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Activities Fair promotes student involvement

By JAMES MARCONI
News Editor

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, Marist College's clubs and organization strutted their stuff in SC 348 and 349 at the spring Activities Fair. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, Student Programming Council, and College Activities, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event boasted a 90 percent turnout from clubs and organizations (71 in total) and about 1000

passers-by, according to Michele Fischetti, Assistant Director of Student Activities.

The entire goal of the fair, Fischetti said, was to promote more active extracurricular involvement by the Marist community. To accomplish this, the fair was the ideal venue to sign students up, she said.

"It's the most important opportunity they [clubs] have to grab hold and get students involved," said Fischetti. "I think we were successful. There were close to

1000 people that walked through that room in an hour and a half."

Maryellen Conway, who was at the fair in her capacity as president of the Class of '07 and a representative of the band, also said that the fair was a success.

"It was more feasible [inside]," Conway said. "I think most of the clubs were really organized and overall, it went very well."

Freshman Tom Hill said he thought the fair was good for student involvement.

"You have all of the clubs

there, doing their thing," said Hill. "You couldn't ask for anything better."

Some students, such as Mark Rodenhizer, though, thought the event could have been advertised more beforehand.

"I think they could have promoted it better - not a lot of people knew," Rodenhizer said.

Most students at the fair were indeed looking to jump into a new club or organization.

"I was interested in joining MCCTA [Marist College

Council on Theatre Arts," Rodenhizer said.

Rodenhizer also said he hoped to do standup comedy for the HuMarists this semester.

Others, mostly freshman, sophomores, and transfer students were shopping around, browsing for something they thought they might be interested in joining. Many even wanted to touch base with organizations in which they were already members, according to Fischetti.

Hill said he attended the fair out

of curiosity.

"[I] just [wanted] to see if there was anything [I] knew that I wanted to sign up for; bowling, maybe, or SPC," Hill said.

"I came to re-sign up for some clubs, and just look around," said sophomore Kelly Vlkovic.

Sophomore Lisa Fickeria agreed, saying that her reasons for coming were, "Pretty much the same. I came to re-sign up."

Marist giant, Rik Smits



Rik Smits' sweat-soaked t-shirt was indicative of his work ethic while a player at Marist and in the NBA. His dominating effort, paired with fellow 1,000 point scorer Bruce Johnson, during Saturday's alumni game was not enough for a victory over the Brendan Copes led "away" team. For more on Rik Smits and his campus visit see page 11.

TOOD BIVONA - MCTV

Abroad students podcast for credit

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Campus Editor

iPods, new media, global village, podcasting, cutting-edge interactivity.

For once, those aren't just IBM (I Bought Marist) buzzwords, but as tangible and accessible ideas for 21 Marist Abroad students scattered across the world this semester.

Meg Franklin and Kevin Gaugler are designing and teaching a three credit course titled iIdentity Quest, where students will be assigned fact-finding quests that require them to venture outside of the "host environment" to interview natives about their cultural identity. 20 gigabyte iPods with microphone attachments will be used to record their findings, which will be edited into NPR-style audio essays, with the interviews interspersed with a student's monologue. The results are sent to a server at Marist and mixed into podcasts, which will provide a comprehensive overview of students' findings and experiences at their locations.

According to Gaugler, the class is

designed to help students get more out of their abroad experiences.

"When a group goes to another country engage as much as they should ... students sometimes are traveling but not really experiencing," said Gaugler. "We're giving them a framework."

The podcasts are automatically downloaded onto the students' iPods to be listened to at their leisure.

"They're communicating together and commenting on what they found," said Gaugler.

"How does one form one's identity, and are there differences or common themes in different countries?"

The course is being given a test run this semester with hopes of making it a part of every abroad student's experience.

The idea for the class came out of the Global Classroom Committee at

Marist, chaired by International Programs Assistant Dean Duleep Deosthale.

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"Students can do [an online course] at home wearing slippers," she said. "It's against the concept of the abroad program. You want them to enter cafes, restaurants, museums, you want them out there finding the best way to record."

"They have to find an idiom and explore the idiom's history in that culture."

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Lawsuit filed by former religion professor

Michael Tori, a former religion professor, has filed a lawsuit against the college, alleging they denied him tenure and fired him for speaking out against discriminatory hiring practices.

During his time at Marist, Tori was named as the head of a search committee to a vacancy in the philosophy and religious studies department, and, according to the lawsuit, Ed Donohue, philosophy professor, told Tori the college was only interested in hiring a woman or a minority for the job.

When Tori found Kim Paffenroth,

a Harvard- and Notre Dame-educated academic with a long list of published books and peer-reviewed articles, he thought he had found the perfect candidate. But Paffenroth turned out to be a man, and "was immediately dropped from the list of top candidates" and replaced with lesser-qualified female applicants when Tori reported back to the committee.

Tori raised his objections, saying he fought the college on discrimination issues because he did not want to see them continue. Tori alleges the college denied him tenure

despite positive reviews, the recommendation of a faculty review committee and a body of work that exceeded the scholarly requirements for tenured professors.

He also alleges, in the lawsuit, that the college faulted him for his responsibilities as the single parent of a 3-year-old boy when other faculty members with children were given more leeway with schedules and other responsibilities.

For damages, Tori is seeking reinstatement as a professor, tenure, back pay and damages that would be determined in court.

UPN, WB merger to form twenty-first Century's fifth great network, 'The CW'

By CASSI MATOS
Co-Editor in Chief

CBS has a new kid brother. Due this fall, CBS and Warner Bros. Entertainment are the proud parents of what Leslie Moonves, president of CBS, is affectionately calling the "21st Century's 5th greatest network - The CW."

In what is likely the biggest merger to take place during our generation's television history, the two companies have announced the formation of a new television network combining the already established line-ups of UPN and WB.

'They will be taking away an enormous amount of programming in place of bigger productions and job availability could actually suffer in retrospect.'

— Louis P. Ortiz
Senior

HEALTH: LIST OF CANCERS CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE DRINKING OVERFLOWS

Jessica Bagar takes a closer look into the numerous potential dangers of heavy consumption of alcohol.

