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Students to explore Judaism abroad over break

By **SHAUN KIPPINS**
Circle Contributor

While many Marist students will be embarking on trips to the Caribbean, Florida, and many other traditional spring break locations this March, a few opportunistic students will be exploring the fundamentals of Judaism in Berlin, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic.

From March 10 to 19, the Marist Judaism History and Culture Program led by professor Steve Sansola will be making the trip. The program is actually a three-credit course offered by Marist called Special Topics:

Principles of Judaism.

Sophomore Joe Teahl addressed this unique opportunity by explaining why he was so interested in it.

"I wanted to do something for spring break, and since I needed to catch up on some credits I thought this would be perfect for me," he said. "Also, I came into the class with a different view from most other students because my hometown of Highland Park, New Jersey is 73 percent Jewish, making a lot of my friends Jewish, so I felt that it would be a good idea that I learned what my friends' history is all about." The trip was advertised on the

walls within most academic buildings on the Marist campus, and Professor Sansola did his best to spread the word wherever he could get it out.

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—Katie Shea
Sophomore

about the program and it sounded like something I wanted to do," said Tori Saferin, a sophomore, who is enrolled in the course.

The program consists of a combination of 13 pre-departure lectures, and readings as well as seminars and activities in Berlin and Prague. These activities

include visits to museums, historical, religious, cultural sites and other important landmarks.

Students are required to write a short paper before departure, as well as keeping a journal of academic and personal experiences

while in Europe, and finally completing a research paper upon their return.

"I look forward to all of the museums that we are going to. I also want to learn about the culture in Berlin and Prague," said sophomore Katie Shea.

All interviewees shared that the pre-departure lectures have been helpful in teaching the students about Jewish culture and the religion. Joe Teahl seemed particularly moved by many of the things he has learned thus far.

"The Jewish population has suffered so much and has been forced to relocate time after time, they are true survivors," he said.

Saferin, who is Jewish, said this experience is something she has never seen offered before, and any student of any religion or culture could benefit from an opportunity the likes of this one.

Despite the trip's focus on the seriousness of the program and the educational opportunity, many students still plan to have fun.

"Even though we are going to be going to museums and walking around the cities, we are able to have free time at night. And you know what that means," said Katie Shea.



Courtesy of AMY WOODS

Above, members of the Marist community, including students, alumni, and staff, march in the 2005 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. All members and friends of the Marist community are invited to walk in this year's parade, on Friday, March 17.



Courtesy of AMY WOODS

Right, members of the Amerscott Highland Band Pipe Band march down Fifth Avenue during the 2005 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Aiming for first at St. Patrick's parade

On Friday, March 17, Marist College will participate in the 245th New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade will be led by the Marist Colorguard, followed by the Amerscott Highland Pipe Band. President and Mrs. Dennis Murray will be marching close behind with Marist honorary grand marshals, Brian and Maryanne Wade, both Class of '74.

In 2005, Marist placed second as the "Best College Marching Unit" and is aiming to place first in the 2006 parade.

All Marist alumni, students, faculty, staff, trustees and friends are invited to join President Murray in the parade and festivities.

For all those interested in marching in the parade, lineup begins promptly at 12:30 p.m. on West 46th Street,

between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Marist will be the first group to march off of West 46th Street.

There are several requirements for all marchers. Neat attire is required; preferably no jeans, sneakers, beads, funny hats, or painted faces. There should be no more than 10 people across per row and marchers must walk at an arm's distance apart. In addition, no outside banners,

flags, or signs are allowed in the parade.

No additional marchers may join the group once they have descended on Fifth Avenue. However, other members of the Marist community are invited to meet after the parade at Latitude on 783 Eighth Avenue Between 47th and 48th Streets.

For more information visit <http://www.marist.edu/alumni/chapoyork.html>.

Efforts to clean up Hudson abound

By **MALLORY MURPHY**
Circle Contributor

Whether it's because of the landscaping or the luxurious properties tucked within it, there is one true focal point surrounding Marist College - the Hudson River. It's something no Marist student can get through a day without looking at.

"I love walking back from class when the sun is setting behind the river. It relaxes and refreshes me after a long day," said sophomore Sonia Botero.

However, getting a closer look, the river itself is brown, murky, and filled with harmful pollutants like PCB. In fact, when the same student

was asked if she would ever swim in the water, a simple "No, ew!" was her only response.

However, there are some efforts

already in progress by Marist alumni Kate Daymon, Danielle Mahan, and Alex Bea, to make a difference.

On February 22, in the Nelly Goletti Theater, these Marist graduates, along with Janielle Mahan, showed their independent film, Taking Back the Hudson.

The three former students decided to independently make the film their senior year. They were working at a local internship for credit when the idea came about.

"At my senior year internship, I wanted to do something big," Daymon said. "Yes, it meant skipping the party scene, but it was worth it."

Danielle added, "We're all environmentalists, so we're all very excited about this stuff."

The film itself deals with several controversies involving the river, mostly focusing around an estimated 1.3 million pound dumping of PCB's back in 1977 by General Electric.

Since then, the waste has been leaking out of bedrocks into the sediment and is therefore contaminating

the water and surrounding areas.

To personalize the issue, the students interviewed classrooms of high school students in Hudson Falls, the site of the original dumping. While several of the students had parents and relatives suffering from cancer as a result of the PCBs in the area, everyone seemed to be affected by the pollution.

And the risk spots along the Hudson only begin there, according to the film. While most polluted areas are from Hudson Falls south until New York City, but surprisingly, these are not the only places affected.

"Even polar bears up in the Arctic are getting sick from the water,"

Daymon says.

There are approximately 200 miles of toxic waste in the river, and in the

New York City area,

nearly 50 percent is due to GE's dumpings. GE has recently agreed to clean up 10 percent of the waste, but were told by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), that they could opt out of the other 90 percent.

However, things aren't entirely hopeless. There are organizations, like Scenic Hudson, that continually work to get the river clean. According to their brochure, as a result of their efforts, they have picked up 300 tons of riverside trash, saved 20,000 acres of land, and have created 29 public parks.

Hopefully, with organizations like Scenic Hudson, along with dedicated people like Daymon, Mahan and Bea, improvements on the Hudson River will continue, and someday soon people won't have to worry about harmful pollutants or contamination.

Like Daymon said in the video, "We are the future - this is our legacy. What exactly is it we want to pass on?"

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Nicole Goge covers the highlights of the charity concert for St. Jude's Children's Hospital



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Security Briefs: Spring break plans a rift between students

One student: Malibu Another: Watching Fresh Prince reruns at 3AM

By BRIAN SABELLA
Round Mound of Rebound

To my Babes in Toyland,

It's your ole pal again, Brian "Can't we bring back Jerry Orbach?" Sabella. This is our last brief prior to the spring break and let me say I don't know what I'm going to do with myself next week.

I'll be in Daytona, granted, but I'll be missing you the whole time. (sniff) Hopefully we can get through this together.

Now, as they say back home: GO TIME!!

3/1 — 2:05 AM
Student Center

A young fawn was found a little far from the thicket on this quiet evening. My one question is what possessed them to go near the student center lounges. Upon further investigation on the part of this reporter, it was discovered the student was desperately trying to get into the ping-pong room. As they were sent to St. Francis, I've been told, they kept yelling something about wanting to "Bump like Gump." Crazy kids.

3/1 — 9:05 PM
Gregory

Surprise surprise, a fire alarm was set off on campus. But this time, I'm not exactly sure who to make fun of. A young college co-ed was drying her hair underneath the smoke detector when the alarm went off. WHAT?!!??

Either her blow dryer has flames coming out of the end or something is rotten in the state of Denmark... or Gregory, either works.

3/2 — 7:55 PM

A young woman was enjoying some tasty (cough, cough) Sodexo cuisine on this quiet evening when she left her table to get a napkin. Upon return she found that her ID and keys had been juiced from her table. Now this is low. This means we have students plotting and planning for their crimes. Come on smile on each other, everybody get together, try to love one another right now.

****GUEST BRIEF OF THE WEEK****
by the man known
only as, "The Walter"

3/2 — 10:15 PM
Marian

A fire alarm sounded late in the evening alerting all of the fine residents of the old gym to drop whatever they had in front of them and get out. A simple smoke detector malfunction caused this one, but it prompted Marist's finest to check each room just in case. Security hit the jackpot with the guerilla search tactic. Among items found in multiple rooms were a baby beer pong table, cans of Bud and Natty Light, two 40's, a 12-pack of Bud Light, and even a lit fatty boom batty blunt. SURE it was a "malfunction." I bet you'll be seeing lots more of these "malfunctions" in weekends to come. Enjoy Talmadge next year, guys.

3/4 — 12:28 AM
Upper West Cedar

Oh man, the upper classmen on campus have been making a comeback with a vengeance recently. And I'm proud of every last one of them. Ten party-goers were found in this casa with 20 cans of Bud Light and 17 cans of Natty. Now I applaud the effort, but haven't we outgrown Natty fellas? Come on now, we're old and fat. Get some Natty Light and start worrying about those calories.

****JOHN GILDARD
QUOTE OF THE WEEK****

3/4 — 12:15 AM
Marian

An unauthorized guest attempted to enter the belly of the beast that evening and was laughed away by the security officer because of this weak attempt. Upon recalling the incident, Marist College's very own John "My last name should be Wayne" Gildard, had this to say: "He was captured and sent out of Dodge by sunrise." Anybody else feel like saying "pilgrim" with a slow drawl right now?

3/4 — 5:45 AM
Leo

Here's a new one. A student came to the security guard and REQUESTED a ride to the hospital. No, he wasn't drunk (get your mind out of the gutter kids). He had decided to pick a fight... with the wall. Nice job. No, seriously, it's a good idea to punch inanimate objects. I hear the sidewalk holds its left a little low in the early rounds so you might have a chance against that instead.

