have been done first but it never came about. We talked about it at the last practice and couldn't agree on anything. We just started getting titles for songs. I never really noticed this until now but our songs are very original. All of us have the same death metal, hardcore, and metal influences, but we don't sound a lick like *Skinless*, or a hint of *Cryptopsy*, or a smidgen of *Dying Fetus*. It is awesome. This is really a dream that I am living out.

If anyone else reading this wants to be in a band, I'd say go for it. Learning to construct music has become an important facet of my life that I know I will want to continue forever. The battle of the bands is next week in the Cabaret. Go check it out. There will be a nice variety of music there and you should go support the people who play. A lot of sacrifice and effort goes into a band and showing some gratitude is the best way to show them that it is all worthwhile.

## Snatch up some friends and head for the movies

by ADAM KOWALSKI  
Staff Writer

*Snatch* is not a movie featured on a sleazy theater a few blocks west of Times Square, well not this time anyway. It is the new film from Guy Ritchie, the acclaimed director of *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*. And just like that movie this is another gangster flick. The film interweaves several related story lines all sooner or later revolving around an 84-karat diamond the size of a fist. The movie opens up with the theft of the diamond by four men disguised as rabbis. After the robbery the diamond is placed in the care of Frankie Four Fingers, played by soon to be Oscar winner Benicio Del Toro (*Traffic*, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*), only for him to be betrayed by one of his fellow thieves, the Russian. This opening scene is the perfect example of Ritchie's directing. His style includes fast-paced cuts, creative camera angles, and loaded firearms.

Once in England, Frankie is supposed to go to Doug the Head (Mike Reid) an English diamond appraiser who is the cousin of Avi (Dennis Farina) a New York-based dealer. But after leaving Doug the Head's store Frankie finds himself set

up to be robbed by the Russian's friend Boris the Blade (Rade Sherbedgia) who hires out the owners of a pawn shop, Vinny and Sol (played by Robbie Gee and Lennie James, respectively). Vinny and Sol also own a very cute dog that they acquired from the Gypsies.

Sadly for Vinnie and Sol, they have to steal the diamond while knocking off a bookie working for Brick Top (Alan Ford) an illegal boxing promoter/gangster/pig farmer who has an ingenious way of disposing of dead bodies. Frankie is betting on an upcoming illegal boxing match featuring Gorgeous George, a fighter managed by Turkish (Jason Statham), also the film's narrator, and his partner/lackey Tommy (Stephen Graham). The fight is run by Brick Top, who is not very pleased when Turkish informs him that George has been hospitalized by a trailer-loving gypsy named Mickey (Brad Pitt). The rumors that you cannot understand a word Pitt says are not completely true... I could make out every fourth or fifth word. So, of course, the undersized but incredibly tough Mickey is put in the place of Gorgeous George on the condition that he goes down in the fourth. I doubt that makes much sense now but, believe me,

Ritchie pulls it off in a big way.

The story is fast-paced and never lets up for the entire film. Guy Ritchie's brilliance shines through in the heavy action sequences such as the three boxing matches in the film. He combines fast paced cutting with close up action shots that seem to emphasize every jab and hook. Although the plot could have come across as very confusing, it all fits together very well without having to make any huge leaps.

The cast is full of character actors, and although you may only recognize the big names, you will recognize the faces. The actors play their roles perfectly. They completely convince you that they are the characters. One of the most remarkable things is that although the movie has some big names that put in brilliant performances, such as Brad Pitt & Benicio Del Toro, they do not overshadow the rest of the cast. This is a testament to the brilliant writing and directing of Ritchie.

Some people have been complaining that this movie is too much like Ritchie's last film *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*. Yes they are both gang-

See SNATCH, 9

## JIMBO'S ~~Knudsen's~~ Korner Drinking in a winter wonderland



by JIMBO MARITATO  
A&E Editor

Mother Nature gave the students of Marist College an unexpected extension to their weekends on Monday. Some students slept, others caught up on backlogged work. I, on the other hand, got drunk.

I was joined by a merry band of fellow boozers in my charges. With their help, one handle of whiskey was mercilessly destroyed, as were a good number of assorted cheap beers. Fear not, Marist administrators. Said drinking took place at an off-campus residence to remain undisclosed. Drinking was performed in moderation, and all participants arrived home safe and sound.

Upon thinking about it, I think every snow day should be a day of drinking. What better time to drink? I believe that if one was able to converse with Mother Nature, they should ask her, "Hey Ma, what do you think of college students getting drunk as skunks when it snows?" She would indubitably respond by tossing a six pack in the questioner's direction and say, "Why do you think I made El Nino?"

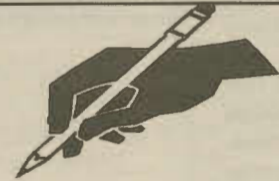
Consider the evidence. How is beer best served? Cold. Typically, the ambient temperature during a snowstorm is right around thirty-two degrees. Oddly enough, this is right around the same temperature at which beer should be served. When else can one keep a keg

outside and not have to worry about the beer getting warm? Need ice for your rum and Coke? Go get an icicle and stir your drink with it. Let's even suppose you wanted to keep your alcohol in the house but had little room in the refrigerator. Get a bucket and some snow. I guarantee your beer stays cold.

There are other implications here, however, other than the simple factors of temperature. Roadways are typically treacherous during heavy snowstorms, and thus few people drive. Drunken individuals should also not drive. It becomes less of a temptation to drive while under the influence when you can't even see the road. Perhaps this desire not to drive in snowstorms is instinctual. Nonetheless, it aids in keeping people off the roads while drinking during snowstorms. Cars also become buried under snow quickly as they do not retain heat the same way that the earth does. As a result of this, precipitation accumulates faster on automobiles than it does on roadways. This means that one needs to clean off their car, and any person can tell you that the last thing they are considering while drinking is cleaning anything.

When presented with a dull moment, I took it upon myself to fill that moment, and my glass. I prefer to see this experience not as a sign of disease, but as a sign of life. You only live once, and if my evidence for Mother Nature's approval of drinking in the snow holds true, than my actions can only be described as "all-natural." I'm out.

Jimbo Maritato can only say one thing about the picture above: MADNESS! Although he is all-natural, he is not a hippie like Scott Neville.



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## On TV with Mike Thompson

### XFL is made-for-TV tripe

by MIKE THOMPSON  
Copy Editor

As a longtime fan of Major League Baseball, I freely admit that the sport has catered to the desires of television executives over the years. For example, day games used to flourish in baseball; now, the majority of games are played at night, as that's when more people would be able to watch them on TV. Yet through it all, baseball has retained its roots. You can still go to a game and probably have a better time than you ever would watching it on TV. However, on February 3, a new football league, the XFL, debuted that doesn't just lend itself to television. This new league wouldn't even exist if it weren't for TV, and it shows. No sport has ever been more made-for-television than the XFL. Unfortunately, as it stands right now, the XFL doesn't make for very good television.