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said it will be interesting to see how this new network competes with the big four.

"I think that the new partnership between CBS Corporation and Warner Bros. Entertainment to form a new network, the CW, is a move that will create competition for the main networks," Filardo said. "For years, the WB and the UPN networks have always failed in comparison to

the ratings put up by the major four, CBS, NBC, ABC, and Fox, but now, with this new merger, there are the possibilities of a fifth major network joining the mix."

On January 24, the two companies announced that these two young adult driven networks will combine; drawing upon the creative talent and production resources from the top two tele-

vision production studios in the business.

The new broadcasting network will be a joint venture between Warner Bros. Entertainment and CBS Corporation, with each company owning 50 percent. In an important strategic move that secures major market distribution for The CW, it was announced that Tribune

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FEATURES: AUTHENTIC TASTE OF ITALY ATOP HUDSON VALLEY HILL

Jessica Campilongo reports on the the Italian restaurant that 'makes you feel like you have chartered a jet and landed smack in the middle of Sicily.'

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Security Briefs: "Rocketman" writes again

By BRIAN SABELLA
Staff Writer

Dear faithful security brief readers,

I want to apologize to all of you for not writing these last week. I was at a BILLY JOEL concert, despite the rumor spread throughout the campus that I was at an Elton John concert.

Billy was excellent, but I missed you guys. I promise I will never leave you again.

Yours truly,
Brian "The Security Briefs Man" Sabella

1/24 11 AM Gartland

Looks like we're starting things off with everyone's favorite: a good old fashioned grease fire. This one got started by some bacon over in Gartland. Upon being questioned, the burner of the bacon said he was in the shower and said he didn't even know he was cooking bacon. Right, and I'm learning something as I watch the State of the Union right now.

1/24 10:45 PM Leo

Here we go, starting slow with a little alcohol confiscation. A young man who was a little thirsty got caught trying to sneak in 12 cans of Bud Light. When asked what he was doing, the young man replied "How did

those get there?" The security guard smacked him for being unoriginal and sent him to bed thirsty. Serves him right I say.

1/24 7:30 PM Leo

These Leo kids were crazy last week. This young fella also tried to get through with a full backpack. When he was asked to open his bag and show its contents, he promptly took off. He was stopped behind Champagnat and 12 cans of Budweiser were found. Upon reading this, John

Gillard said

"If it was Bud Light, he might have run faster." I need not say anymore.

1/25 1 AM Champagnat

After a fire drill, two students reported items missing from their room. This is what we in the business call a dishonorable crime.

No skill involved, no planning. Just running in and grabbing stuff when nobody's looking. Disgusting.

1/25 1:45 AM Cabaret

A young intoxicated student was found in the cabaret not being able to handle themselves on this early morning. Upon being confronted, the student

confessed to having ten shots of vodka that evening and then wanting some cabaret food. I guess at least one person likes eating there then.

1/25 9:20 PM Champagnat

A student came back to their room and found that it had been ransacked. Although nothing was missing, I'm not even going to make a joke about this one. I have finally found something I am above mocking. I never thought I would see this day.

These crazy kids from other schools who don't know the difference between boys and girls. Someone get that guy a copy of Kindergarten Cop.

1/26 10:45 AM

A purse was reported missing from a classroom. Police found that someone

had tried to use a credit card found in the bag but was not successful. What happened to good clean drunken debauchery people? What's with all the theft? Throw some snowballs, run around the dorms, and enjoy yourselves. No need to steal stuff.

Brian's Brief of the Week

1/26 1:13 AM Midrise

A vending machine was found with the glass front smashed into pieces. This, however, is not my

favorite part. It has been deemed that nothing was missing from the machine. Who does that???

I don't know which is worse: the fact that nothing was taken or the fact that someone actually took the time to count every piece of candy in that machine. To both of you, I laugh.

1/26 1:13 AM Leo

I tell ya, Leo Hall is getting major street cred this week with all their appearances in the briefs. Although this one is a case of mistaken gender. A male guest tried to swipe in using a female ID.

Needless to say, he was unsuccessful. These crazy kids from other schools who don't know the difference between boys and girls. Someone get that guy a copy of Kindergarten Cop.

1/27 8:40 PM Leo

Leo's back. This time a young man tried to sneak in 12 cans of Coors Light and 12 cans of Busch Light. Not in a backpack though. No no. This young man used a baseball bat bag. That's right fans. A baseball bat bag.

Needless to say, this young man's parents are very proud.

1/27 10 PM Champagnat

Not to be outdone, Champagnat saw all the fun Leo was having and decided to get involved in the alcohol craziness. Security entered a room and found 20 cans of Miller Lite. Oh yeah, and 11 people.

That's not even two beers a person. Come on kids, you're better than that. That doesn't even qualify as pre-gaming. It's barely even enough to quench your thirst. Man up.

1/29 1:05 AM Champagnat

A fire alarm was sounded in the middle of the night effectively annoying the entire building and making the perpetrator of this offense the most hated man in the building. When the building was checked, it was found that one student was still in their room surfing the internet, and another was found with an unauthorized guest. HA! YA GOT CAUGHT PUNK!

But don't feel bad. The same thing happened in Sheahan Hall when I was a freshman. Although I will not say their name here, they know who they are. And you should be ashamed.



Upcoming Campus Events

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Wednesday, February 22
8 P.M.
Michael Bartone
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Saturday, February 11
8:00 P.M.
Lou Reed
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\$70

Sunday, February 19, 2006
SPC Comedian:
Lewis Black
7:30 p.m.
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\$10 Student tickets on sale now.
\$25 General public:
Tuesday February 7 at noon

Thursday, March 2
8 P.M.
Mark Doty
Poet, Memoirist
Nelly Goletti Theater

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From Page One UPN, WB broadcast merger creates buzz, executives excited about twenty-first centuries fifth great network

Broadcasting and the CBS Corporation's UPN affiliates have agreed separately to sign 10-year affiliation agreements with the new network.

As someone who plans on going into the television industry, Louis Ortiz, president, MCTV, fears this merger will make it difficult for a new crop of graduates to find jobs.