3/4 — 3:58 AM
Champagnat

A few non-Red Foxes were seen trying to get into Champagnat. They, however, felt they were too extreme for the door and tried the window instead. Security, upon spotting the scene, captured the crazy kids. They were lined up against the wall where they were lectured on what being extreme entails. In an unrelated incident, apparently there were base jumpers on top of the Poughkeepsie Public Library later that evening. Crazy stuff.

3/4 — 10:15 PM
Marian

Oh boy. On the tails of last week's quail incident, a shotgun shell was found. Before I make the obvious joke, let me just say I'm proud of Marian Hall. They rebounded well this week and I couldn't be prouder than if they'd all just chugged a 40 and smashed it on their heads. But back to the shotgun shell. The secret service was called, but they said that Dick Cheney had not been in Marian that evening (wink, wink)

3/5 — 12:38 AM
Midrise

This next brief disappoints me. Makes me disgusted. Burnt popcorn set off the fire alarm. After nearly two weeks of no burnt food we have popcorn. Whoever you are I want you to cry yourself to sleep this evening because of what you did. All of Marist is disappointed in you. I hope Santa Claus brings a shovel to the bathroom after Alex Huot goes in it to fill your stocking this year.



Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, March 9
SGA Election Results
Posted!
See if your candidate got elected!
Check the SGA website!

SGA Housing Rap Session
Student Center 348 at 8 P.M.

Think the priority point system is unfair?
Having problems with guest passes?
Come grab some free food and speak your mind!

Friday, March 10
Residence Halls close at 6:30 P.M.

March 11-19
Spring Recess

Sunday, March 19
Residence Halls open at 10 A.M.

Monday, March 20
Classes Resume

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

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Lynch explains club financing

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Campus Editor

During the SGA elections, it became painfully apparent to Bob Lynch that many Marist students don't know how their school clubs are funded.

The Director of Student Activities and administrative advisor to the Student Government Financial Board has fielded questions all week from concerned and confused club members. The inquiries stem from rumors flying around campus after last week's heated SGA speech night, where Class of 2008 President-elect Omar Diaz suggested combining the Black Student Union, Appreciating Races Creating Opportunity and the Asian Alliance to pool their funding.

Many students took the suggestion as fact and became distressed.

"The amalgamation of minority groups is totally false," said Lynch. "Those are three of our most successful organizations... I am extremely proud of them, they take the lead every single

year." Diaz said on Tuesday that he intended to help the clubs with his suggestion.

"Sometimes they don't get the money that they request during budget allocations," Diaz said. "Because I don't want that to happen, the only way to fix that is to increase their numbers. Whatever it is you can do to make people be more interested in the clubs, just find new and interesting ways to recruit more members, it's a members game."

The Financial Board website [http://clubs.marist.edu/sga/finboard/finboard.html] says that club financing can be requested by filling out a form once a semester, which is then reviewed by a board comprised of Bob Lynch, Chief Financial Officer Patty Webster, and representatives from the six Club Councils.

Lynch said that clubs are generally reasonable with their requests. Requests are sometimes denied due to vagueness or gross impracticality, but there is plenty of opportunity for explanation.

Fiscal issues are not a major

concern, CFO Webster said.

"There is not a current funding problem for the clubs," said Webster. "As long as they fulfill their Club Guidelines and the Financial Board Guidelines, I don't foresee any groups being reconstructed against their will."

The \$110 activity fee that about 4,000 undergraduate students pay per semester is divided among the Student Programming Council, intramural leagues, and various guest speakers and lecturers.

Workshops are available to help answer frequently asked questions from clubs.

"My responsibility is making sure money is given," Lynch said. "I want to spend that money because it is the students' money."

Elise Delacruz, Vice President of the Black Student Union, said that her organization didn't need to change in order to get more money from the budget.

"The [Financial Board] does work with us," Delacruz said. "We will strongly stand against anyone who threatens the

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Rick Barnes speaks at anti-hazing seminar Greek members affirm commitment to uphold values of 'truth, respect, honesty'

By DIEGO CUENCA
Circle Contributor

National educator Rick Barnes addressed the Greek institutions in an anti-hazing seminar, about the importance of preventing hazing within fraternities and sororities, during his first appearance at Marist College.

The seminar was sponsored by the Greek Advisory Council on February 15, with members of every fraternity and sorority in attendance including Greek Council President, Brian Halabuda.

"Having a guest speaker like Rick Barnes helped to show how serious we are about the issue of

hazing. Barnes explained to us, that preventing hazing would facilitate Greek unity," said Halabuda.

Halabuda said that Greek institutions hold anti-hazing informational meetings every semester for the incoming pledges. New York state law and Marist College policy prohibit hazing and define it as "any means of abuse and humiliation." A first degree offense in hazing is a \$120 fine (or up to \$1,000 fine) and may be punishable by up to one year of imprisonment.

Director of Student Activities Bob Lynch said that hazing is not tolerated by any means on campus and charters will be disci-

plined. "Accountability and responsibility are words we use with our students," said Lynch.

Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity member Zach Herring said his institution does not touch or force any of their pledges or members to do anything they don't want to.

"Why would you want to join an organization that would haze you? Fraternities are about truth,

respect and honesty," said Herring.

"Hazing overshadows Greek institutions and it gives us a bad reputation," he said.

Lynch agreed that "hazing is not just a Greek issue, it's everyone's issue." He said that all organizations from athletic teams to bands must address the issue across the nation.

In the past, hazing has resulted in the deaths of college students pledging for fraternities at Alfred University and Clarkson University, with the most recent case occurring in the fall of 1997 at MIT.

Greek Council President Halabuda feels that hazing takes away from Marist fraternities and sororities' academic excellence and community service. During the fall semester, Greek institutions were able to raise over \$400 for the Katrina Relief Fund.

On Saturday, February 25, the fraternities and sororities participated in the Heart Walk, in an effort to raise \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

"People outside the Greek community don't realize how much we offer to the campus and community," said Halabuda. "We are a positive force."

"Once you get labeled a frat guy, not too many people look past that," added Herring.

Director of Student Activities Lynch feels the fraternities and sororities are among the most socially active organizations on campus.

"The Greeks are valued members of our community," said Lynch.

Fitness club starts first year with strong student support

By KYLE CARSON
Circle Contributor

A new club on campus, the Fitness Club, got off the ground with an inaugural 68 member class this semester.

When students first sign up they must sign a contract stating goals they wish to achieve by the end of the program. During the weeks they recorded their progress and when they achieve goals they gave prizes away. Prizes include \$50 gift certificates to Modell's, jump ropes, and hand weights.

North End Resident Director Cletra Peters said she created the club because students needed some guidance in learning how to get fit.

"If you learn to get healthy, everything else just falls in line," she said.

Peters organized the six-week program, which started in January right after winter break, and will end in March before students leave for spring break. The members all had different reasons for joining the club. Fitness club member Dave Hochman explained why he wanted to join.

"This last semester I really got into eating a lot healthier and I was hoping the fitness club would give me some great new ideas and tips," he said.

Besides trying to achieve individual goals, the members must attend a minimum of two programs designed to teach them about fitness. One program consisted of the dance team showing the members how to stretch and warm up. Another involved a kickboxing lesson by a certified kick boxing instructor.

The large club makes it easier for students to stick with their

healthy diets. An assistant professor of sports and exercise sciences at Ohio State, Janet Buckworth, encourages students to participate together in fitness activities because the group atmosphere is beneficial for students. A study by the Society for the Advancement of Education found that college students are more likely to exercise if they have social support for being active.

"The steepest decline in the number of people who are involved in physical activity occurs during adolescence and

early adulthood," Buckworth said. "It is crucial that we reach those college students who are not yet regular exercisers. We need to find ways to help the roughly half of college students who are not exercising regularly."

Even though the study suggests fitness groups encourages exercise, Peters still feels that it only takes one or two people to make a difference.

"As long as even four people come to an event, I don't care," she said. "If you can change even one person's life, it's cool."

With the success of the first semester of the Fitness Club, students like Hochman plan to continue their workouts.

"I definitely plan to keep working out. The last few years I've really been into working out and this healthy eating and stuff (Fitness Club) is more or less just add-ons."

Peters plans to continue the program in the fall of 2006.

Crosswalk timing on Route 9 causes angst among drivers, students, staff

By JAMES BUNCH
Circle Contributor

Motorists, Marist students, and staff agree that there is a current problem with pedestrian and automobile traffic on Route 9 in front of the main campus.

Motorists on Route 9 want something to be done to alleviate the problems involved in passing Marist College. Long waits for pedestrian crossings and reduced speed limits make driving the only road past the college an irri-

tating experience for motorists.

"I'm sick of having to wait two and sometimes three light changes to get past the college on my way home," said local driver David Garrett.

When 24 students were asked what they thought the worst part of crossing Route 9 was, the most common answer was that there was too long of a wait in between walk signals and not enough time to cross. It takes four minutes for the cross walk light to make a complete rota-

tion. Weather plays a major role in the discomfort level for pedestrians.

"The worst part is when it's 12 degrees, windy, raining, and you're late for class," said freshman student Jason Hensley.

John Gildard, Marist Director of Safety and Security, has worked with the New York State DOT in the past to increase pedestrian safety around the campus. New cross lights, a traffic light, and a diagonal cross walk have been installed within

the last two years.

Other ideas, such as constructing a catwalk or underground tunnel have been deemed impractical alternatives.

Gildard believes that a tunnel would be an unsafe environment in an emergency situation and would require constant patrolling and surveillance.

Based on past results of catwalks in New York City, the idea has been dismissed because of an average of 40 percent pedestrian use.

"It would be pointless to spend millions of dollars if the catwalk was not used by 100 percent of the pedestrians, which we cannot ensure," said Gildard.

Justin Butwell, director of physical plant, said although there have been ideas brought forth, there are currently no new plans for alleviating traffic problems in front of the college.

"The work we have done in the past has yielded positive results," Butwell said. "I believe speeding motorists cause the greatest

threat to safety around this stretch of Route 9."