The XFL was founded by Vince McMahon, who, as chairman of the World Wrestling Federation, knows all about playing down to the average Joe Six-Pack. The games are played on Saturdays, broadcast on NBC (which, along with McMahon, serves as the co-owners of the XFL), and on Sundays, broadcast on UPN. I didn't watch the NBC game, but I caught the game on Sunday, February 4, between the Los Angeles Xtreme and the San Francisco Demons, and I didn't really like what I saw.

The announcers of the game, Brian Bosworth and Chris Marlowe, seem underqualified to be calling nationally broadcast football games. They didn't seem very knowledgeable and tried to cover this up by making a bunch of "edgy" comments. For example, after a certain play, Bosworth said, "That hole closed faster than Monica Lewinsky's mouth on a Bill Clinton cigar."

While Bosworth was just annoying, Marlowe came off as a bona fide shmuck. Midway through the second quarter, the Demons were on top of the Xtreme by a score of 6-0. Keep in mind that, in football, a six-point lead is all of one touchdown, and that the game was only in the second quarter. Still, Marlowe felt it necessary to declare that "L.A. is getting their butts kicked." Sure enough, by the end of the quarter, L.A. was on top of San Francisco, 7-6. Yeah, a real sound butt-kicking there, Chris. And at halftime, Marlowe whined to Bosworth, "We didn't get any offense. This stunk." Way to be knowledgeable about the game, Chris. I mean football is all about of-

fense, right, Chris?

Now, the game did stink, but it wasn't due to lack of offense. The new audio and video techniques employed in the game were very hit and miss. Unlike in other football games, where the cameras stay on the sidelines, this time the cameramen entered the field in between plays and stayed there. They ran off the field once the ball was actually in play, but you've got to wonder how long it's going to be until one of the cameramen isn't able to get out of the way in time and winds up getting hurt. This new technique is interesting, but also dangerous.

There was a surprising number of video and audio gaffes



these players, but the bottom line is there's a reason these guys weren't already in professional football. Watching this minor-league level of play can get old very quickly and could make ratings decline fast.

The constant criticizing of the NFL also grew tiresome. Throughout the game, Bosworth and Marlowe take constant swipes at the NFL. When talking about the black coach of the Demons, Marlowe said, "It's not easy for a black coach to get hired [in the NFL] these days." Marlowe later commented that, unlike the NFL, the XFL is the "free-expression league." He and Bosworth went on to discuss the strict rules NFL officials place on their players. "XFL lets the pros be who they are," Bosworth said. Bosworth also said, when profiling a player during the game, "Eat your heart out, NFL, because we've got him here in the XFL!"



during the game. At one point, for example, a fight broke out between two players. Bosworth and Marlowe went nuts, saying that this was a great fight. It would have been greater if we had actually seen it happen. Nope. The camera stayed on one part of the field, and we had to see the fight via a replay. Great. And then, of course, the XFL reporters, in classic WWF fashion, were immediately interviewing the players involved in the fight.

The audio went dead at several points during the game, especially during the mind-numbingly dull "XFL All-Access" halftime show. In this colossal waste of time, cameramen went into the locker rooms of the Xtreme and the Demons. This might have been interesting, if there were hidden cameras used. As it was, everybody in the locker room knew they were on camera, and nothing even remotely controversial happened. To make matters worse, there was absolute silence for several seconds at a time at many points during "XFL All-Access." It wasn't very professional. I'd have rather watched commercials, even spots for bad UPN shows.

Adding to the lack of appeal of watching XFL was the shoddy game play. In the first half, I saw more fumbles, missed passes and penalties than I ever see in college football or NFL games. Sure, there may have been a case of Opening-Day jitters, and I know there wasn't a very long training camp for

Look, the announcers can bash the NFL all they want, but the NFL is clearly the superior product. And as long as the XFL continues to serve up minor-league level football with a lot of flashy bells and whistles, the NFL will stay superior, and audiences will not continue to watch. XFL is not only bad football, it's bad television. Games can be seen Saturday nights at 8 PM on NBC, which is Channel 4 here at Marist, and can also be seen Sunday nights, usually at 7 PM, on UPN, which is Channel 9. XFL games run through April.

Mike Thompson recognizes that baseball is the true national pastime. He also enjoys long walks on the beach and candlelit dinners.



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What are your Valentine's Day plans? Check out the Circle's on page two!



## Snatch

From 8

ster films, but the one thing that people seem to be forgetting is that they are both brilliant. Ritchie's talents lie in fast paced, character-based films. That is not a style that lends itself to romantic dramas. Ritchie makes movies that are within his realm of expertise. I am sure that down the line he will learn to adapt himself to other types of films but for now he is doing just fine sticking to what he does best.

This movie should be judged based on what it is worth individually, and not what he has done before.

I really cannot find anything wrong with this film outside of one bit of blatant foreshadowing halfway through the film that involves the title (no more hints). Although you do somewhat know where the movie is headed for its ending it really does not matter because the ride there is well worth the eight bucks. Seeing *Snatch* on the big screen is well worth your time...I had to work that line in here somewhere.

## Upcoming off campus concerts and events

by JIMBO MARITATO  
A&E Editor

2/9/2001- Downset, Factory 81, Relative Ash, Unbalanced at the Chance Theater, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Tickets are \$10.00.

2/9/2001- Face to Face, H<sub>2</sub>O, Snapcase, at the Roseland Ballroom, N.Y., N.Y. Tickets are \$17.50.

2/14/2001- Everlast at Irving Plaza, N.Y., N.Y. Tickets are \$18.75

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## The mess just got messier: Mr. Jones examines the election in Israel

by DERRICK A. JONES II  
Political Columnist

I turn toward international affairs this week, as we examine the election for prime minister in Israel. Conservative party candidate and reputed hard-liner Ariel Sharon defeated incumbent Ehud Barak in Tuesday's election (the politically incorrect way to sum things up is that Sharon beat the political crap out of Barak). Now everyone is wondering what effect this will have on the Mid-East peace process. Sharon is known as a no-nonsense politician that many fear will not give an inch to the Palestinians with regards to the peace process, a sharp contrast to Barak, who was willing to put things into play in order to spur the peace process along.

But in my view, when it all comes down to it, it won't really matter who the Israeli prime minister is and who the negotiators are. What the peace process is going to come down to is the will of the people. If the leaders cannot satisfy the will of the people, then eventually their rule will come to an end (of course, there are those within society that can never be satisfied, i.e. Democrats, but what can you do?).