"I truly believe that it is unfortunately another example of conglomerates in this industry getting bigger and bigger," said Ortiz. "They will be taking away an enormous amount of programming in place of other bigger productions and job availability could actually suffer in retrospect."

The announcement for the new network was made by Leslie Moonves, president and chief executive officer of CBS Corporation and Barry Meyer, chairman and chief executive officer of Warner Bros. Entertainment. The Tribune Broadcasting affiliation agreements were announced by

Dennis FitzSimons, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Tribune Company. Dawn Ostroff, currently President of UPN, will become President of Entertainment and John Maatta, currently Chief Operating Officer of The WB, will become Chief Operating Officer of The CW.

Moonves said the strength of The CW will be in the groundwork that has been laid out by those such as Ostroff and her team, without whom, he said, this would be impossible.

"The CW will clearly be greater than the sum of its parts—serving the public with high-quality programming, maintaining our ongoing commitment to minority audiences and delivering excellent demographics to advertisers," Moonves said.

At the same time, it was announced that CBS Corporation and Warner Bros. Entertainment will cease operations of their respective networks—UPN and The WB. The WB and UPN will

continue to broadcast their respective network schedules independently until the fall.

The CW will incorporate The WB's current scheduling model, which consists of a 6 night-13 hour primetime lineup. Together, the network will program 30 hours a week over seven days for its affiliated stations.

The combination of Tribune's 16 major market stations and the 12 CBS-owned UPN major market affiliates give The CW instant coverage in 48% of the country. The remainder of the network's distribution system will be a combination of selected current UPN and The WB stations. The full distribution of the new network is expected to exceed 95 percent of the country.

Filardo believes this widespread distribution will be very beneficial in reaching more young adults.

"The merger will also benefit both CBS and Warner Brothers Entertainment because now their combined network will be distributed to over 95 percent of the

country and their programming will focus and appeal to a younger audience, who might be

turned off to the major four stations," said Filardo.

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Security to students: Lock it or lose it.

To all students living in Champagnat, Leo and Sheahan, the college will be continuing its "Lock it or lose it" campaign. This campaign is aimed at mak-

ing sure students keep their doors locked while they're not in their rooms. The last time the check was done, too many rooms were found unlocked and

unoccupied. Help make our college safer and keep your door locked when you're not in your room.

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By JOSEPH GENTILE
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Open until February 25, "Drawings and Projects" by William Tucker contorts the dialogue between the mind and body, turning it on its ear, or what, at least, appears to be an ear. Viewing hours for the Marist College Art Gallery are from noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., closed on Sundays.

Wiretapping evokes mixed feelings from Marist community, nation

By JAMES MARCONI
News Editor

The Bush administration has recently come under fire regarding a warrantless wiretapping program that the president initiated shortly after September 11, 2001. It was leaked by persons unknown to the press late last year.

The program is conducted by the National Security Agency (NSA), which taps incoming calls to residents of the United States by known or suspected al Qaeda members and affiliates, has sparked a national controversy.

President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, among others, have vigorously defended the program's necessity and legality. They argue that the program is quite limited in its scope, targeting only suspected terrorist telephone calls. The determination of just what international phone

calls are tapped is at the discretion of senior NSA officials.

Proponents of the program also emphasize that this wiretapping is vital to our national security interests.

"They [terrorists] attacked us before; they will attack us again if they can, and we're going to do everything we can to stop them," President Bush said. "If somebody from al Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why."

Some Marist students interviewed agreed that the wiretapping program does serve a useful purpose in protecting the security interests of the United States.

"I think that there are circumstances in which the president must do something unprecedented or controversial in order to take charge of a situation," said freshman Adriana Giovanetti. "Wiretapping of terrorist calls is okay. There are other things that have gone too far."

Sophomore Alex Hansen also said that the program "...is in the

best interests of America's national security. The al Qaeda members violated our civil liberties by attacking our way of life, and in order to prevent further damage, I believe the taps are justified."

Many people believe, however, that the surveillance program represents a clear violation of civil rights and that the president abused his power when he initiated what is being termed domestic spying on citizens of the United States. The American Civil Liberties Union and Center for Constitutional Rights filed lawsuits last week in an attempt to shut the program down.

"Congress must hold open, substantial hearings to let the American public know how their privacy was invaded," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero. "The president must not use a claim of preserving the nation as justification to undermine the very principles that define our nation. Freedom,

liberty, and privacy must be protected and preserved." (www.cnn.com)

Members of Congress, including Republican Senator Arlen Specter have also expressed an interest in holding investigative hearings.

Likewise, some Marist students have misgivings about the president's authority and the legality where wiretaps are concerned.

"The president is overstepping his bounds and abusing his power," said one anonymous freshman. "They [people being tapped] are suspected, not known [terrorists], and therefore the government is listening in on private conversations and infringing

upon the people's right to privacy and free speech."

Dr. Shawn Shieh of the Marist College Political Science Department said he recognized the precedent for this particular use of presidential power, but

argued, "They attacked us before; they will attack us again if they can, and we're going to do everything we can to stop them. If somebody from al Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why."

— George W. Bush
President

"I know that we give the president more power in times of war, but given all the abuses that have happened, we have to be very careful about giving the president added powers."

Bush maintains that the program was reviewed by numerous lawyers before being implemented and is completely legal. He

also said that members of Congress were fully briefed about what the NSA was doing. Alberto Gonzales also discussed the legal defense of the program while speaking at Georgetown Law School last week.

"The terrorist surveillance program is firmly grounded in the president's constitutional authorities. No other public official...is charged by the Constitution with the primary responsibility for protecting the safety of all Americans - and the Constitution gives the president all authority necessary to fulfill this solemn duty," Gonzales said.

Gonzales also cited the Authorization for Use of Military Force enacted by Congress shortly after September 11, 2001 as legal justification for the wiretapping program.

News Briefs

National News

Alito confirmed by Senate, sworn in as 110th justice to the Supreme Court

In a 58-43 Senate vote, Samuel Alito junior was confirmed and later sworn in as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Alito, now the 110th justice sworn into the court, replaces Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The vote took place early Tuesday, despite a Democratic attempt to muster enough votes for a filibuster. Senators voted along partisan lines, with the exceptions of Robert Byrd (D-WV), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Bob Nelson (D-NE), Kent Conrad (D-ND), and Lincoln Chafee (R-RI).