Beneficial work has been done to increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists, but in our high paced society, what is often wanted more by both parties is convenience. College and state officials are not willing to sacrifice safety for convenience at this time and are unlikely to in the future. The next step in this situation is uncertain.

News Briefs

World News

Solution to Iranian nuclear program still in limbo, pressure mounts to assure world Iran will not acquire nuclear weapons

Iran's nuclear ambitions remain an item of intense negotiation with Russia, and one of intense scrutiny by the United States. Russia still offers a deal that would allow uranium enrichment on Russian soil, provided that Iran discloses the complete history of its past programs and allow for IAEA inspections. It is a deal that Iran has thus far rejected since bargaining broke down earlier this year. Moscow denied this week that its proposal had been modified to allow for limited enrichment in Iran. Attempts to pressure a Russian-based enrichment program have grown, though, as Vice President Dick Cheney stated Tuesday that the United States will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon.

National News

South Dakota governor signs broad anti-abortion bill into law; protracted legal battle expected to protect legacy of Roe v. Wade

Governor Mike Rounds of South Dakota signed a sweeping anti-abortion bill into law Monday, one which bans almost all abortions statewide. Defining life as beginning at conception, the bill limits all abortions except when there is a health concern regarding the mother's life. As it stands, the bill is in direct contradiction to the 1973 precedent set by the Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade. Rounds expects that this will prompt legal challenges delaying implementation of the law. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America has already said that it plans to take the matter to court.

BlackBerry maker settles NTP patent dispute with 612.5 million dollar deal; promises new technology to avoid patent violations

BlackBerry manufacturer Research In Motion Ltd. recently settled its legal battle with Virginia-based firm NTP by agreeing to pay a sum of 612.5 million dollars. The dispute, raised over wireless technology patent violations by RIM, had threatened to shut down BlackBerry devices used by over three million people nationwide. Share values raised by 19 percent after the agreement was announced, and RIM has assured its users that it has created software to avoid violating NTP's patents in the future.

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Wal-Mart to carry Plan-B contraception pill

Retail giant forced to sell prescription drug after losing lawsuit in Massachusetts

By JOHN SULLIVAN, KATE GOODIN, VALERIE CAPULLO, PATRICK TULLY, AND CHRIS YUSKO
Circle Contributors

Wal-Mart stores will begin carrying Plan B, an emergency situation contraception pill, in all of its United States pharmacy locations by March 20, 2006.

The decision to start carrying the pill stems from a court decision filed in Massachusetts when three Boston women pressed charges against Wal-Mart when one of their pharmacies refused to file a prescription for the pill. Wal-Mart only stocks the pill in its Illinois stores, where it is mandated by state law. Wal-Mart, which owns 3,700 pharmacies, had been the only major chain that did not carry the "morning-after pill," which can help prevent pregnancies if taken within 72 hours of intercourse. Wal-Mart has never publicly

objected to the drug but decided not to carry it because of "low demand."

However, a catch to the policy that Wal-Mart has adopted has angered some women's groups. Wal-Mart pharmacists who object to filing a Plan B prescription can refer customers to another pharmacist or even another pharmacy. Some women's groups, such as Naral Pro-Choice America and the Planned Parenthood Federation of America are angered by this because Wal-Mart is sometimes the only pharmacy in an area.

David Osipovich, Ph.D., assistant professor of ethics at Marist College, said the conscientious objection policy applies to the morning-after pill for two reasons.

"There are arguments made on both sides of this issue," he said. "This is the kind of medication that terminates a pregnancy, and a powerful consistency argues the pill is immoral."

But Osipovich said he does not think the sale of the pill at Wal-Mart will affect any decisions related to Roe v. Wade.

"I don't think this will affect it at all," he said. "The difficulty there is what counts as a person."

Ron Chomiuk, the vice president of Wal-Mart's pharmacy division, said in a statement that given the impending state action and the fact that Plan B was approved by the Food and Drug Administration, Wal-Mart would be hard-pressed to justify not selling the drug.

Dianne Luby, a member of Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, said she was happy when Wal-Mart decided to sell the pill in all of its pharmacies.

"We're thrilled - we think this is a great first step for Wal-Mart," she said.

Luby was one of the three women that filed the lawsuit against Wal-Mart in Massachusetts. Even though the

lawsuit only affected Massachusetts, Wal-Mart made the decision to stock the product in all pharmacies due to increasing pressure from New York and Connecticut and the possibility of other states following this lead.

Chomiuk said he thinks this decision will spread to other states in the future.

"We expect more states to require us to sell emergency contraceptives in the months ahead," said Chomiuk.

Sergio Boniche, associate professor of business and management at Marist College, said Wal-Mart pharmacies have an obligation to serve the public's demand for the pill.

"Wal-Mart said it does not stock emergency contraception for business reasons, including low demand," said Boniche. "But pharmacies are not in the business of carrying only high ticket or turnover items, but are there to serve the public with a

wide-selection of products... As a publicly traded company, Wal-Mart has an obligation to follow the law regardless of any possible moral dilemmas faced by the management team."

Osipovich, said that it is unlikely the pill will have an effect on Wal-Mart's reputation.

"I don't think it will make that big of an impact," he said, "Wal-Mart is bad for other unrelated reasons."

Here at Marist, students are reacting to the issue in various ways. Rachel Worell said she thinks that the legislature and the people who want the pill are confused between the moral aspect and medicinal aspect. Also, she said that attacking only Wal-Mart is pointless since other chains carry the pill.

"The fact that they are suing Wal-Mart is ridiculous," said Worell.

Chris Kelly said that CVS said that they recommend a competitor to the customer that has the

product if they don't, so there is no reason for them to carry it.

"I think the three women were just looking for money," said Kelly. "You can't find everything anywhere; sometimes you have to search for it."

Rachael Seminara said that Plan B pills should be in pharmacies.

"I think it's unnecessary to have to go to a different area to receive a pill," said Seminara. "You have to trust your pharmacy."

The pill will be available in all Wal-Mart pharmacies around the country by March 20. The local Wal-Marts plan to stock the pill.

Plan B, a product produced by Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1999 as a prescription-only drug. The FDA has been deliberating since then on whether to grant the drug over-the-counter status.

DP World ports deal elicits strong reactions from Marist

By GREG HRINYA, JAMES PAFUMI, RYAN RESTIVO, AND SARAH SANDSTO
Circle Contributors

Congressional opposition to the Dubai Ports World deal remains strong despite the UAE based company's agreement to a 45-day delay.

According to Time Magazine, Dubai Ports World (DPW) closed a deal that included terminal operations in five United States' ports including New York City and Miami. The deal is pending a 45-day national-security review that the Dubai Ports World asked for to gain support and knowledge of their anti-terrorism agenda.

Congressman Tom Cole, R-Oklahoma told Time Magazine that the White House is being overwhelmed by this deal.

"The White House has a huge challenge on its hands," Cole said. "They don't have the ability or credibility to carry this deal on their own."

Some Marist College students, like Craig Hogarth differ in their opinions concerning this issue of port security. Hogarth, a senior mathematics education major, said that tension will increase regardless of the outcome of this debate.

"It seems to me that whether or not Bush or Congress succeeds over the other, tensions will mount," Hogarth said.

Jared Penella, sophomore, political science major, defended the actions of President Bush concerning this deal.

"I understand the concern with security; however I feel that because there is no law barring a foreign company from running the day to day operations, you cannot differentiate between any one country because it's inherently racist," Penella said. "I feel strongly that opposition is probably misguided and over amplified. It's pretty evident that Bush didn't get out ahead of this issue like he should have, and that has cost him a lot of PR and GOP support."

Like Penella, John James Fahey, associate professor, com-

munication, supported Bush's decision, saying that the hypocrisy of the deal's critics is disapproval.

"Since 18 terrorists from Saudi Arabia were involved in Sept. 11, the United States still continues to buy oil from that country," Fahey said. "However, two terrorists obtained funding from the Dubai bank. The Dubai bank is not funded by the country, yet people don't want to use their ports based on the actions of these two people."

Fahey also said that using the ports would help to promote "world peace through world trade."

Conversely, Mark Morreale, lecturer, English said that the

major issue concerning the Dubai deal is the way it was handled by the Bush administration.

"The problem is not so much that it's Arabs who will be running these ports," Morreale said. "The problem is that the whole thing was dealt with ineptly. Our ports are so vulnerable in the first place and nothing has been done to bolster security. This issue is shining a light on this problem."

John White, assistant professor, history said that the whole ordeal should not shock the American people.

"This shouldn't come as any surprise considering that the Bush administration is perhaps the most secretive administration in history," White said.

"Republicans and Congress are going to distance themselves from Bush because they have to run for election, Bush doesn't."

Dubai has amassed over \$15 billion in overseas investments over the past decade while run by emir Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum. One of their domestic goals includes becoming a leader in multiple industries. Dubai has become one of the healthiest in the Middle East as oil accounts for 6 percent of their Gross Domestic Product. The government has built high-tech media and internet outlets that are attracting Microsoft and IBM. DuBiotech, a research park built by Dubai, is luring drug company's interests.

New administrative campaign attempts to prevent hazing on campus

By ERIC ZEDALIS
Circle Contributor

Starting this semester, Mentors for First Year Programs, Valerie Turco and Kristin Bretz, began an administrative movement to prevent hazing at Marist College, particularly in Greek Organizations.

Both mentors say this is a preemptive movement rather than a response to accusations; however, according to Turco, the likelihood of unknown hazing incidents necessitates urgency.

"I think that although we don't see [hazing], we may be ignorant to say it doesn't happen on our campus," Turco said. "Hazing does happen, and even the little things can be considered hazing in a way. So we need to raise awareness."

The first preventative measure was taken back in November at a conference in Atlanta when Bretz arranged for speaker Rick Barnes of the Intra Fraternal Council (IFC) to come speak to Marist Greeks.

Senior Masha Mitsengendler of

Kappa Lambda Psi noted that normally only new members are required to attend a meeting about hazing, but this year was different.