Will the violence and insanity come to an end anytime soon? Don't count on it. In fact, while both Sharon and Arafat maintain that the peace process will not be derailed anytime soon, there is still an uneasy tension in the world today as Sharon takes office. Again, it is because Sharon is known for his hard line stance toward the Palestinians that the international community is left wondering how this will play into the negotiations.

When trying to predict how this will play out, the term "cold

war" comes into mind. There has been considerable history between Ariel Sharon and the Arab world, a history that will not be soon forgotten. Sharon has been blamed for the massacre of almost 2,000 Palestinians in 1982. Furthermore, he is blamed for the most recent wave of violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians because of his visit several months ago to the disputed holy site in Jerusalem known as the Temple Mount. It was this move that sparked the riots that were precursors to the next wave of bloodshed.

In my view, the election of Ariel Sharon is detrimental, if not deadly to the peace process. The "progress" that Barak and Arafat have earned for a number of years may now be destroyed in a matter of days because of the way Sharon operates. It is conceivable that we may now have a Mid-East agreement if Sharon did not visit the Temple Mount, which re-ignited the violence in that region. The only way for there ever to be peace is for the parties involved to find some middle ground, and with Sharon in charge, that is not likely to happen. If there were ever a time for mediation by a third party, it would be now. The U.S. has played a prominent role in the negotiations before and should continue to play such a role. In an effort to nudge Mr. Sharon out of his arrogant ways, the U.S. should remind the prime minister-elect how much aid we give to Israel, and stress how he would not want that aid to be reduced. But all things considered, things do not look good for the Mid-East peace process.

*Derrick Jones- Love him or hate him, you've gotta respect him.*

## Dread and repulsion: Cabin fever

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The fever has taken over my head as I sweat and shiver simultaneously. The knot in my stomach competes with a sharp pain in my lower spine, as if some malevolent reject of God's creation avoided extermination by finding a safe haven under my skin while it tries to climb to my shoulders to breath air once again. Where am I going with this?

Two days later I sit in front of my computer as snow slowly covers the cracked streets of Poughkeepsie. I woke up to the dismal realization that the several expected inches of snow were missing, but I figured I would check the campus weather line in a last ditch effort to save myself from a ten minute walk. Without a flake of snow on the ground or in the air, classes were cancelled.



Now, at a quarter after 11, the snow comes down and will probably continue for the rest of the day.

Nature occasionally proves who the master is in these cases. There is little we can do to alter the physical reality of the weather and even less we can do to prevent it from getting further out of hand. Sure, we can get in our over-priced SUVs or crank up the heat in our apartments, just like we can pop a couple dozen Tylenol to stop the mad throbbing of a fever headache. But these are only tempo-

rary solutions. Our toy trucks will eventually meet a ditch that can't be climbed and the Tylenol will wear off in time, thus still leaving an indomitable hill or venomous pulsing in the skull. The best we can do is just wait it out and hope nature lets us off easy. It's basically the same collective approach that our country faces for the next four years; bank on the fact that we can't change the horrific reality of George W. and pray that we aren't drilled straight into the ground.

My stomach is churning again, most likely the product of three cups of coffee, two of which I wouldn't have had the time to indulge in if I had gone to class. It mimics the angelic conscious of the *Tom and Jerry* cartoons we've all seen as it tries to get

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## Letter to the Editor

To the editor:

As I sat down to eagerly read *The Circle* I ran across an article that I found to be completely outrageous: the article entitled "Sorry, Ms. Jackson" by Mr. Derrick A. Jones II. Never in my life have I read such a democratic bashing. It's not like the Republican Party is as clean as a whistle, but then again how clean is a whistle?

Mr. Jones II before you go bashing the Democratic Party, lets examine your article. I know that Outkast is a popular group with two top hit songs on the charts but I do believe that MRS. Jackson is married. While you might not respect her husband's actions, I think she deserves the respect of the correct salutation. There is no denying that Reverend Jesse Jackson's extra-marital affair is a disappointment, but he is a human being, as well as a man. Men, women, Republican,

democrats, liberals no matter what, we all make mistakes. Reverend Jesse Jackson might have a shady personal life but lets not forget that there are positive achievements in his past. If he did not stand up for the rights of African Americans and struggle through violent racism and prejudice, you would not have had the opportunity to vote for President Bush in the first place.

Not to mention the fact that when NATO, after unsuccessfully negotiating to free Sgt. Christopher J. Stone, Sgt. Andrew Ramirez and Spec. Steven Gonzales, three military men from our country held as Prisoners of War in Yugoslavia in 1999, Reverend Jesse Jackson risked his life to save them and bring them home. Not to mention that in 1999, Jesse Jackson helped Sierra Leone President Tejan Kabbah and rebel leader Foday Sankoh sign a cease-fire agreement as well as securing the release of over 2000 prisoners of war. But Republicans can only concentrate on the negative in people, and it seems as though it always comes down to sex. Is that because Republicans are the most sexually repressed individuals on earth? Maybe that's why they concentrate on everyone else's personal lives, they don't have any of their own!

Blaming Clinton for the missing W's in the White House is petty and childish. Can't the Republicans come up with something better to say, or will that touching and deeply moving speech delivered by President Bush be the height of his career? Surely he could have thought of something better to say? But as usual Republicans can only bash the Democratic Party. After all Bush's administration won't need the W's anyway, the win-

ners knew that. After all the Clinton administration did amend PL 94-142 or IDEA to help ensure that all children and youths with disabilities have the right to a free, appropriate public education. As well as help develop education programs around the country.

Hey I could be completely wrong! Bush might end up being a good President, and his wife might do more than bake cookies. Lets look at his track record: he only has one DWI and the cocaine addiction might be gone. But the idea of Bush "putting the country back on the road of integrity and respectability" makes me laugh. When Bush was asked wether or not the confederate flag flying above South Carolina's statehouse should be taken down, his response was "South Carolina voters should decide the issue." Well if we went along with Bush's idea of letting the people decide what should happen, the popular vote for president would speak bluntly to him, he wouldn't even be in office. Bush wouldn't know what respect and integrity was if they were a nice cold one sitting in front of his face. He has resisted endorsing a hate crime bill in the state of Texas though one of the most brutal crimes against a man for his race happened there on June 8, 1998. So I say, America be afraid, be very afraid. The next four years are sure to bring about three things: War, recession, and a possible end to abortion. So save your money, don't have sex! And as for you Mr. Jones let's not go pointing fingers at people's mistake, after all how clean is your past?

Nicole Amber Wallace

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# A typical look at Valentine's Day: A woman's perspective...