BlackBerry shutdown possible should NTP lawsuit succeed

BlackBerry wireless devices could soon be shut down by court order, if the injunction sought by NTP, Inc. is imposed. NTP is suing BlackBerry's manufacturer, Research In Motion, Ltd. because of an alleged copyright infringement. A 30 day grace period for those affected by a BlackBerry blackout has been proposed.

World News

Palestinian election gives Hamas majority control of PLC

Palestinian voters ushered in a new majority in the Palestinian Legislative Council last week. In the surprising election, Hamas won 74 of the 132 seats on the council, taking power away from the Fatah party. The official stance of the United States is that Hamas is a terrorist organization. All financial aid to the Palestinian Authority will be cut, according to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Iranian nuclear program to be brought before UN Security Council

Iran will be referred to the UN Security Council, a decision agreed upon by the council's five permanent members: Russia, China, France, the U.K., and the U.S.. The move could result in UN sanctions imposed upon Iran. The Iranian government continues to insist that its nuclear program is strictly for civilian energy, but many countries are concerned that Iran is trying to develop a nuclear weapon.

Hussein trial again delayed, new chief judge to preside

The Saddam Hussein trial was again delayed last Wednesday after several witnesses failed to appear in court. A new chief judge, Raouf Raabeed Abdel-Rahman has been appointed to the trial, replacing Riggar Mohammed Amin. Hussein and seven other defendants are charged with 140 murders allegedly committed in 1982.

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then again, some people wouldn't understand," said freshman Matt Moreau, a digital media major attending last Thursday's opening reception. "Certain people would look at it and say 'rock on a table,'" Moreau speculated, but, "Some people would say 'Oh my God, that's amazing! Look at the precision in there!'" Quite simply, "It's for different people, different types of thinking."

Open until February 25, "Drawings and Projects" by William Tucker contorts the dialogue between the mind and body, turning it on its ear, or what, at least, appears to be an ear. Viewing hours for the Marist College Art Gallery are from noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m., closed on Sundays.

Wiretapping evokes mixed feelings from Marist community, nation

By JAMES MARCONI
News Editor

The Bush administration has recently come under fire regarding a warrantless wiretapping program that the president initiated shortly after September 11, 2001. It was leaked by persons unknown to the press late last year.

The program is conducted by the National Security Agency (NSA), which taps incoming calls to residents of the United States by known or suspected al Qaeda members and affiliates, has sparked a national controversy.

President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, among others, have vigorously defended the program's necessity and legality. They argue that the program is quite limited in its scope, targeting only suspected terrorist telephone calls. The determination of just what international phone

calls are tapped is at the discretion of senior NSA officials.

Proponents of the program also emphasize that this wiretapping is vital to our national security interests.

"They [terrorists] attacked us before; they will attack us again if they can, and we're going to do everything we can to stop them," President Bush said. "If somebody from al Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why."

Some Marist students interviewed agreed that the wiretapping program does serve a useful purpose in protecting the security interests of the United States.

"I think that there are circumstances in which the president must do something unprecedented or controversial in order to take charge of a situation," said freshman Adriana Giovanetti. "Wiretapping of terrorist calls is okay. There are other things that have gone too far."

Sophomore Alex Hansen also said that the program "...is in the

best interests of America's national security. The al Qaeda members violated our civil liberties by attacking our way of life, and in order to prevent further damage, I believe the taps are justified."

Many people believe, however, that the surveillance program represents a clear violation of civil rights and that the president abused his power when he initiated what is being termed domestic spying on citizens of the United States. The American Civil Liberties Union and Center for Constitutional Rights filed lawsuits last week in an attempt to shut the program down.

"Congress must hold open, substantial hearings to let the American public know how their privacy was invaded," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero. "The president must not use a claim of preserving the nation as justification to undermine the very principles that define our nation. Freedom,

liberty, and privacy must be protected and preserved." (www.cnn.com)

Members of Congress, including Republican Senator Arlen Specter have also expressed an interest in holding investigative hearings regarding the wiretapping.

Likewise, some Marist students have misgivings about the president's authority and the legality where wiretaps are concerned.

"The president is overstepping his bounds and abusing his power," said one anonymous freshman. "They [people being tapped] are suspected, not known [terrorists], and therefore the government is listening in on private conversations and infringing

upon the people's right to privacy and free speech."

Dr. Shawn Shieh of the Marist College Political Science Department said he recognized the precedent for this particular use of presidential power, but

"They attacked us before; they will attack us again if they can, and we're going to do everything we can to stop them. If somebody from al Qaeda is calling you, we'd like to know why."

— George W. Bush
President

"I know that we give the president more power in times of war, but given all the abuses that have happened, we have to be very careful about giving the president added powers."

Bush maintains that the program was reviewed by numerous lawyers before being implemented and is completely legal. He

also said that members of Congress were fully briefed about what the NSA was doing. Alberto Gonzales also discussed the legal defense of the program while speaking at Georgetown Law School last week.

"The terrorist surveillance program is firmly grounded in the president's constitutional authorities. No other public official...is charged by the Constitution with the primary responsibility for protecting the safety of all Americans - and the Constitution gives the president all authority necessary to fulfill this solemn duty," Gonzales said.

Gonzales also cited the Authorization for Use of Military Force enacted by Congress shortly after September 11, 2001 as legal justification for the wiretapping program.

News Briefs

National News

Alito confirmed by Senate, sworn in as 110th justice to the Supreme Court

In a 58-43 Senate vote, Samuel Alito junior was confirmed and later sworn in as an associate justice of the Supreme Court. Alito, now the 110th justice sworn into the court, replaces Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The vote took place early Tuesday, despite a Democratic attempt to muster enough votes for a filibuster. Senators voted along partisan lines, with the exceptions of Robert Byrd (D-WV), Tim Johnson (D-SD), Bob Nelson (D-NE), Kent Conrad (D-ND), and Lincoln Chafee (R-RI).