"Every year there's a meeting for all of the new members so they know what constitutes hazing," she said. "This year the school also hired [Barnes] to come and talk to everyone about hazing and how to strengthen the chapter."

According to Turco, Barnes was a unique speaker because he did not talk down to or lecture

the students in attendance

"[Barnes] wasn't someone who came in and said, 'This is hazing. Don't do it,'" she said. "He told them these are the consequences, this is what happens, and this is what happened here. Now here are some other things you can do."

"He really tried to relate to them and bring his ideas and what he's learned at other institutions here, and it was like a back-and-forth conversation where he wasn't yelling at them, and I think they appreciated that."

Before Barnes came to speak, Bretz said that she held the annual meeting to educate new members about hazing, offering recent examples of hazing incidents that received national attention.

"We explained to them that even if it's not to the same extent as those examples, if they start to feel any discomfort, they need to go in and talk to someone," Bretz said.

According to Bretz, Marist College defines hazing as any intentional act that causes physi-

cal, mental, or emotional discomfort. Bretz said she and Turco also include, as a "general rule of thumb," that if only new members are forced to do something and old members are not, it is hazing. If anyone is singled out, then it is hazing."

With that in mind, another way Turco and Bretz are trying to curb hazing is by requiring each organization to submit to them an outline of activities for its new members.

"We sit down and go through SEE HAZING, PAGE 6

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Fear of Iran's weapons may provoke terrorism *Americans eager to restrict the development of foreign nuclear programs*

By DAN BLACK
Staff Writer

It seems a recurring theme in the typical American's day-to-day life: the threat of extermination. We are, as a society, always within arms-reach of our peril. Today it is Iran, coincidentally of geographical adjacency to the last threat, Iraq, that the press informs us must be expediently disposed of lest they become the cause of our demise.

The board of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the UN Security Council are working together to decide if talks with Iran have failed and if taking "punitive" (infer what you will) measures are necessary, the threat accompanying Iran's nuclear programs has been identified using mostly complex reasoning and confusing terminology, but the politicians very carefully do not affix the following label, the label I will now use, to describe the Iranian threat: Weapons of Mass Destruction. They're saying it without saying it because they're afraid to say it: this is an Iraq Rerun. The facts and the circumstances are differ-

ent, the numbers and the statistics are different, and the prominent characters are different, but the scenario is essentially identical.

What has caused this influx of

The United States is inviting terrorism, fostering the very hate-born cultural motivation these foreign peoples have to make war simply by the foreign policies it has adopted to combat them.

threats that the U.S. must keep running around to the far reaches of the planet to quash? Your answer lies in your question and your presumed effect is actually your cause. The United States is inviting terrorism, fostering the very hate-born cultural motivation these foreign peoples have to make war simply by the foreign policies it has adopted to combat them.

The United States, for those who have forgotten, is the only country in world history that has used nuclear weapons against another country in the theatre of war. The belief has since been maintained that our actions were justified given the extenuating circumstances. Who has the justification now that we had than to

employ these last-resort tools of Judgment Day-diplomacy? The answer is, obviously, the terrorists. Attempt for a moment to view the situation through terrorist eyes: The 1945 United States

used nukes in the interest of ending a war and preserving their way of life; we are going to use nukes because it is the will of God, to purge the world of an ungodly civilization.

Frightening but true, this belief makes it is easy to see why they feel justified attacking the U.S. All the more reason for us to impose sanctions and put a halt to Iran's nuclear programs, even if it entails the use of military force? Nothing could be further from sound, rational strategy.

The development of nuclear weapons completed or halted history has demonstrated in recent years that Americans can be killed with or without them; their presence impacts only the

methodology, not the probability, of the U.S. falling under attack.

I propose the greatest weapon we have in defense against being attacked by terrorists is a passive one: a different face for America.

This nuclear 'crisis', as it has been described, is just another example of America finding something it is afraid of and then throwing a tantrum of untamable emotion and passion whose end-result is crushing the threat through force. Honestly, we have no courage woven into our cultural fabric, only fear and guilt, and the resulting behaviors reinforce Arab people's hatred of the U.S. Imagine the power and respect we could establish if, instead of

the eyes of foreign nations unable to look away, the U.S. is seen as a country that attempts to prove nothing except through its composure that it is unafraid. Visualize us permitting the freedoms of other countries to pursue their own research, research we completed ourselves last century, and carrying ourselves with utmost confidence and grace because we are not scared. The Arabs would see the change and they may come to know a different United States, one that does not oppress the societal rights of foreign nations, one with a more egalitarian approach to foreign policy, and finally one that operates with an up-right moral integrity that refuses to be thrust

message that we are the U.S. and nothing is more important in the world than our survival, we will take absolutely any action necessary to ensure our self-preservation and Lord have mercy on what gets in our way because we will not—a message that guarantees the persistence of terrorism. We could convey the message that we are the U.S. and we are unafraid; you will not attack us with these nuclear weapons because you will not want to. We will work together, cooperatively, and you will come to discover America is not the enemy of Islam or of any other religion or belief system; this world is large enough for two peoples to share and share it we shall do.

Picture the U.S. standing on the diplomatic playing field cool and unafraid, permitting the freedoms of other countries to pursue their own research, research we completed ourselves last century, and carrying ourselves with confidence because we are not scared.

acting out as global imperialists of ideology, we approached the 'crisis' with a brave and unflinching demeanor. Picture the U.S. standing calm and cool on the diplomatic playing field. With

into impulsive impropriety by looming uncertainty. The United States becomes suddenly more difficult to hate, less desirable to attack.

We are currently conveying the

Sound idealized to the point of absurdity? It may sound so, but it has not been tried, and this current model of hypocritical war-mongering and double-standard imposition is not working. There are avenues to world-peace, for in the annals of history, peace has been known to the world; perhaps it is time we attempted one that did not involve so much mindless war.

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Caution encouraged when studying abroad

International travel brings with it eye-opening experiences, hidden dangers

By ADAM PITEO
Circle Contributor

They held on to their purses tightly as the pair entered the bus that would carry them around the foreign city.

Alison Wallace and Meg VanDervoort were two Marist students embarking on a 13-person trip to Italy. The entire group had been warned repeatedly by the chaperones that traveling in Italy was dangerous and they needed to pay special attention in order to have a safe trip.

The bus was a safe place compared to the streets they had just left. "One man asked me 'where are you sleeping tonight?'" said

senior Meg VanDervoort, who was traveling abroad for the first time. "The men were very forward; nothing like here."

What these girls experienced was not uncommon. Every semester, students go abroad with the goal of learning about other cultures and having a fun experience. Safety is a crucial element while enjoying a trip. Every year students are warned of the dangers of traveling outside of the United States.

"I was worried about the trip

before we left. They made it sound so dangerous," said Alison Wallace.

'It was not that bad. It was still dangerous, but I actually felt safer in most of Italy than I did in New York.'

— Alison Wallace

to address specific dangers.

Director of Public Affairs and trip chaperone, Tim Massie, told students of his past experiences

During one of the meetings prior to the trip, he discussed a time when he was mugged in Italy. Even Massie, a seasoned traveler, was caught off-guard.

"He told us a story about when his wallet was stolen. He told us what he did wrong and why he was vulnerable. It really stuck with me while I was traveling," said VanDervoort. "Whenever I was in a crowded area, I paid extra attention to the people around me." After a couple of days, the girls

grew accustomed to their new surroundings. They realized it was different, but the experiences they had from home could be applied abroad. Every city

has panhandlers and other criminals waiting for an opportunity.

"It was not that bad. It was still dangerous, but I actually felt safer in most of Italy than I did in New York," said Wallace. "Last week when I was in New York City, a man took my picture and then tried to sell it to me. It was the

same kind of thing we dealt with in Italy, but just culturally different."

The Marist Abroad Program's mission states; abroad programs exist to "enhance the global perspective of academic programs." The trip to Italy has done just that for VanDervoort and Wallace. An important part of that perspective was learning about the culture and how to be safe in an unknown country.

"It was the best way to see the country," said VanDervoort. "I would love to do it again."

Alum's international journey better forgotten

In January 2004 former international student, Kunal Anand, experienced a trip he hopes no other traveler must endure. During his journey from N. Delhi to Marist, he was detained in Moscow, Russia and endured three days of "torture." Below is his log from those three days.

Moscow (Mosko) → RUSSIA

(A journey better forgotten)

January 24, 2004 to January 26, 2004

4:10 a.m. → Landing at the Moscow Airport (transferring from N. Delhi to NY)
4:15 a.m. → Transit check and collecting the boarding pass (asked me to pick it up after 11 a.m. from the "Transfer Lounge")

4:20 a.m. → Started having an upset stomach, went to the lavatory.
4:45 a.m. → Slept on a bench at the useless airport, was weary from the last 48hrs.
10:30 a.m. → Woke up, went to the lavatory again, this time felt much better after coming out.
10:45 a.m. → Breakfast at the Taj Mahal restaurant.

11:15 a.m. → Went to the Transfer Lounge to pick up my 'Boarding Pass.' Asked the front desk lady for a medicine for loose motions and I was forwarded to the pharmacy shop with a note written in Russian, but they had no medicine/solution for me. When I went back to the transfer lounge lady (she knew English), she asked me to wait for a couple of minutes, and she spoke to someone (in Russian) over the intercom.

11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. → Two lady doctors came (who did not know English), checked if I had a fever, pressed my stomach, and said I could not travel and had to be admitted to the "Hospital." After pressing my stomach one of them said I had an ulcer or stone in my stomach. She called a third doctor (Russian speaking again) who snatched my boarding pass, and asked me to follow her. (I have never seen such rude doctors).

12:30 p.m. → Inside the airport medical room (as worthless as the airport); I took a 'poop' test. I was forced to take rest in a secluded room and asked not to leave.
1:45 p.m. → With tears in my eyes, I was forced out of the airport (without my ticket or passport. I was not even allowed to give a call back home!) and into an ambulance, was driven to a distant hospital.