## ... And the guy's viewpoint



by LEE ORTHMANN  
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is here guys, and if you want to win the heart of a certain lady you'd better brush up on your macking skills, fast. Now you could always send for those guides on "How to Attract Ladies Through Hypnosis" that is advertised in the back of Boy's Life Magazine (next to the ads for the Venus Fly Trap and X-Ray glasses), but that would cost \$25.95 and it takes eight weeks for delivery, and the damn tips don't even work. Umm...so I've heard.

The sage wisdom that follows comes from the conversations I overheard while attending the 23rd Annual Playa Convention (APC) that was held last weekend at Kennedy Fried Chicken. (And you thought they just sold chicken!) These secrets have taken literally hundreds of years to perfect. If you can't score after learning these secrets you should seriously consider transferring to a monastery next semester! Without further ado, I present to you: **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GETTING CHICKS!**

**THE FIRST COMMANDMENT:** *Strut thy Stuff!*

The first commandment's all about the attitude, and it starts with the walk. The best players have a distinguishable strut. You're happenin' and you want everyone to know! To strut correctly you need to do a combination of things: bob your head at least 12-15 inches from left to right with each step; place one hand in your pocket, always keeping your other hand free to snap or blow-kisses to oncoming broads; and, best of all, the fake gun shot, mouth open and wink that has become the mac trademark.

**THE SECOND COMMANDMENT:** *Thou shall never call a girl by her name.*

Never, ever, under any circumstances, use a chick's real name. If you are an experienced mac you're probably talking to a large number of girls. If you try to use their name you're likely to mess up and say the wrong one. "Hey Denise," you say. "My name's not Denise," she says. "Who the hell's Denise?" **GAME OVER.** Take a tip from A.C. Slater and stick to names like Mama, Baby and Pumpkin.

**THE THIRD COMMANDMENT:** *Thou shall bathe in cologne.*

Don't just wear a little cologne. If you to attract the females, you gotta bathe in it, man! You want the girls to smell you coming from a mile away...literally.

**THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT:** *Thou shall use an ORIGINAL, witty pick-up line when trying to get a chick's attention.*

This is extremely crucial! The line must be witty and original! "Hey Babe, what's your sign?" usually gets good results. If the broad rolls her eyes and says, "My sign is U TURN so turn around and give a sister some space, puh-leeze," then you smile and go directly to the next commandment.

**THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT:** *If thy pick-up line does not work, try another, more surprising one.*

If you've got an eye-roller on your hands and either received a negative response, or no response to your first line, try another one that's a little more surprising. You might need to use a little creativity on this one. Try licking the tip of your finger, touching yourself on the shoulder, and then the girl on the shoulder. Smile and say, "Hey babe, what do you say we go back to my pad and get out of these wet clothes!" This has got to work, but if you still don't get a favorable response, go directly to the next commandment.

**THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT:** *If thy pick-up lines do not attract the chick's attention, resort to meanness and pick on her!*

If you haven't charmed this mama by now, check her pulse and other vital signs. You have to do something that will really win her heart! The best way to do that is to make fun of her! Make fun of her outfit: "Wow, how long did it take to paint on those pants?" Tell her, "Your makeup looks lovely. What did you use, a paint roller?" Ha-ha! Now you got that girl's attention and she'll be putty in you're hand...if you move quickly to the next step!

**THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT:** *Be that "Sensitive-Guy!"*

Now you should have the chick in tears! You're starting to see the beauty of the sixth commandment. You don't have to

believe all that mean stuff you said. You just did it so the girl will feel lousy and run to the next guy who's nice to her. That guy will be you! That's right. After making fun of her for about twenty-five minutes, take her hand and use a really kind and sensitive pick-up line. "Hey babe, is your mom retarded? Oh no? That's funny, because you're real special!"

**THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT:** *Broads dig flowers!*

This one is true: Girls love to receive flowers. Are you on a tight budget, and find that flowers are a little too expensive? No problem. I bet you don't realize that many of the most successful players never even pay a single cent for their roses. That's right! What's their secret? Stop by a graveyard, of course! There's plenty of bouquets and roses free for the taking. Just make sure you remove those pesky "Beloved Grandma" cards.

**THE NINTH COMMANDMENT:** *Thou shall be quick with compliments.*

Chicks love compliments! Some favorite lines are: "Wow, your hips are looking so much slimmer since last week!" Or try this one: "Excuse me, Zsa Zsa Gabor? Oh...well the resemblance is amazing." Flattery will get you everywhere. Sincerity? A nice extra, but not needed.

**THE TENTH COMMANDMENT:** *Thou must believe that every girl is interested in you. She is just playing hard to get.* This is the motto you must swear by if you are to consider yourself a True Player.

Well, there you have it guys: The Ten Commandments for getting chicks. There is going to be a lot of competition at the Matrix and Club X now that all you guys know the players' secrets. I wish you the best of luck, and one last thing. If you take these commandments seriously, then you won't need to worry about making any plans on Feb. 14th. You'll be sitting on the couch watching the Barbra Streisand concert special. Happy Valentine's Day!

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by ERICA OLSON  
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I am not the 'Advice Diva,' Ann Landers, nor am I 'Dear Abby'. I am merely someone who wants to help comfort and console the broken hearts of Valentine's Day. Those who find themselves single, dumped, or depressed on such a romantic holiday feel angered and betrayed that the card of life they have been dealt, did not include a pair of hearts. My advice is an attempt to mend the broken hearted, the disillusioned, and the lonely. Read on to be inspired.

To some, February 14th is almost as unlucky as the prior day, February 13th, falling on a Friday. It can be even more disheartening when, in order to make it to one's destination, they must trudge into the waves of symbols that have been hit with Cupid's arrows. Seeing all the flowers, and cuddly red teddy bears with 'I love you' inside a heart can only open wounds and cause tears to someone who finds them self to be alone. While this is not the case of everyone, at sometime in our life we will probably find ourselves anything but romantic and happy on Valentine's Day- especially when we don't have anyone giving us those cute gifts.

But do not let this be the cloud over your heart. Sometimes there are reasons for being without a boyfriend or girlfriend on Valentine's Day. Maybe this is the chance to find someone special for next Valentine's Day, and maybe even recollect your thoughts about what you need to make yourself happy or feel loved. For those who are in love, sometimes it helps to peel off the rose colored glasses and see who you really are, and remember who you miss when your life starts to revolve around one person.

Take the time to share your unlimited love with all those you care about, not just your 'sweetie.' Sometimes it makes those who are feeling unloved grateful for your friendship and caring. A gift to the heart can be passed on to another through good feelings, hopes, and compliments. Share your conversational candy hearts with everyone and realize that the magic in the candy relies on the real heart that gives.