BlackBerry shutdown possible should NTP lawsuit succeed

BlackBerry wireless devices could soon be shut down by court order, if the injunction sought by NTP, Inc. is imposed. NTP is suing BlackBerry's manufacturer, Research In Motion, Ltd. because of an alleged copyright infringement. A 30 day grace period for those affected by a BlackBerry blackout has been proposed.

World News

Palestinian election gives Hamas majority control of PLC

Palestinian voters ushered in a new majority in the Palestinian Legislative Council last week. In the surprising election, Hamas won 74 of the 132 seats on the council, taking power away from the Fatah party. The official stance of the United States is that Hamas is a terrorist organization. All financial aid to the Palestinian Authority will be cut, according to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Iranian nuclear program to be brought before UN Security Council

Iran will be referred to the UN Security Council, a decision agreed upon by the council's five permanent members: Russia, China, France, the U.K., and the U.S.. The move could result in UN sanctions imposed upon Iran. The Iranian government continues to insist that its nuclear program is strictly for civilian energy, but many countries are concerned that Iran is trying to develop a nuclear weapon.

Hussein trial again delayed, new chief judge to preside

The Saddam Hussein trial was again delayed last Wednesday after several witnesses failed to appear in court. A new chief judge, Raouf Raabeed Abdel-Rahman has been appointed to the trial, replacing Riggar Mohammed Amin. Hussein and seven other defendants are charged with 140 murders allegedly committed in 1982.

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Greening the Red Fox

By DR. LAURA LINDER
 & THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Momentum is what puts the movement in movements. Someone comes up with a bright idea, a few people are attracted by the glow, and soon there's a bandwagon. This is how progress happens. But as any sports fan knows, momentum is fickle, and the law of gravity inevitably asserts itself. Last year's bright ideas seem less huzzah next to shiny new models, and we move on.

In essence, this is what has happened to recycling since Earth Day 1990, when interest in all things environmental reached its peak in the U.S. It's not just our short attention span at work here, as we move deeper into the 21st Century, there are other

serious, front-burner issues - global warming, oil dependence, urban sprawl, genetic engineering, to name a few - that seem to dwarf recycling both in scale and urgency. But good ideas should not be allowed to fade away just because they're not new.

Although it is not front-page news, the trash continues to pile up. Americans generate approximately 236 tons of garbage annually, of which less than one-third is recycled or composted.

Although our landfills are better engineered and managed than they were decades ago, they still pose significant problems, such as polluting waterways and rising up and lowering the value of large tracts of land.

Much of what is tossed aside every year - 8.5 million tons of furniture, 6 million tons of clothing, 3 million tons of toys, 5 million tons of glass bottles - can be reused.

Recycling the 3 million tons of office paper, 2 million tons of newspapers, 1.5 million tons of magazines, 3.6 million tons of junk mail, and 800,000 tons of books that get junked annually could

reduce the pressure to cut sprawling old growth forests.

Recycling has a critical role to play in our daily lives. It is something we can do, individually and collectively, to make our world a better place.

How much material can we recover by recycling at Marist? According to recent data, last year Marist recycled approximately 6,750 pounds of commingled recyclables (bottles, cans, etc.) and 15,300 pounds of paper. But we can do more. Students at colleges and universities across the country are finding ways to reduce waste and increase recycling. (For

more information about these projects visit the National Wildlife Federation's website and look under C a m p u s Ecology.)

But the most important aspect of recycling is psychological and educational.

There is no such thing as "away." All the stuff we put in the trash can go somewhere, and recycling is the best way we have of acknowledging that simple truth.

Waste is bad. This is a matter of ethics. To be wasteful with natural resources and profligate with our possessions is to dishonor the miracle of natural creation and the dignity of human labor.

As an institution of higher learning, it would be hypocritical to teach the scientific and ethical underpinnings of environmental stewardship in the classroom and not make every effort to reflect this understanding in every building on campus.

In 2002, New York City suspended its curbside recycling program, citing economic studies that indicated it wasn't cost-effective. This past year, the City resumed curbside pick-up, acknowledging both the practical and social benefits. In an era of planned obsolescence where a is, in fact, often cheaper to buy a new item than get an old one repaired, it is incumbent upon us to consider whether recycling is simply a "program," or part of a healthy, responsible way of life.

His habits of successful and environmentally responsible Red Foxes (see the Marist College Recycling web page at

http://www.marist.edu/sustainability/recycle_for_more_details)

- Reduce waste whenever possible, including buying products with less packaging
- Reuse as much as possible, even if it means a little extra work.
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- Recycle all magazines, junk mail, office paper and newspapers
- Recycle cell phones and printer cartridges
- Walk more and drive less



Hamas victory poses problems

End of Hamas terrorist wing vital to U.S., Palestine

By JAMES MARCONI
 News Editor

In a shocking display of the will of the Palestinian people last week, Hamas won 74 of the 132 seats in the Palestinian Legislative Council. The problem for the United States, among other nations, is how to deal with a self-admitted terrorist organization that just swept a democratic election and now controls the destiny of an entire people (and possibly a second, as well).

Hamas, in its entirety, has three main branches. The first is its political wing, the second organizes welfare for the Palestinian people, and the third is the better known side of Hamas - the one that has claimed responsibilities for hundreds of bombings and other attacks against Israeli civilians and military. Now, Hamas indisputably took power legitimately, in a democratic election that saw 77 percent of registered voters come out to, well, vote. (www.cnn.com) Fatah, the group that formerly held a majority of seats in the PLC, was given the boot amid charges of corruption that evidently persuaded voters to seek alternative leadership.

Despite the legality of the changing of the guard in the Palestinian Authority, Hamas's victory poses a serious conundrum for the U.S. Our stated foreign policy is, and will continue to be, the support of democracy throughout the world. So, to see a people make their will so clearly known is generally a cause for elation. Hamas, however, is a different story. It is classified by the United States as a terrorist organization, one which has committed hundreds of atrocities, and one which, in its own charter, seeks the complete destruction of Israel.