2:45 p.m. → Reached the hospital, straight away taken to the 16th floor.
2:55 p.m. → A lady warden, Russian speaking, gave me a room (which was pretty clean) and I was asked to change & wear the hospital provided clothes. I felt like I was trapped in prison; nobody knew English and there was no way to call anyone back home in India or in the U.S.

3:30 p.m. → A lady doctor came for a check-up, checked my blood pressure and stomach, filled out some forms I needed to sign, and made me sign them, though I didn't even know what I was signing.

3:45 p.m. → She said, "You have to stay here for 2/3 days, depending on your health and ticket availability."

4:00 p.m. → Slept (trying to forget whatever happened)
7:00 p.m. → Woke up, went to the lavatory to give them a sample of what they wanted and what they deserved.

7:15 p.m. → Asked the warden for food, but she said she was helpless. (Thank God mom had packed some parathas for me; ate those and read my novel).

10:00 p.m. → Asked the warden for water and she refused to help me, so had to drink tap water and started reading the novel (my saviour) again.

11:00 p.m. → At this point feeling like I'm trapped in prison. I was locked in a room with closed windows. I could see the sky scrapers from the window at one end, and from the warden's window at the other, but was not allowed to even step foot out of the room.

12:05 p.m. → Again read my novel and requested they take me out of here, ASAP.

(END OF DAY 1)

Good morning, Day 2 ...

Time not known, was sleeping – The warden opened my rooms' door, checked for fever and shocked me by saying – 'Doktor ... come ... 4clk', which means → 1 MORE DAY IN PRISON.

9:30 a.m. → Got up, really tensed – worried about my family, but there was no way to make an international call in Mosko, except from the airport or somebody's residence (as told to me).

11:00 a.m. → The room cleaning lady came, gave me breakfast (egg + 1 piece of bread + butter + dunno what) and again locked me from the outside and went away.

1:30 p.m. → With tears in my eyes right now, asked the warden to open my room for 2 minutes, so I could sit outside (since I was feeling suffocated). Instead, she shouted in her Russian accent –

'NOT INDZIA, JIS MOSKO.'

1:35 p.m. → The lady doctor came. After almost 2 ½ hrs, I heard a familiar language. She gave me assurance of my earliest departure, I didn't know if it was true/false, and said my tests would be done tomorrow – means ... "ANOTHER DAY IN JAIL."

1:40 p.m. → Got lunch – Borsch (soup) + chai + 1 slice bread + dunno what!!

5:30 p.m. → New house-keeping lady came and got my signature on something that I again couldn't read, and older warden then checked my fever. Finally, I combed my hair (without a mirror in the room) and got back to my novel.

6:00 p.m. → Tried to meditate, but failed.

6:30 p.m. → Got dinner (mashed potatoes + 1 slice of bread + dunno what)

8:40 p.m. → There was nobody at the warden's desk. I NEEDED WATER.

10:15 p.m. → The warden refused to give me water, I feel like a moron, bored of reading my novel, sleep circling around my eyes, but refusing a temporary residence.

11:45 p.m. → Finally I got water (boiled), feeling hungry but didn't have anything to eat.

12:00 a.m. → INDIAN REPUBLIC DAY (Jan 26th) and I am still in prison.

(END OF DAY 2)

Good morning, Day 3 ...

6:30 a.m. → A nurse came to check for fever, and also asked me to give a stool sample. A second one came and took a syringe full of blood out of my hand.

6:45 a.m. → I thought they seemed to be in a hurry, but nobody came thereafter so I slept again.

10:00 a.m. → Breakfast time (boiled egg + a slice of bread + butter + porridge). For the first time I knew what I was eating.

10:25 a.m. → A doctor came who asked me to give a poop test. I told her the whole story, using my hands to gesture. She left.

11:30 a.m. → FINGERS CROSSED

12:00 p.m. → No response from the doctor, fed up of reading my Sidney Sheldon.

12:40 p.m. → The doctor came, checked my stomach, saw my depressed face, finally said – "Today – Car drive – You – Airport" (allah be praised..!!)

12:55 p.m. → The warden came in and gave me a bag which had all my clothes & shoes.

1:00 p.m. → Left the hospital in an ambulance, towards the airport.

2:30 p.m. → Reached the airport and was taken to the medical room. Nobody came to help me for the first 5 mins.

2:35 p.m. → Got hold of a doctor who, for a change, really seemed interested in helping me. He asked me to sit and watch a tennis match on TV until he came back and confirmed where my passport was at the moment.

2:40 p.m. → I got my passport, he asked me where I wanted to go, and promptly my reply was – NEW YORK, USA. To my surprise, he said "Let's watch this second set together." I forced myself to watch for a bit, and then asked him to confirm the flight times for me.

2:42 p.m. → He came back from his room & told me that – 'its at 3:30pm'. I suddenly felt a rush inside of me, so I requested him to get me a ticket for the same.

2:50 p.m. → Taken to the AEROFLOT RUSSIAN FLIGHT TRANSIT COUNTER. The lady sitting in the chairman's office told me – "You are leaving by the 3:30 p.m. flight."

2:55 p.m. → Got my ticket and she took a copy of the receipt which the medical room gave me (written in Russian)

2:57 p.m. → Called Mom – she heard my voice and started crying – I told her that I was fine and just had a minute to talk to her (using the \$7 card which the airline's chairman gave me) and in brief told her what had happened, and also asked her to call up my cousin to ask him to pick me up from JFK. The chairman (lady) came to me and asked me to check-in.

3:00 p.m. → All set to go to NY!! (The flight was nine hours and I didn't sleep a minute)

9:05 p.m. (EST) – Finally arrived in the United States.

After all the torture (as if it was not enough for me...hahaha) when I came to Marist, a professor denied me an overtime (even after listening to my story). What should I put it as... "Well begun is half done" or "All is well that ends well"?!?

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For Marist students, protection is a 'SNAP'

By CHRISTINE SNYDER
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With midterm's right around the corner, there are many students out on campus at later hours due to late night studying in the library. The Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol, also known as SNAP, provides its services to Marist students to help make the walk around campus less of a concern.

SNAP was established with the purpose of increasing security on the Marist campus. Devon O'Nalty, an employee of SNAP

explained the duties of SNAP. SNAP has specific 'swipe' positions which are the entry doors of all the freshman dorms, including Midrise and Marian. In the other areas of campus, SNAP uses the laundry rooms as a swipe position. While swiping those positions, employees look around and ask if anyone would like an escort. SNAP does two rounds, then takes a break, then repeats this pattern throughout the night.

SNAP employees work in pairs patrolling four main sections of the campus. The A section is all

the freshman dorms, Midrise, and Marian. The B section is Upper and Lower New, Foy, and Garland. The C section is Lower and Upper West Cedar and the D section is Fulton, over to Upper West Cedar. The only area not patrolled is Tallmadge.

Although this service is offered Monday through Thursday every week, many students do not use it. On average SNAP gets two to three escort requests a night. Most of the requests are those of females.

Chelsea Donnarumma, a second-year Marist student said,

"Although the City of Poughkeepsie can be dangerous at times, I feel as though Marist campus is a safe environment and that is probably why not a lot of people don't use SNAP."

According to a February 1 American School & University Magazine article, by Mike Kennedy, many colleges and universities are making more of an effort to keep their students safe.

Kennedy writes, "Students attend schools and universities to learn, but it's hard to concentrate on studying in an environment where people are continually

fretting about their personal safety, administrators undoubtedly would rather focus on their core mission, education, but the nature of American society in the early twenty-first century demands that education institutions go the extra mile to make sure their facilities and campuses are safe."

SNAP is that "extra mile" that Kennedy is referring to. SNAP is available Monday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. from September to April. Starting in April through the end of the school year they are available

Monday through Thursday 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Their contact information is extension 7627.

"I think SNAP is a great program and, even though it may not be used a lot, people know that they have a group of friendly kids out there that are willing to walk with them on those long nights to make them feel more comfortable." O'Nalty said. "Also, SNAP allows the students that work to become more outgoing and personable, so I guess you can say it's the double edge sword. I love SNAP; it's the best on-campus job!"

Midterm care packages bring much-needed relief

By LINDSAY STRAUB
Circle Contributor

Midterm care packages sponsored by Kappa Lambda Psi, a campus sorority, are in demand among Marist students and it's not just for the cookie and candy treats inside.

The small basket contains animal crackers, a bag of cookies, pretzels and chocolate peanut chews. It is wrapped in cellophane and is tied together with an ivory-colored ribbon.

Freshman Danielle Sherman was interrupted by a knock at her door while studying for her College Writing midterm. Sherman welcomed this interruption after a member of KLP personally greeted and presented her with a care package.

"I was so excited to get a package," Sherman said. "It even had my favorite my candy!"

For freshman Holly Stajk, on the other hand, there was no knock at her door, and no package received. The craze of per-

sonal greetings and midterm care packages swept the campus and left, or in some cases, did not leave students smiling.

The sorority, KLP, sends out a letter to the parents of all Marist students every semester before midterms offering them the option to purchase a "midterm care package" for \$15. The money for the baskets is recycled back into the organization to pay for other community service projects that KLP participates in, and to pay for the care packages themselves.

The members of KLP then personally deliver the baskets to students all over campus. KLP members including Katherine Rougeux say it's one of their biggest projects.

"We hit almost every residence hall on delivery day," said Rougeux.

According to another KLP member, Stacy Wahlstrom, the number of people who order care packages varies from semester to semester, but it's usually

between 350 and 450 students.

"Many parents love this service," she said. "We even get some letters from parents telling us how much they love it and how helpful it is."

It wasn't long before some of the students, like Stajk, felt left out of the care package frenzy.

"Everyone got these cute little packages delivered to them and no one knocked on my door," said Stajk. "I tried to guilt trip my parents but it obviously did nothing considering I didn't even get a finals care package."