For you who may find yourself sad, desperate, and worried about what others perceive about your single status, ask yourself this: "Why do you care

what other people think?" They are not the ones who know you as much as you know yourself.

You have your reasons for being alone, whether they are twists of fate, or perhaps personal circumstances. These people who don't understand are going to be faced with many trivialities that will leave them in the dark to your situation. Rest assured, their own impressions of you will disappear and fade in the memory of time, trifles of insignificant incidents that should be ignored before a tear is shed. If you believe that you are not as physically attractive, smart, athletic, popular, funny, and/or important as someone who actually is with someone, you are choosing to believe the wrong things.

Please do not think that you will amount to nothing because you don't have anyone, when the truth is you are at the brink of everything. For some, a kiss may be worth a hundred poems, a thousand stories and take away a million lonely nights. This feeling by itself is greater than the physical connection that the touch has created. So much has been created from being in love: music, stories, poems, movies, and even tears. "A heart can only receive as much love as it gives."

Let's try to appeal to the broken hearts, the disillusioned, and the lonely. Let us give each other the hope of actually being in love, and that they may find the warmth and companionship of someone who adores them. Remember that there is more to life than what we are taught. There are things we must learn for ourselves, lessons that will sting and truths that will taste bittersweet (a paradox to pain).

Love is perhaps the hardest element in life to understand. Love is something that you cannot describe in words; rather, it must be experienced in order to fully understand it. Because of our ability to love, true love is something we find when we are not looking for it, or else this great gift would be abused more than it already is. Love is not about how many hearts you have broken, conquered, or never experienced. Love is about enjoying the moments that you are able to experience and being grateful for sharing it with people that mean so much to your life.

*Erica Olsen is a freshman and the world's most optimistic person.*

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my attention away from the rerun of *Saturday Night Live*. There's work to do. No healthy amount of over-the-counter painkiller can soothe the ambitious nagging of a motivated stomach. Besides, there's a

good chance that classes will be back on schedule tomorrow and procrastination is only feasible to a certain extent.

I crack my back in an attempt to shake the grogginess from my body. The guilty pleasures of a snow day always carry this weight, whether it be from a

sense of sheer laziness or whiskey. The end result always leaves me with a stomach that is sick with the guilt of enjoying my time. Maybe I should take an afternoon nap. There are better things to do today but since I've already wasted this much of the day it couldn't hurt

that much. The developing layer of snow looks soft and inviting, like the comforter on my bed. It's hard to get out of bed on these cold days when you're in the mass-produced warmth of domesticity.

A compromise, then. Indulgence in another pot of coffee

in exchange for the promise of productivity. Sounds like a fair deal. It's going to be a long day. I'm done.

*Chris Knudtsen will be found in the Opinion section from now on. Buy his service at the auction, he's a "Quality Purchase".*

# Kennedy brings game to another level

## Junior point guard snags Player of the Week honors

by MIKE FERRARO  
Sports Editor

Over the course of his three years at Marist, he has had a flair for the dramatic. Whether he is drilling last-second three-pointers or setting up his teammates for success, he always stays cool when the action heats up.

Meet Sean Kennedy, the Red Foxes' smooth point guard and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Player of the Week for the week ending Jan. 28.

So how do success and Sean Kennedy manage to find each other more often than not?

"It's being in the right place at the right time," said the junior floor general.

Numbers often lie, and in the case of Kennedy, some of them do not accurately measure his worth to the team. His shooting percentage is a shade under 40 percent on the season, and he averages just under ten points per game.

But he is the point guard, the one who is supposed to set up his teammates.

Here, the numbers do not lie, and they say that Kennedy is one of the best playmakers in the country. Want proof? His average of 8.7 assists per contest make him the MAAC leader and rank him third in the nation behind Tito Maddox (Fresno State) and Omar Cook (St. John's).

Kennedy can play some defense, too, as evidenced by his 2.2 steals a night, which also leads the MAAC.

However, Kennedy is better known for the plays he makes on the offensive end of the floor. Due to the suspension of Marius Janisius and an injury that kept Drew Samuels out for three games, he has had to place more of the scoring responsibility on his shoulders.

How has he responded? Just fine, thank you. Since the Janisius incident, covering a span of six games, Kennedy has averaged 14 points per game while shooting over 47 percent from the field. He has also drilled at least two three-pointers in each of the last eight games.

The balance between knowing when to score and knowing when to set up your teammates is often a delicate one for a point guard, as Head Coach Dave Magarity explained.

"We've always been clear with him about becoming more of an offensive threat," Magarity said. "It's a pleasant problem when a player is willing to sacrifice for the team [as much as Kennedy has]."

Magarity added that the difference between Kennedy being a playmaker and a scorer depends on the way the opposition chooses to defend him.

"It's a matter of him being able to adjust from game to game," the coach said. "Some teams play him as a passer, and they peel off on his penetration. By adjusting, he's become more offensive minded, and he's looking to score with the opportunities."

Essentially, when Kennedy is on top of his game, he presents a double-edged sword for his opponents. Play him to pass, and he can take the jump shot. Play him to shoot, and watch him drive right past.



PHOTO CREDIT/Carlisle Stockton  
Sean Kennedy, MAAC Player of the Week for the week ending Jan. 28, is ranked third nationally in assists behind Tito Maddox and Omar Cook.

This was the dilemma Kennedy presented for defenses back in his high school days. Playing at St. Dominic in Northport, NY, he was part of a state championship team as a junior. He averaged 12 points per game that season, but accumulating points was not his primary goal.

"It's [a combination of] wanting to win and having people around who can score," Kennedy said.

In his senior year, he more than doubled his scoring output from the previous year, tallying 25 points per night.

Magarity became familiar with Kennedy during the championship run of the point guard's junior season, and monitored his progress the following summer and into his senior year.

"To me, he was a throwback," Magarity said, as Kennedy reminded the coach of point guards he had seen while growing up in Philadelphia.

Magarity went on to characterize Kennedy as a "gym rat," and someone whose intangibles impressed him.

Magarity may have been en-

thralled with Kennedy, but he was not the only one. The college choices for Kennedy were plentiful, as he chose Marist over Iona, Boston University, Bucknell, Davidson, and William & Mary to name a few.

Kennedy arrived at Marist for the 1998-'99 season along with fellow backcourt mate Rick Smith. Both gained experience while learning from Bo Larragan and Bobby Joe Hatton, and Kennedy and Smith have started since the beginning of their sophomore campaigns.

The pair has chemistry on and off the floor.

"He's a good friend," said Smith. "On the court, he's a great passer and very smart. He has a good feel for the game."