So the question becomes simply this: Do we continue our support of the Palestinian Authority under Hamas guidance, or do we refuse to give diplomatic recognition and economic aid to the Palestinians? To be sure, the argument for dealing with Hamas seems logical enough - the United States

supports democracy, Hamas was democratically elected as the majority party for the Palestinians, and we should therefore lend our support to Hamas. If A equals B and B equals C, then A equals C, right?

Well, not exactly. President Bush made it abundantly clear that, while he believes the democratic ideals embodied in the Palestinian election were positive, he will not deal with - when Palestine forms a new national government - a terrorist party. "...I don't see how you can be a partner in peace if you advocate the destruction of a country as part of your platform. The elections just took place. We will watch very carefully about the formation of the government [the entire Palestinian Authority government resigned at the prompting of Prime Minister Ahmed Qorie]. But I will continue to remind people about what I just said, that if your platform is the destruction of Israel, it means you're not a partner in peace. And we're interested in peace."

The message conveyed in Thursday's press conference is twofold. The first message, clearly intended for the American people, is that the United States WILL NOT negotiate, aid, or support terrorists, even if they were democratically elected. The other part of the message was to Hamas, and while it was a little more subtle, it was clear nonetheless. Basically, Bush gave Hamas a friendly piece of advice - if you want U.S. and world support, moderate your platform and your methods. In other words, stop calling for the destruction of the country that you hope to live next to (should the Palestinians get land from Israel to form their own nation). And second, get rid of the militant, terrorist wing of your organization.

I have to say, the president's stated position is reasonable and reassuring. Once again, President Bush has reminded America that it is completely unacceptable, not to mention unwise, to cater to people who utilize death and destruction

with murderous zeal as a political tool. It is not prying on fear to invoke the events of September 11, 2001 as an explanation for caution, because ultimately, we cannot turn back time. We cannot change what happened, and we must accept the fact that we live in a different world, one where the security of this nation is paramount, and sometimes requires drastic measures. I have often heard that famous quote from Benjamin Franklin uttered in response to this argument, 'They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.' Well, that's quite true, and still applicable today. With respects to Mr. Franklin, though, I would point out that while one can have security without liberty, it is impossible to enjoy liberty without security.

So, to deal with Hamas as it is, a group of terrorists, would be the height of irresponsibility and lunacy. The official position of the United States is, for the time being, to watch and wait. President Bush made our position and desires clear to Hamas leadership. The next move is theirs - well, theirs and the Israelis. After all, the tension between these two peoples is the crux of the problem in the first place. And the elections for Israel's next prime minister could prove key, either for peace or war. Who knows if the potential election of hardliner Benjamin Netanyahu will force Hamas to reconsider its tactics, or will only exacerbate the situation?

It seems that the best course of action regarding Hamas is to give the situation some time to settle itself out. Given time, Hamas will hopefully moderate itself from within, and thus open the Palestinian government to true diplomatic ties with the rest of the world. Until they take those necessary steps, all we can do is give the Palestinians advice, a little room to grow, and hope for the best.

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List of cancers caused by excessive drinking overflows

By JESSICA BAGAR
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Artificial sweeteners. Genetics. Radiation. Tobacco. These are just a few things that have been embedded into your mind as carcinogens, planting in you that little seed of doubt each time you reach for your cell phone or stir Sweet-N-Lo into your Starbucks.

It is time to add to that list of worries, according to a Jan. 30 Reuters report. As college students, we are constantly reminded about the dangers of alcohol: physical and social problems, liver disease and an increased risk of automobile-related accidents and fatalities are only a few.

Most education regarding alcohol consumption tends to overlook another serious problem that has become a growing health concern: alcohol consumption is an important cause of several types of cancer.

Researchers found Monday that "excessive drinking raises the risk of cancer of the mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. It may also be linked with cancer of the pancreas and

lung," Reuters reports.

In many parts of the world, alcohol is underestimated as a cause of cancer. Dr Paolo Boffetta of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France, said. CNN reports that "Boffetta and Mia Hashibe, who reviewed research into the link between alcohol and cancer, found the more alcohol consumed, the higher the risk of developing cancer."

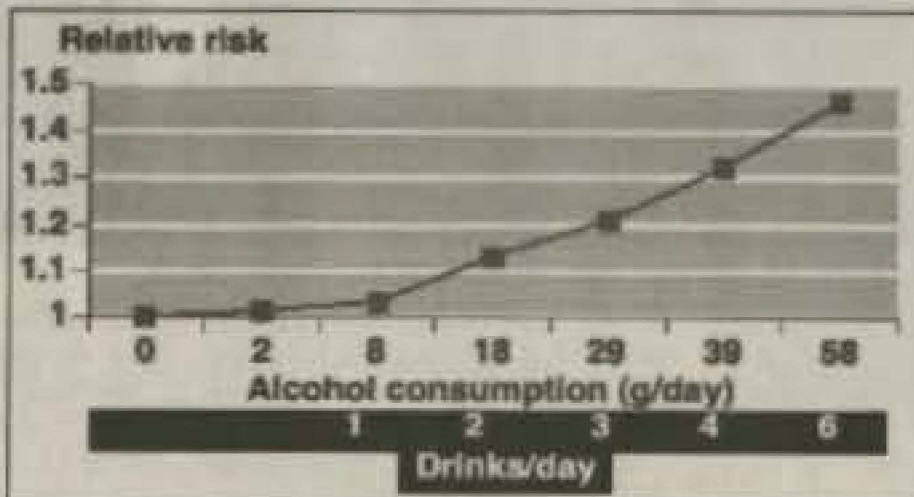
"Alcohol is probably the main factor responsible for increased risk of head and neck cancer

recorded in various countries, particularly in central and east Europe," said Boffetta in the Reuters report.

Though the link has been established between

'Excessive drinking raises the risk of cancer of the mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. It may also be linked with cancer of the pancreas and lung ...'

— Patricia Reaney
Reuters Ltd.



Courtesy of THE BANDOLIER JOURNAL
The above graph illustrates the relationship between daily alcohol consumption and relative risk for breast cancer in women.

alcohol consumption and certain forms of cancer, exactly how alcohol increases the odds of developing cancer is not clear but genetic susceptibility is an important component.