Professor of psychology, Dr. Linda Dunlap, feels the packages are a good idea and "a nice booster from parents to their children." She does not believe, however, that parents should be "guilt-tripped" into purchasing the care packages.

Parents and their students, especially those in college, should communicate on a regular basis to maintain a mutual support system for one another, she said.

"Sending a care package should not be the foundation of a parent's support for his or her child, but a token of the support that already exists," said Dunlap.

According to Dunlap, students need more of these little boosters, not only during midterm and finals week, but during other times of stress as well. If packages were delivered daily, however, they would most likely lose their impact and effect on students.

"In general," said Dunlap, "people could use more random acts of kindness, and even more during midterms and finals." The care package offered by KLP provides parents with exactly that.

By the time parent Loraine Schindler remembered to respond to the letter sent out by KLP, it was too late. Her daughter, freshman Jessica Schindler, was very unhappy with her mother's forgetfulness.

Schindler wondered why her mother didn't send her a package

although she didn't even like the treats in it.

"I wasn't very surprised when I got a care package during finals week," Schindler said, after talking the situation over with her mother.

Dunlap explains that Schindler's desire for a care package does not necessarily have to do with what is in the package, but rather the feeling she gets when she receives a package of any kind.

"What it comes down to is that you have to know your child," said Dunlap.

She recommended that parents should send the package not because they feel guilty, but because they want their child to get "that feeling."

"Students feel special, cared-for and somewhat unique after they receive a package of any kind," explained Dunlap.

Kristine Cullen, Director of the Center for Advising and Academic Services, agrees the packages are a great idea:

Students are especially thrilled when they receive packages of any sort.

"Whenever I see students with a package they are always smiling and look excited," said Cullen. Cullen supports the basis for the packages as well as their contents stating "food is a great motivator for mostly everything."

Parent Joanne Sherman thinks the packages are an excellent idea that creates a positive influence on students during a very stressful week. Mrs. Sherman purchased a care package for her daughter, Danielle Sherman, first semester.

"It was great to see Danielle so excited," said Mrs. Sherman. "She can expect another surprise this semester."

KLP has already sent out the letter for this semester and expects a similar turnout. "Hopefully, I'll get some midterm treats this time around," said Stajk.

Marist Dining heeds students' call for healthier food options

By BRITTANY DION
Circle Contributor

With melting snow banks and the promise of spring break upon us, many students have embarked on a healthy eating campaign in preparation of that much anticipated run on a tropical beach.

The pent up expectation of bathing suits, shorts, tee shirts and blazing sun may seem premature, but for many students the arrival of spring break season signals it's time to get serious about how and what to eat. For some, a higher level of awareness when it comes to eating habits is resulting from this realization.

Joseph Heavey, general manager of Dining Services, can attest to such diet changes by having witnessed, "more traffic at the salad bar and more requests for things like grilled chicken breast and other lean meats."

Aside from this level of personal diet control, Marist Dining is also making strides to cater to this new found interest in healthy foods among the students. Heavey, along with Lauren Sokolowski, marketing manager, said Marist Dining has established two ways to promote healthier eating habits.

According to the Marist College Dining Services Web page, the first of these programs, entitled the "Color of Food," which has been occurring this week and ends on March 10.

"Think Color" highlighting a colorful menu of fruits and veg-

etables is intended to inspire students to create a healthy diet based on a variety of foods. This week-long promotion, marked with a new color theme each day, will also have a creative coloring contest with the possibility of winning a prize.

In addition, the Marist Dining home page has an ongoing "Mind, Body and Soul" online directory. This site instructs students on how to master the rigors of nutritional information by simplifying, categorizing, and even providing an online Nutrition Calculator meant to fully explain to any college students the various health consequences of the calories and vitamins that they consume each day.

The Dining Services food promotions have yet to reach everyone. Sophomore Amanda Schaefer has been trying to eat healthy not only for the upcoming spring break but also for summer; however, Schaefer does not feel Marist Dining Services has catered to her healthy eating regimen.

"It seems like their only attempt at healthy eating is the salad bar that they have all the time," she said. "You don't really see any 'low fat' type meals or anything like that."

Chris Wieland, who as a freshman is obligated to eat every meal in the cafeteria, feels that Marist Dining's healthy meals are primarily directly towards vegan or vegetarian meals.

"There are foods that are healthy but not vegetarian"

Wieland said, that the cafeteria appears to be lacking.

The goal of the Marist Dining healthy eating programs is to respond to these complaints through the expanding of healthy eating options.

"We see an increased level of fruit and vegetable consumption and a decreased level of consumption of fried and starchy items," Heavey said. But students on campus claim these changes in food choices are mere personal decisions and not the result of these promotions' influence.

"I've heard something about the healthier eating programs but they don't have much publicity," said Wieland. With better publicity this beneficial information would reach out to a greater majority of students. "If these events were made clearer in the cafeteria I think students would look twice at it and it would have an affect on what they choose to eat," Schaefer added.

With spring break just around the corner for some Marist students the bathing suit may not be tucked in a drawer much longer. Marist Dining's healthy eating programs will be provided both before and after the break in an effort to provide a wider range of healthy eating options. If successful, these programs will cause a blip on student's radar the next time a slew of red hooded Marist students enter the cafeteria in pursuit of the perfect healthy meal.

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Cancer benefit keeps Marist musicians "Up 'til Dawn"

BY NICOLE GOGÉ
Circle Contributor

Last Friday night, Marist's musicians poured their energies and talents into "Up 'til Dawn," a cancer benefit held for St. Jude's Children's hospital. The festivities promoted the awareness of cancer research for the Marist College community, a program that is beginning to gain strength nationwide.

Promotions and fliers for the event advertised the free food, fun, and the party atmosphere provided by the featured entertainment. Event coordinator, Matt Hittenmark, said he looked for energetic performances that were "going to keep you up all night."

Anthony Agati of the band 'Johnny and Robot 5', described his group's music as upbeat and fast-paced. "The kind of music you would listen to in the car on a sunny day, tapping your feet and snapping," he said.

Even though the students may have been selected for their musical abilities, their focus was promoting the event, not their groups. For Agati's band, the event was an example of a commitment to charity with a special twist.

The band was suspended from Marist last year because of an incident, Agati said. After a written apology to the college,

performing at the benefit was a "show of good faith," said Agati. "It was our welcome back to Marist show."

Agati also took a personal interest in the event outside of his association with the band. He said he was always willing to take part in any kind of benefit because his brother is a cancer survivor.

Other bands also voiced their willingness to take the opportunity to help. Junior Scott Harrison of the group Middleway said his band had participated in similar activities, such as Relay for Life. He emphasized how the abundance of fliers drew their attention to get involved, especially since the group tries to participate in as many campus activities as possible.

Even though it was a Friday night and many students were going out with friends, there was no difficulty finding people to participate. "It was hard to turn people away," said Hittenmark.

Mike Quigley of '4 Days from Now' agreed with the positive promotion of the charity event.

'4 Days from Now' was specifically recruited to play, and they were more than willing. "Money or not, it doesn't matter,"

Quigley said. "4 Days from Now" recently played at Holy Cross, and has upcoming performances in Poughkeepsie.

Hittenmark explained the performers were apart of a talent contest where winners were chosen for three categories; best creative, best overall, and best musical.

However, Agati and the other musicians were unable to explain how the contest even worked. In the opinions of the performers, the importance of the event was in the commitment to the cause.

Some bands like 'Middleway' hope these types of opportunities will offer the necessary experience to branch out from strictly on-campus activities. Harrison said the members of Middleway hope to get their demo out soon to show more of New York their music. Harrison and fellow band member James Sheehan made sure to mention their Web site.

The site, mspace.com/middleway features their music, pictures, and contact information.

Bands like 'Johnny and Robot 5' used the opportunity to distinguish themselves from other groups with songs like, "I Used to Need Therapy, but Now I Just Watch Doctor Phil."

Throughout the night, the volunteers sporting "Marist Cares" t-shirts only stopped the thumping sound system and energetic mood briefly to supply more information on St. Jude's and remind the Marist community just what they were there for.



Movie Trivia Madness

Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire originally auditioned for the lead role in Jarhead.

In Walk the Line, Joaquin Phoenix performed all the songs himself without being dubbed and learned to play guitar for the movie.

Sandra Bullock was so committed to appearing in Crash, she bought her own plane ticket to fly to the set.

In 10 Things I Hate About You, after their altercation in the school parking lot, Michael refers to Kat as "the Shrew" a reference to "Taming of the Shrew," the Shakespeare play upon which the movie is based.

In Brokeback Mountain, Heath Ledger has a nude scene in which he jumps into a lake. The director intended to edit any actual frontal nudity out of the film, but a paparazzi managed to take photos of Ledger with a digital camera. The photos have appeared on the Internet and in some press publications.

Casper was the first film with a computer-animated title character.

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From Page Two

SGA financial board confusion

longevity of our organization."

Lynch said that SGA's input with clubs is merely to evaluate and approve clubs and organizations that want to receive funding. After that, they are entitled to receive funding.

"If any club is ever confused about this, they can check in with us," said Lynch.

Diaz compared the rumors flying around about his suggestion to a childhood game.


"It's how it is when you play telephone, when you start the message, it gets back to you and it's completely different," he said. "[The minority groups] just misunderstood it. We just have to get through this storm."

Diaz added that he has apologized to ARCO and plans on following up with the BSU.

"This issue shouldn't overshadow two years of amazing work," he said. "I don't plan on going out there and doing anything different. I'm going to go out there and continue being a leader, and represent my class. Student government is what I love."