Kennedy used this feel to find Smith for the three-pointer that tied up the Fairfield game on Sunday. It was just the latest in a long line of big plays for Kennedy, and the near halfcourt shot to beat Siena last season is what legends are made of.

The question is, will Sean Kennedy's next big play put Marist in the NCAA Tournament?

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Team	MAAC	Overall
Iona	10-2	17-6
Marist	9-3	14-8
Rider	8-4	13-8
Niagara	8-4	11-10
Manhattan	7-5	10-12
Siena	7-5	14-9
Canisius	4-7	12-8
Fairfield	4-8	8-13
Loyola	1-10	4-16
St. Peter's	1-11	3-18

## Beard's Blasts

by MICHAEL BEARD

Those of you who thought that football season ended after the Super Bowl must not have heard about the XFL. This new smash-mouth football league aired its first game Saturday night on NBC. Behind the vision of XFL founder Vince McMahon, who is also the chairman of the World Wrestling Federation, this new league has promised an atmosphere too extreme for what McMahon calls "sissies."

The XFL does not stand for the Extreme Football League; rather the letters will stand for the type of play you can expect from the players. Each team has a 38-man active roster with a seven-man reserve squad. All of the players on the eight XFL teams have competed on the collegiate level; others have competed in the NFL, NFL Europe, and the Arena Football League.

In the XFL, each player is paid to play, but paid more to win. Average salaries for all of the players that compete in the 10-game regular season are \$45,000. Quarterbacks are paid more, usually around \$50,000; kickers are paid less, around \$35,000. All winning teams will be paid \$100,000 to be split among all players.

The XFL has divided the eight competing teams into the Eastern and Western divisions. The teams competing in the Eastern division are the Chicago Enforcers, New York/New Jersey Hitmen, Birmingham Thunderbolts, and Orlando Rage. The Western division consists of the Los Angeles Xtreme, San Francisco Demons, Las Vegas Outlaws, and Memphis Maniax.

McMahon and NBC agreed on a 50-50 split in ownership of the league. Both parties felt the need to appeal to large markets with no pro football franchise. This is the main reason behind the emergence in teams out in Las Vegas, Orlando, Memphis,

and especially Los Angeles. The league has promised that the game of football will be for the fans that love the game. Season ticket packages for the teams are selling for only \$125, which is attracting many fans who claim that tickets have become too expensive.

Other new appeals that will be found in the XFL include scantily clad and vivacious cheerleaders who will be encouraged to date players. All of the locker rooms will contain cameras and microphones at the half to allow fans and television viewers to see a coach's tirade or second-half strategy. There will also be cameramen on the field during plays and sideline reporters asking players questions as they come off the field. McMahon is also encouraging players to showboat and "talk trash" since microphones will be attached to selected players.

Some other appeals that have been implemented are several unique rule changes that McMahon and NBC hope will separate this league even further from the NFL. The new rules include: 1) No Coin Toss—instead of flipping a coin to determine possession, one player from each team will compete in a dash towards a free ball on the field. The first man to maintain full control of the ball gets first possession of the game, and in overtime if need be.

2) No Fair Catch—in the XFL, punt returners will be forced to run back a punt, but will be granted a 5-yard no-tackling "halo" until the ball is caught and, members of the kicking team may not leave the line of scrimmage until the ball is punted. Also, any punt traveling more than 25 yards is declared a "free ball" and may be recovered by either team.

3) No point-after kick—after a touchdown is scored, a team will line up at their opponent's two-yard line and must either pass

or run the ball into the end zone to earn one point. If the ball is intercepted or recovered by the defense, it may be run back for one point.

4) A receiver or defender needs only one foot in bounds to make a catch.

5) Kickoffs must be taken out of the endzone.

6) Defenders may use "bump-and-run" tactics downfield on a receiver.

7) The play clock is been shortened to 35 seconds after the previous play; it will be at 25 seconds after any stoppage of play.

8) In overtime, each team will have the ball at least once and will have four downs from their opponent's 20-yard line.

McMahon and NBC are hoping that this new brand of smash-mouth football will attract fans that loved the way the game used to be played. They are also hoping that the rule changes, sexy cheerleaders, and adrenaline-rush atmosphere will attract the audience that the World Wrestling Federation strives on, males 18-35. So far, ratings for the XFL games have doubled what McMahon promised. An average of 10 percent of the viewing audience tuned in to watch the very first XFL game between the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen on Saturday night.

Playoff games are scheduled for April 14-15 with the final two teams competing in the XFL championship game on April 21. Instead of having a flashy name for the title game, the label "Big Game at the End" is the moniker. The team that wins the championship will equally split a \$1 million purse.

The next XFL broadcast is this Saturday, Feb. 10 on NBC. Play-by-play man Matt Vasgersian and Minnesota governor Jesse "The Body" Ventura will cover the action.

## Freshman continues to set records

by ROB MCGUINNESS  
Staff Writer

The school record in the 55-meter high hurdles fell yet again Saturday, as freshman Eli Bisnett-Cobb broke the record for the third time this season. With a time of 7.99 seconds, Bisnett-Cobb finished fifth in the hurdles at the Colgate University Class of 1932 Invitational.

In addition to his record breaking hurdle performance, Bisnett-Cobb also finished seventh in the high jump (6' 3 1/4"). Strong performances such as these indicate that Bisnett-Cobb could be a potential scorer in the championship meets.

"Eli seems to get stronger the more he races," men's coach Pete Colaizzo said. "The fact that he had a prelim and a final helped him, I believe. I think he can be a strong contender in his events (high hurdles and high jump) at the MAAC meet."

Even when venturing outside of his normal events to run the second leg of a makeshift 4x400-meter relay team, Bisnett-Cobb ran a 54 second split, keeping the Marist team within striking distance of the other teams in the heat.

"I know he probably wasn't too thrilled to do this," Colaizzo said of Bisnett-Cobb's willingness to run the longer sprint, "but he showed great team spirit by pitching in on the relay and he seemed to have fun with it."

Also turning in a strong performance at the Colgate Invitational was freshman thrower Adam Waterbury. In his collegiate debut, Waterbury placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 43' 7 1/4". Prior to Saturday, Waterbury had never thrown the collegiate 16-pound shot put in competition.

"This was a strong debut for him," Colaizzo said. "He nearly nabbed the school record (44' 4 1/4") in his first try. He's an ex-

cellent addition to the team. We always need more weight throwers and Adam is a great help to us."

Highlights from the women's races at Colgate include Jenn Rosenblatt and Cheryl Norris placing sixth and seventh in the mile, with times of 5:18.48 and 5:23.34 respectively. Sophomore Susan Golden placed second in the 800m (2:16.74), and Kate Pieper placed sixth in the 400m (61.60) and 200m (27.85).