However, while it has been determined that alcohol can, in fact, cause cancer, scientists have not suggested giving up alcohol completely. Instead, researchers advise people to drink moderately, as it protects against cardiovascular disease.

In a report to the Lancet Oncology journal,

Boffetta said, "Total avoidance of alcohol, although optimum for cancer control, cannot be recommended in terms of broad perspective of public health, in particular in countries with high incidence of cardiovascular disease."

So keep in mind when you push aside your box of Franzia to search for your Miller Lite and last night's leftover Young Ho II, that while moderate alcohol consumption is acceptable, the long term effects can potentially be devastating.

Science Briefs

By ADAM GUARINO
Staff Writer

DAMAGED NERVES, DEAD END IN CEASING CHRONIC PAIN

A new study points to the fact that some types of ongoing, inexplicable pain like arthritis can be caused by intact, healthy nerve fibers. This is in direct opposition to the previously accepted theory that damaged nerves were the source of the discomfort. Reported in the January 23rd issue of the journal *Neuroscience*, the latest understanding could help scientists develop new types of painkillers. Sally Lawson, a professor of physiology at the University of Bristol in Britain, identified two types of nerve fibers. Larger fibers send electrical signals rapidly and are thought to communicate sharp, pricking pain. Fine fibers communicate ongoing, burning pain, often seeming to have no identifiable source, and therefore, are hard to suppress with traditional painkillers. The firing of fine fibers appears to be the source of this ongoing pain. According to Lawson, the more rapidly they fire, the worse it becomes. More data is needed

to figure out exactly which types of ongoing pain the discovery applies to, but researchers remain optimistic.

FDA APPROVES INHALABLE INSULIN

For those adults suffering from diabetes, Friday was a landmark occasion, the first inhalable version of insulin won federal approval. The insulin, to be marketed as "Exubera" is the first new way of delivering insulin since the discovery of the hormone in the 1920s. According to the FDA however, use of rapid-acting inhaled insulin will not completely replace the need to inject the hormone. Dr. Nathaniel Clark, the national vice president for clinical affairs for the American Diabetes Association, welcomes the inhalable insulin but adds that needles will still allow patients to better control dosages. Of the 21 million people in the U.S. who suffer, most have Type 2 diabetes, a condition linked to obesity that occurs when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it makes. The new inhaled insulin will allow many of these people to forgo needles, a method they expressed was long overdue. A daily supply of Exubera will cost about \$4 to \$5. Treatment with injected insulin costs \$1 to \$1.50.

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Authentic taste of Italy atop Hudson Valley hill

Aroma Osteria boasts traditional atmosphere, cuisine; recommended for romantic Valentine's dinner

By JESSICA CAMPILANGO
Circle Contributor

The day filled with flowers and chocolate and endless "I love you's" is fast approaching. Are you tired of doing the same thing? Tired of taking your significant other to yet another Marist endorsed restaurant? Well lucky for you (and maybe even luckier for your significant other) the Hudson Valley has a little

piece of authentic Italy, nestled high atop a hill, right in the heart of Wappingers

Falls. No, I'm not talking about the highly popular Americanized, Italian cooking of Olive Garden. This is the traditional Southern Italian cuisine of Aroma Osteria.

With its traditional villa-style and burnt orange color, Aroma Osteria is a sight to behold from Route 9. Upon entering the restaurant you immediately feel like you have chartered a jet and landed smack in the middle of Sicily.

A calming water-wall greets you at the double-doors and a marble staircase leads you upstairs to dine. The restaurant is divided into rooms which gives the feel of dining in someone's home. The rooms are then divided with simple yet elegant wrought iron work. The walls are antiqued, which not only compliment the dark, hardwood floors, but

also adds to its "grandma's-house" appeal. Tables are draped in white linen with a single candle in the center of each (which your waiter will light once you are seated). With the glow of the candles, the lighting permanently set at "mood", and the soft Italian music in the background, the feel is definitely an understated romance.

Whoever said "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," definitely had Aroma

Osteria in mind. Before you can begin to ponder what to possibly order, warm, fresh bread is brought to your table with a side of olive oil with kalamata olives for dipping. The menu is on the smaller side, but not without much variety. There is something for everyone. The pasta is homemade. I mean, we all know Barilla is good and all, but this is on an entirely different level. Nothing is too heavy or overly prepared. Aroma Osteria isn't about fancy plating. This is Southern Italian cooking. It's a feast for your mouth not a feast for your eyes.

The wait staff is extremely knowledgeable and eager to make suggestions upon your request. It's apparent that not only quality training was provided but



Aroma Osteria, located atop a hill in Wappingers Falls, serves traditional Southern Italian cuisine.

that they've also done their homework. The best suggestion I can make is to use the wait staff. They are there to make your dining experience the best that Aroma Osteria has to offer.

Pricing is reasonable, especially if it's for a special occasion like Valentine's Day. It's just a tad bit more expensive than Olive Garden, which is reasonable

for two main reasons: It is authentic Italian cuisine and you will have more than enough to take home for a second meal.

So it's about time we branch out and show the Hudson Valley the sophisticated, cultured college students we are. Contrary to popular belief, the Hudson Valley spans far beyond the 2 mile

radius of Marist Campus. I suggest we begin to venture out and explore.

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to try something new. So guys take your girl to Aroma Osteria. Or ladies, show your guy that you're a modern woman and take him out, whichever the case, just get up, get out, and try something new.

Important Dates in Black History

February 2006 is the 30th Anniversary of Black History Month. Here are a few interesting facts that happened in February. Look for Black History profiles and information in every issue this month.

February 1, 1960: In one of the most audacious moves of the year, a handful of college students in Greensboro, N.C. began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter. They were subsequently badgered and humiliated.

February 3, 1870: African-Americans were granted the right to vote with the passage of the 15th Amendment.

February 4, 1913: Civil Rights activist Rosa Parks, best known for her refusal to move to the back of a bus, is born. Her refusal is generally known as the spark that ignited the flame of the Civil Rights Movement.

February 12, 1909: NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) formed in New York City. An interracial coalition, the group served as the legal arm for the Civil Rights Movement and now sponsors campaigns against youth violence, encourages economic enterprise among African-Americans, and leads voter drives.