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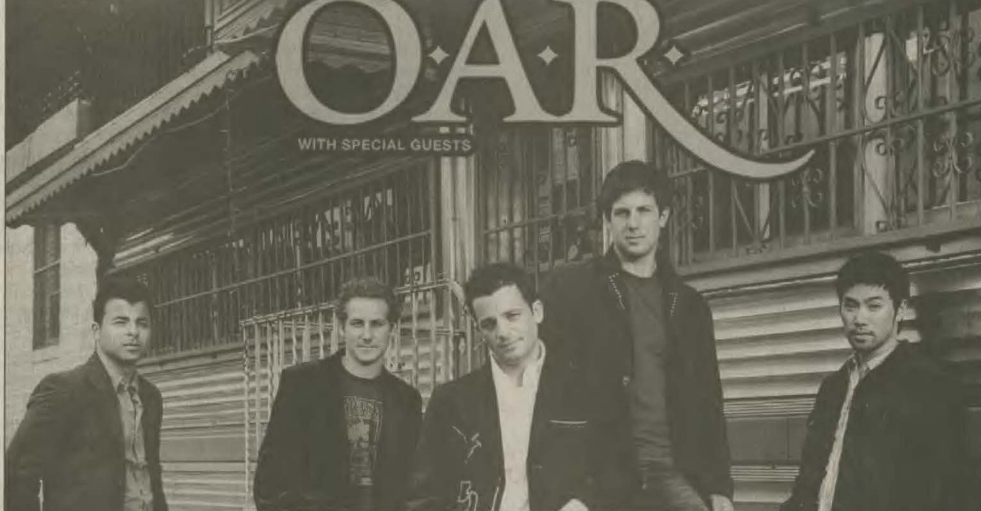
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Soliver's 31 points paces Gaels over Foxes in semis

Brady and his Red Foxes faced the number two seed Iona Gaels in the semifinals, but they eventually fell to the Gaels 100-84.

Iona was lead by senior guard Ricky Soliver, who scored a career high 31 points on 10-18 shooting. Fellow classmates Steve Burt Jr., and forward Kiril Wachsmann scored 30 and 18 points, respectively. The three seniors for Iona combined for a total of 79 of Iona's 100 points.

Marist, who had five players score in double figures, simply

did not have enough firepower to keep up with the talented Gaels. Jared Jordan scored 18 points while dishing out seven assists to lead the Red Foxes. Sophomore Ben Farmer scored 17 points and led the team in rebounding with seven boards.

Both Ryan Stilphen and Will Whittington scored 15 each.

Junior James Smith rounded out the players in double figures contributing ten points.

Head coach Brady said he was pleased with his team's effort

against the highly skilled Gaels.

"I was really proud of the effort that we put into tonight's game, and I am especially proud of our seniors Carl Hood and James Sutton," he said. "We just played the most talented team in the conference on their best night of the year."

The game started off with a very quick pace as both teams traded baskets the entire first half. The biggest lead of the half belonged to Iona (23-18) with 8:11 to go. The two teams would

continue the shoot lights out in the first half as they found themselves tied at 46 at halftime.

For the half, Marist shot a red hot 69.6 percent from the floor. They only missed seven shots the entire half (16-of-23). Iona shot 51.5 percent from the floor in the first half.

In the second half, Iona showed why they were the better team that night, hitting their first ten shots, which was capped off by a Soliver three-point play off a miss from Burt. This put the

Gaels up 72-64 with 9:35 left in the second half.

At that point, the closest the Red Foxes would come was seven points (74-67) on a Stilphen free throw with 8:22 left to play in the second half.

During the second half, Iona shot a blistering 69.9 percent only missing seven shots the entire half (going 16-of-23), but the Red Foxes shot only 37.9 percent (11-of-29) from the floor.

Iona head coach Jeff Ruland had nothing but praise for the

Red Foxes.

"It was a heck of team we beat out there tonight," said Ruland. "If they don't get into the National Invitational Tournament (NIT), then there is something wrong."

If this was the last game that the Red Foxes were to play this season, then they finished with a record of 19-10 and claimed third place in the MAAC.

Next year, Marist will return 13 of its 15 players, including four starters.

Marist awaits seeding for NCAA tournament after winning MAAC

Dahlman) helped us get off to a good start," Giorgis said. "Then when the defense went to a help, we made a bunch of 3-pt. field goals which helped us as well."

The Red Foxes made eight of 15 three-point field goals on the day, which according to Logan, really hurt a team like Loyola.

"I give [Marist] credit, they made some big threes, and at this time of year those threes will kill you. Especially for us, we don't like to shoot the three," he said. "Julianne Viani goes two for three, [Nikki] Flores goes two

for three, and [Courtney] Kolesar goes two for two. That's terrific."

In the first 15 minutes, Marist had built a 25-point lead, but Giorgis and the Red Foxes knew Loyola was not going away.

"We knew they would never quit," Giorgis said. "It was nice to be up 25, but at the same time, you knew they weren't done. That's the sign of true senior leadership that they had, and my hat's off to them and their team."

With about eight minutes left in the game, Giorgis went to his

motion offense, but had to do so without Camara who was sitting out with her fourth foul.

According to Logan, the Red Foxes were used to giving Camara the ball with ten seconds left on the clock.

"What they have when Fifi's there is, when [the clock] gets to 10 seconds, they can usually give Fifi the ball and she goes and scores. So not having her on the court, Dahlman stepped up, Smrdel stepped up, and had to take some quicker shots," he said. "I think they found them-

selves with the ball when Fifi usually has it with 20 seconds on the shot clock, and she can throw it back out. So Smrdel and Dahlman took some quick shots and we were able to get some rebounds and go down the other end."

However, even without Camara, the Red Foxes were able to preserve their lead because of great play down the stretch from All-MAAC Tournament Team member Nikki Flores.

"Nikki just seems to thrive in

the tournament, she was on the all-tournament team last year too, and did a great job for us this year," Giorgis said. "Nikki seems to start out a little slow, and then finishes strong. She's like the come-from-behind horse at the end of the season."

Also contributing off the bench were All-MAAC Tournament Team member Sarah Smrdel and Courtney Kolesar.

In just seven minutes of action, Kolesar made two big threes. Smrdel grabbed 13 rebounds, had one block, and six points.

Giorgis said the transformation in Smrdel this year has been amazing, and that a year ago he never could have seen it coming.

"She was about as sheltered and insecure as I've ever seen in a kid," he said. "To see the transformation that this kid has had in a year has just been amazing, and I couldn't be more happy for a person like Sarah."

With this win, Marist earned its second MAAC Championship in three years. They await their seeding, which will be televised on ESPN this Monday at 7 p.m.

From Page Eleven

IC4A Championships give Red Foxes' track momentum for break

performances.

"I don't like to use excuses, but it happens. Running at that level, under the weather is not easy," he said.

Colaizzo felt the biggest success and most pleasant surprise

of the indoor track season was having the most qualifiers in school history, attending the IC4A Championships.

His expectations for the upcoming outdoor track season are "to continue improving on

our strong winter season and be more competitive in relays."

Coach Colaizzo is not alone, as Segni hopes to improve his 5,000 meters by 20 seconds for the outdoor season.

With the upcoming spring

break (Mar.10-19), Colaizzo expressed no concerns about his team's preparation for the outdoor track season.

"These guys are serious, and they'll get their workouts done," he said. "They need a break from

the daily grind and we've been going at it since January 3rd."

Colaizzo said track does have some training advantages over other sports.

"The good thing about our sport is its portable," he said.

The track team will begin its outdoor season on Saturday, Mar.25 at the West Point Invitational.

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Despite Sunday loss, Marist baseball takes Norfolk series

By ANTHONY CRISTIANI
Staff Writer

After taking the first two games of the weekend series at Norfolk State, the Marist baseball team dropped a close one to the Spartans on Sunday, 3-2, at Marty L. Miller Field.

Norfolk broke the game's 2-2 tie in the bottom of the ninth. Moriba George smacked a double down the left field line off of

Marist's Tom Close to lead off the last frame. After striking out Anselmo Cantu, Close then rendered an RBI single to John Boyd which plated George for the winning run.

Boyd went 2-for-4 on the day. The Spartans struck first in third inning the against Marist starter Johnathan Smith. Boyd's leadoff single was backed by Chris Dorney's double, which moved him to third. With two men in

scoring position, Ryan Reddick was able to plate Boyd, with a sacrifice fly, while Dorney scored as a result of a Pat Feeney error, which pulled first baseman, Bryan Tuller off the bag.

The unearned error stretched the Norfolk lead to 2-0.

Marist would soon get on the board courtesy of a string of pitching miscues by Spartan starter Joey Seal. Justin LePore was hit by a pitch and advanced

to third after a wild pitch and passed ball.

Max Most singled him home in the fourth. Most would then score on a Boyd throwing error in the seventh to tie the game at two.

Norfolk's T.J. Starkey recorded the win, and both starters settled for no decisions. Smith allowed four hits and two runs, while striking out two in five innings for the Foxes.

Marist took two of three from Norfolk, which improves their overall record to 2-5 on the season. Norfolk State is now 7-10.

Head coach Dennis Healy says his team is right where he expected them to be thus far.

"Our season so far has gone how I figured it would. We have struggled offensively, but we seem to have trouble getting it started early in the year," he said. "Overall, we have a chance to be

a real good baseball team. I think our major issue is going to be consistency and discipline. Our pitching and defense will improve as the season goes, along, we should be fun to watch, as the weather improves."

Marist will now set their sights on the University of Delaware, during this weekend's three-game series. Game one is scheduled for Friday afternoon, 2:30 p.m. in Newark, Del.

Hartwick prevents Foxes from earning four-game sweep in last weekend's tourney

By DAVID HOCHMAN
Staff Writer

After losing their first three games of the season, Marist's water polo team has gone on a tear, winning eight of their last nine contests. Just this past weekend, the Foxes won 3-1 in the McCann Natatorium.

On Feb. 26, the Red Foxes defeated at the time the number 16 team in the country, Hartwick.

Riding that momentum into last weekend, the Foxes clobbered Utica 17-0 on Mar. 4. Marist began the scoring 53 seconds into the game and did not stop.

This contest was highlighted by the depth of the team, with 11

different players scoring goals. Freshman Kari Weston and sophomore Callie Andrysiak led their teammates with three goals apiece as Andrysiak's classmate, goalie Katy Zweifel, stopped four shots.