This weekend, the track team travels to Boston for the St. Valentine's Invitational. According to women's coach Phil Kelly, Golden will attempt to meet the ECAC qualifying standard in the 800m (2:14.40). Other goals for the weekend include sub-60 second performances from Fay Morrison and Kate Pieper in the 400m and strong performances from distance runners Rosenblatt, Heather Perrine and Liza Grudzinski in the 3000m.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

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Elisha DeJesus scored a season-high 17 points in Marist's 99-92 victory over St. Peter's last Thursday.

Cromer pitched in with 14 more points for St. Peter's.

Marist used 48% shooting from the field to halt the Peahens' four-game winning streak. The teams combined for 63 total fouls, resulting in three players fouling out of the game. The 99-92 win marked the first time Marist reached the 90-point mark all season. The loss also gave St. Peter's its fourth loss in the conference. The Peahens now stand in third place in the MAAC with a 7-4 conference record, 12-7 overall.

The Red Foxes enter the final five games of the season with a 6-16 overall record and a 5-8 MAAC record. The team stands in seventh place in the conference, but only two games out of a third-place slot.

Siena sits atop of the MAAC with an 11-1 record (15-5 overall), followed by Fairfield, who owns a 12-2 MAAC record (17-

4 overall). Marist will face both of these team's in the final weeks of the season.

Marist will visit Fairfield on Feb. 10 to try to pick up some ground in the conference. In the last meeting between the two, on Jan. 28, Fairfield erupted in the second half and outscored the Red Foxes 46-30 in the half. Fairfield won the game, 80-63, but the Red Foxes fought hard throughout the game and made the victory difficult for the Stags.

Marist will return to its home court on Feb. 14 to take on Manhattan, in a game that could have a serious impact on the conference standings. As of Feb. 6, Manhattan held onto sixth place in the conference, only two games ahead of Marist. In the last meeting between the two teams, Manhattan topped Marist 79-56.

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team to put the nail in the coffin. Senior Keith Nichols kept up the team effort by breaking a school record in the 100-yard backstroke while also placing first in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle. Freshman Trevor Charles also contributed to the win by helping the Red Foxes sweep in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke. The 200-yard backstroke clinched the win for the men's team as Van Wagner entertained his team with exhibitions for the last two events.

The women's team was not as fortunate as its male counterpart, losing to Lehigh 130-110. The team had some individual victories by senior Erin McGrath and sophomore Courtney

Milde, but in the end the lady Red Foxes fell short. The women will regroup for next week's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament at Loyola College where the team will try to defend last year's title.

The men will attempt to win their sixth consecutive MAAC Tournament. The team is confident in a six-peat, which stems from Van Wagner's attitude towards the tournament and its competition.

"There isn't a team that really scares us in the (MAAC) tournament," said Van Wagner. "If we stick to what got us here and worry about internal rather than external factors, then we should come out on top."

### That's a Fact

Men's swimming completed in third perfect dual meet record in the program's 22-year history.

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## Men's basketball upends Fairfield at MSG

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For Rick Smith, it was a second chance that one rarely gets in sports. He was not about to let it slip away.

After missing a last-second three that could have tied the score in Marist's tough loss to Iona, Smith got redemption by nailing a game-tying three in the final seconds on Sunday against Fairfield. The Red Foxes made Smith's effort count, as they dominated the Stags in overtime, winning in front of the Madison Square Garden crowd by a final score of 83-72.

"That three showed a couple of things," said Marist head coach Dave Magarity. "First of all, it showed the instincts of (guard Sean) Kennedy. Where another point guard might have just forced a shot, he found the open man," said Magarity. "It also showed that Smith has the heart of a lion. He didn't even think twice about taking that shot."

The win moves Marist's record to 14-8 overall and 9-3 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and gives them sole possession of second place in the conference.

After carrying a five-point lead into halftime, the Red Foxes found themselves down by as many as ten points in the second half on Sunday.

"I thought for a while that it just wasn't going to be our day,"

said Magarity. "This team just won't go away though. If you don't put us away when you get the chance, we are going to fight our way back. I was proud of the way the guys stuck with it."

Marist roared back behind the play of junior forward Matt Tullis, who notched a double-double by scoring 18 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. It was Tullis's second double-double of the season.

"Tullis has far exceeded my expectations," said the coach. "He just brings so much energy and is such a team guy, a guy that is going to find a way to get it done. He was by far the MVP of the game on Sunday."

Sparked by the play of Tullis, Marist tied the game at 55 with 2:18 left in regulation and then forced overtime on the big shot by Smith. The extra session was all Red Foxes, as they outscored the Stags 20-9. Sherman Whittenburg provided the overtime spark as he scored all six of his points in the extra period.

"We really needed to come back out on Sunday and play after losing a game on Wednesday that was filled with so much emotion and intensity," said Magarity.

Tullis wasn't the only Red Fox to come through with a big game, as sophomore Nick Eppheimer netted a career-high 14 points for Marist.

"Eppheimer is a big time shooter and he just keeps gaining confidence and getting bet-

ter with playing time," said Magarity.

It was another day at the office for Kennedy, who contributed 12 points to go along with 9 helpers. Senior forward Drew Samuels dropped in 12 points for the Red Foxes, and Smith, a junior guard, finished with 14 of his own.

Fairfield was paced by Jermaine Clark's 22 points as well as the 16 points and 16 boards provided by Sam Spann.

The win over Fairfield came following a heartbreaking loss to Iona on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the McCann Center. A crowd of over 3,000 witnessed the Gaels score a 73-70 victory and claim sole possession of first place in the MAAC.

Iona completed the season sweep of Marist behind 18 points from Earl Johnson, including eight of nine from the free throw line. Johnson's two free throws with just under seven seconds remaining gave the Gaels a three point lead that would stand up as the final margin of victory when Smith's desperation three failed to connect.

One bright spot in the game for Marist was the strong play of Samuels, who netted 15 points and yanked down eight boards. Kennedy, whose three-pointer had pulled Marist within one, finished the game with nine points and 10 assists.

After Marist took a seven point lead into the half, Iona tied the game on three straight

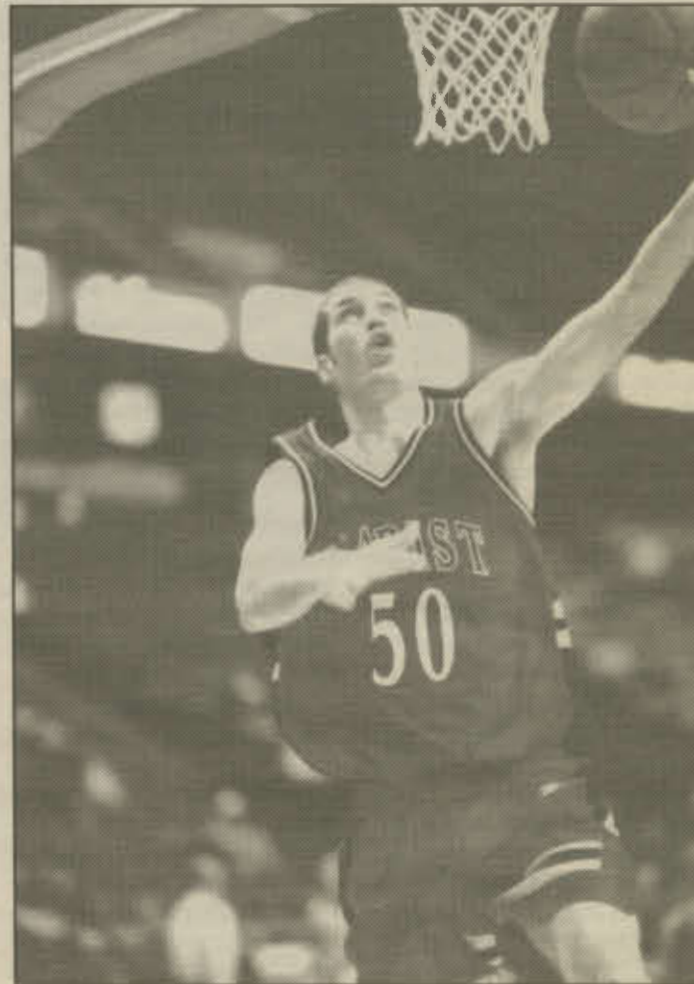


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Coach Dave Magarity called Matt Tullis the MVP of Sunday's victory.

threes by Leland Norris. The seesaw battle continued throughout the second half, as there were two ties and two lead changes. Nakiea Miller's jumper with twenty-seven seconds left on the clock gave Iona the lead for keeps.

"We just didn't finish it," said Magarity, "but it was there for us. We have no one to blame but ourselves. It would have been a great win."

Marist will travel to Buffalo to take on Niagara on Thursday and Canisius on Saturday.

## Women's basketball splits MAAC contests

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Freshman Stephanie Del Preore led the women's basketball team in scoring in each of its last two games, leading the Red Foxes to a split in Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) play.

Del Preore netted 17 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the Feb. 5 contest against visiting Loyola College. Sophomore Sarah Tift added 12 points and eight rebounds, followed by junior Marie Fusci, who also scored 12 points in the 70-67 loss. Marist shot 38.5% (5-13) from the three-point arc, but failed to convert on a last-second three-ball that would have sent the game into overtime.

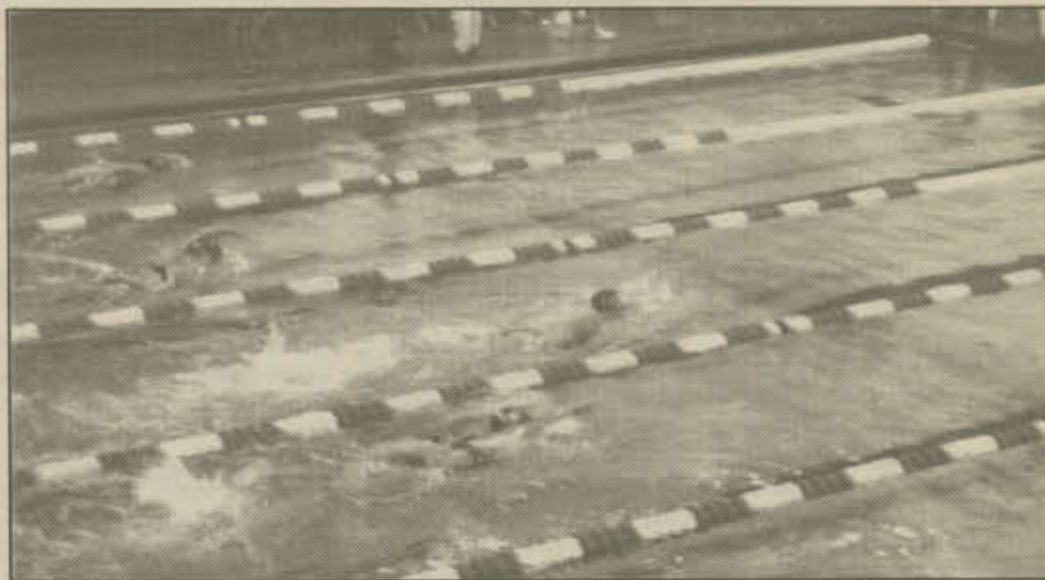
After 13 lead changes in the final six minutes of play, Loyola carried a three-point lead into the game's final 11 seconds, following two successful free throws from Jennifer Mitchell. The Red Foxes drove down the court and set Fusci up with a desperation three-point effort, but the shot missed.

Shontrese Smith paced the Greyhounds with 20 points, followed by Mitchell who added 18. Katie Netherton netted nine points while also grabbing 12 rebounds. Marist shot an impressive 52.8% from the field, but turned the ball over 24 times, resulting in 25 Loyola points. Loyola improved to 8-5 in the MAAC, 14-8 overall.

Prior to its last outing, the Red Foxes hosted the St. Peter's Peahens on Feb. 1. Once again, Del Preore led the way for the Red Foxes, tallying 23 points, but she was only one of four Red Foxes to reach double figures. Freshman Kerry Sullivan converted 12 out of her 15 free-throw attempts on her way to scoring 16 points. Sophomore Elisha DeJesus contributed with 17 points, followed by Fusci with 14 more points to secure the victory for the Red Foxes.

Courtney Wicks led the Peahens with 21 points, followed by Felicia Harris with 14 points and nine rebounds, while Leah

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Men's swimming defeated Lehigh on Senior Day last Saturday to finish an undefeated 2000-01 season.

## Men's swimming defeats Lehigh, completes perfect regular season

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After defeating Lehigh University last weekend, the Marist men's swim team became the third team in school history to go undefeated in the regular season.

"Without a doubt [this is] the fastest and most talented team

we've ever had," said head coach Larry Van Wagner, after the impressive win over the Mountain Hawks.

Going into the meet, Van Wagner knew that the Red Foxes had to get off to a good start by taking the 400-yard medley relay, which is exactly what happened.

"I knew that if we could take

the first event," said Van Wagner, "the rest of the meet would be in our hands."

Lehigh, being no slouch, did put up a fight, but it was to no avail as Marist took control from the get-go and never looked back.

The victory in the medley relay inspired the rest of the men's

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