Later in the evening, Marist battled Hartwick in a rematch from the previous week. The now 17th ranked Hawks handled themselves like the nationally-ranked team they are, dominating Marist 15-3.

Despite the score, there were positives on the Red Foxes's side. Sophomore goalie Elizabeth Weston saved six shots, and Weston and freshman Katelyn McCahill continued their scoring

streaks. Looking at that score does not show much on the surface, but underneath, Zweifel said a little bit more came from it.

"There was a general feeling of nervousness at first," she said. "But I think we all realized that we had nothing to lose playing them again. Beating them was a really big accomplishment, and even our loss to them this weekend, as disappointing as it was, will not erase our win."

Although there may have been some nervousness, Andrysiak said that whether Hartwick was ranked or not was not as big a deal as some may think.

"We play every game the

same," she said. "We don't over or underestimate any opponent. We play our game, do what we practice, and try to keep the game in control."

After an up and down Saturday, the Red Foxes bounced right back into their winning ways against Carthage and Harvard. Marist controlled the Carthage contest from beginning to end, finally winning 14-2. Here, ten different goal scorers showed up as the Red Foxes never lost the upper-hand. The captaincy of senior Amanda Long and junior Jillian Jeffers helped lead the way as they each added goals to the team's tally.

From there, the Red Foxes fin-

ished their weekend by beating Harvard 5-3. The team moved to 8-4 behind outstanding goaltending in the tight match up from Davis, who made 11 saves.

Once again, McCahill and Weston kept their scoring streaks alive. McCahill has now scored at least one goal in nine straight games while Weston has scored at least one goal in all 12 games this season.

The Red Foxes now head out to the west coast for four games in California over spring break.

Every game in a sport will teach you different things, and Andrysiak related that to the California trip.

"We are still learning how to

play together since we are such a young team and there are so many new players this year," she said. "This weekend we just learned more about each other, we know our capability with the win over Hartwick two weekends ago, so we hope to take that energy and optimism to California. We will go out there, work hard, gain more experience against strong programs, and do what we know how to do, and have fun in the sun doing it."

On Mar. 11, the Red Foxes play UC-Santa Barbara and Santa Clara. The next day, they play CSU Monterey Bay and they'll finish their trip on Mar. 14 facing UC Irvine.

Illnesses hurt Foxes' results at IC4A Championships, but perseverance guided them through meet

By DIEGO CUENCA
Circle Contributor

The men's track team concluded their indoor track season at the IC4A Championships at Boston University this past Sunday.

The Red Foxes made school history as they sent their largest

contingent to the championships, with six athletes competing in three individual events and one team relay event.

Freshman David Raucci and Girma Segni both had to compete in their races while feeling ill. Segni failed to finish the 5,000 meters due to his illness, after becoming the first runner in

Marist history to qualify for the event at the IC4A.

"I've been sick the last three weeks and my back was hurting," Segni said. "It changed my strategies into my racing and training."

Segni said he felt that he didn't have a good indoor season, and it will put more pressure on him in

the upcoming outdoor track season.

"Running is not like other sports. You have to breathe efficiently, for breathing is very important," he said. "If you have a cold, you can't run as fast and that's what happened to me."

Men's track head coach Pete Colaizzo said Segni is headed in

the right direction.

"Girma holds himself to a high standard and he reached new goals in training," he said. "He accomplished a lot in his first indoor track season."

Fellow freshman, David Raucci completed the 3,000 meters in 8:43.12 but did not participate in the 5,000 meters

because of illness. Raucci became the first runner in school history to qualify for the 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters in the same year.

Coach Colaizzo said he felt that the sickness played a role in their performances.

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Foxes front court powers Marist to second "dance" in three years

Marist holds off third seeded Loyola 68-57 in MAAC Championship to earn automatic berth

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Having seen his team's lead, which was as high as 25 points, dwindle down to just four, head coach Brian Giorgis called a timeout with 1:34 left in regulation.

When asked how he was able to get his players' composure back, he simply said, "I really didn't." And he didn't have to.

Last year, Marist's regular season Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championship team, which suffered a one-point loss in the MAAC Tournament Championship, lacked confidence when the game got close because they had little faith in their bench, and they were not challenged during the season, Giorgis said.

This year Marist took on a challenging out-of-conference schedule with two top-25 ranked teams in Connecticut (9) and New Mexico (25), and also Villanova, New Hampshire, Idaho, Cornell, Harvard, Pennsylvania and Brown. Of those nine games, Marist won five, three by five points or less.

Marist was also challenged during the season by MAAC foes like Iona, Loyola, and St. Peter's.

It was only fitting that the two teams standing in the way of the Red Foxes' second MAAC trophy in three years were Iona and Loyola.

In the semifinal game, Tiara Headen and the fourth-seeded Iona Gaels gave Marist all it could handle. The stifling Red Fox defense would not allow the Gaels to even get passed the free throw line and get off a decent shot with 26 seconds to work with. Marist won the game 60-59 and went on to face the third-seeded Loyola Greyhounds.

After prevailing in a win such as this, it is no wonder the Red Foxes were still cool and collected when Giorgis called the timeout.

"I think yesterday [Saturday] helped a ton," Giorgis said. "A problem last year was the 16-game winning streak, where we had too many games that weren't contests, and we weren't challenged. Then all of a sudden when we were, we were exhausted, we weren't as confident, people tried to do too much, etc."

The other major difference from last year was that Marist had a reliable bench to go to when starters got in foul trouble. "This year I think they really believed in each other, and I was a little smarter this time getting



Red shirt sophomore Meg Dahlman drives to the hoop in the championship game for two of her 15 points en route to earning MAAC tournament most valuable player honors. Dahlman also had 11 rebounds.

some substitutions in there in the second half to give players a rest," Giorgis said. "And that's having confidence in the bench that I didn't have last year."

According to Giorgis, whenever the Red Foxes have faced adversity, somebody comes through with a big play, and usually it comes on the defensive end. Against Iona, it was the final play of the game, but in the championship game against Loyola, it came with 1:34 left in regulation and Loyola ball trailing 61-57.

Loyola head coach Joe Logan said the Greyhounds' strategy was to use a down screen to free up Jackie Valderas or Jill Glessner, but neither player was able to get a good look at the basket.

"Jackie had just hit a little jump shot, so we [set up] a little down screen play. We were trying to get [Valderas] to come high. If it wasn't there, Jackie was going to go back to Krystle [Harrington], and then down screen again for Glessner. That part happened, but then Glessner didn't get a good look so she gave it back to Krystle who wanted to get into a high ball screen, and at that point we were a little out of whack," he said. "Marist did a terrific job. We did not get a good look."

Giorgis said that Marist seems to defend better late in the game, and a big reason why is MAAC Player of the Year, Fifi Camara.

"When it gets to a minute or 1:30, we just seem to turn it up, and I think a lot of it was Fifi," he said. "Fifi is very athletic, and when their big players are setting screens for their guards, she's pretty quick jumping out there."

Camara, MAAC Tournament MVP, Meg Dahlman, and Sarah Smrdel were all in double-figures rebounding, and they combined for six of Marist's seven blocks and 31 of Marist's 68 points as the number-one-seeded Red Foxes went on to win 68-57.

The last time these two teams met at Loyola, the Greyhounds were successful attacking the basket, but Marist's three big players would not allow that this time.

"When we were successful at Loyola, we were able to attack the basket and we got fouled," Logan said. "Today, we attacked the basket and [Marist] got tips, they got blocks."

Marist on the other hand, went inside and attacked the basket with success, and it opened up outside shots for Marist guards.

"[Going inside to Camara and] SEE NCAA TOURNAMENT, PAGE 10

Marist tops Canisius in quarterfinals

By JOE FERRARY
Staff Writer

The Red Foxes entered the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Tournament, in Albany, NY, as the number three seed with an overall record of 18-9.

The Red Foxes opened the MAAC tournament by defeating the number nine seed Canisius Golden Griffins, 68-62, in quarterfinal action.

Marist was lead by Will Whittington, who scored 17 points and had five assists. On the night, Whittington hit four three-point shots, giving him 100 for the season, which broke his own school record of 97 that was set during the 2004-2005 season.

Other Red Foxes in double figures included Jared Jordan with 14 points, James Smith with 13 points, and Ben Farmer with 11 points. Jordan also added five assists for the game.

Red-shirt sophomore Ryan Stiphen grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds while adding nine points.

Canisius, who had three players score in double figures, were lead by Kevin Downey with 16 points. Both Chuck Harris and Anthony Byrd scored 12 points.

The Red Foxes got out to a quick start courtesy of a 7-0 run. The Golden Griffins, however, would come back to tie the game at nine, on a Bret Wackerly three-point field goal with 11:33 left to go in the first half, and this would be as close as Canisius would get.

Marist answered the Griffins run with a 14-1 run, which was capped off by a Smith free throw. Smith's free throw pushed the Red Foxes' lead to 13 points (23-10) with 6:20 to go in the first half. Smith scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half. The two teams would trade baskets for

the rest of the half, as Marist led 34-24 at halftime.

The Red Foxes kept Canisius in check for the second half by hitting eight three-point field goals in the second half. Marist saw its lead grow to as big as 12 points (40-28) when Ryan Stiphen hit his third three-point shot of the year at the 16:20 mark. The Griffins would get as close as three points in the second half (46-43), but Marist closed the game out by hitting their free-

throws, and the game ended with a 68-62 win for the Red Foxes.

Head coach Matt Brady said he was very pleased with his team's performance.

"They are a very gutsy team and they are a mirror image of our team," he said. "We had enough shots to hold them off."

Marist finished the game shooting 49 percent, while Canisius only shot 39.3 percent from the floor.

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Junior guard Jared Jordan paced the Red Foxes last weekend at the MAAC Tournament and was named to the All Tournament team. Jordan averaged 16 points and six assists in the Foxes two games of the tournament.



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