February 14, 1817: Abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass is born. Growing up a slave, Douglass lectured and orated himself to President Lincoln's side.

February 21, 1965: Malcolm X, a proponent of Black Nationalism and a bitterly eloquent opponent of black subjugation, is assassinated by three Black Muslims.

February 23, 1868: Prominent Civil Rights leader and one of the creators of NAACP, W.E.B. DuBois is born.

February 25, 1870: Hiram R. Revels becomes the first African-American citizen to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

February 28, 1932: African-American inventor Richard Spikes receives patent for the automatic gear shift, helping, in part, to revolutionize the automotive industry.

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SLA makes some 'Noise' with spring production

By PAT PHILLIPS
Circle Contributor

For its spring production, Marist College's SLA Theatre is presenting Michael Frayn's popular British comedy "Noises Off," beginning Thursday night, February 9 and running through a Sunday matinee, February 12 at the Student Center's Nelly Goletti Theatre. Since winning the 1982 London Evening Standard Award for Best Comedy, the play has been per-

formed by countless theatre companies all over the world, and audiences never tire

of the absurd mishaps and hardships that take place onstage during this madcap farce. If you are wondering how this can make good comedy, take a second rate acting company, put them in a bad play, and watch as their onstage and offstage antics gradually deteriorate into total mayhem and destruction.

"Noises Off" is a play within a play in which a bumbling theatrical troupe performs the British farce entitled "Nothing On." The first act is a dress rehearsal for "Nothing On" with only hours to go before the opening performance and everything

from props and lines has gone awry. Act Two, which takes place one month later at a performance, allows the stage to rotate and the audience to see the cast backstage. Relations between cast members have deteriorated as the play takes a back seat to flaring tempers, whiskey bottles, love triangles, and doors that will not open or close. By Act Three, the end of the tour is close at hand. Verbal and physical battles are no longer behind the scenes but

replace much of the dialogue and action of the play. As personal problems take the top spot

of importance, the performance of "Nothing On" collapses and hilarious chaos reigns.

The cast seems to be having a grand time creating this hilarious chaos which includes falling down staircases, jumping through windows, and chasing each other all around the stage. Jay Thalacker, who plays Garry, says that material of this sort requires a very special touch.

"We must deliver the lines with the utmost seriousness," he said, "letting the absurdity of the situation carry the laughs, while I get to fulfill my lifelong dream of falling downstairs on stage!"

Joanna Stein, who plays Belinda, described her experience so far as "fun, exhausting, and liberating, all mixed in together." "We get to do crazy, fun stuff on stage," she continues, "because it's actually part of the play." The remaining cast members include Pat Phillips, Nina Maurer, Eddie Storey, Jesse Disbrow, Phil DiVuolo, Meagan Donoghue, and our Marist College philosophy professor, David Osipovich.

English professor by day and SLA theatre director by night, Matt Andrews said, "Noises Off is a fast and furious play where bad or silly things often happen to good people. We know they are in no real danger, so it frees us, the audience, to sit back and laugh at their trials and tribulations." Andrews continues, "The play is filled with interesting characters, and it is a treat to see the inner workings of a pro-



The cast of "Noises Off," SLA Theatre's spring production.

fessional theatre company, who at times, would rather be fishing than performing. It's an even bigger treat for me to watch the cast working so diligently to produce perfectly timed, razor sharp pandemonium on stage."

If you need to laugh, "Noises Off" is the play for you. If you

need to drown any of your sorrow or troubles, or just shake off the mid-winter blues for one night, take a plunge into the Nelly Goletti Theatre on February 9, 10, and 11 at 8pm, or February 12 at 2pm. Tickets are \$6 for general admission, \$3 for students. Due to limited seating

and popularity of the play, reservations are recommended by calling 845-575-3133, or purchased at the door, subject to availability.

'Hoodwinked' fails to meet potential; movie falls flat

By ALEXANDRIA BRIM
Staff Writer

"Hoodwinked" has all the potential in the world to be a good movie. It has a good story concept, unique enough to distinguish the movie on its own. The characters are memorable, including some of the secondary characters. Yet, somewhere, the storyline went wrong and the movie fell flat.

The movie starts with a familiar scene: Little Red Riding Hood of fairy tale fame as found the wolf masquerading as her grandmother, who pops out of the clos-

et all tied up. Suddenly, the woodsman enters screaming and then the police are swarming the cottage. Investigator Nicky Flippers comes in to help the police officers on the scene, having each of the four main players tell their side of the story.

Another storyline develops as each character reveals what part he or she played in the events leading up to the movie's opening scene, secrets come out that the characters had been hiding from each other. This time the stories reveal that there is a bandit robbing the forest bakeries of their snack recipes, forcing them

to close and leave the forest. The four main characters are victims of the bandit, trying to find him, or trying to prevent him from stealing family recipes. Flippers tries to put together the stories to find the truth and the bandit.

The concept that everyone has their side of the story was intriguing but could've been handled in a better manner. The mystery of the recipe bandit overpowered the mystery of finding the truth of what happened in the movie's opening scene. It seemed it was intended originally to tie the four stories together and ended up taking the

storyline in another, predictable, way. Most moviegoers will have solved the mystery halfway through the movie and be bored until the end.

Characters are voiced by an all-star cast that includes Anne Hathaway, Glenn Close, Andy Dick, Patrick Warburton and David Ogden Stiers amongst others. These actors do the best they can with the material they are given, but it is often the secondary characters that leave a lasting impression in "Hoodwinked." The hyperactive squirrel aptly named Twitchy and a mountain goat cursed to

sing everything instead of speak who has an antler for everything will particularly stick out in the audience's mind, more so than the main characters.

The movie has no audience as it was trying to appeal to a broad spectrum. Children will be confused with the four different plots and adults will be bored with the flat storyline. "Hoodwinked" tries to be "Shrek" with many pop culture references that fly by without one knowing. There are a few obvious references, including one funny reference to "Lassie." The music playing is often a wel-

come distraction from the movie itself, though there are gems of dialogue. One such example includes two of the police officers and a "creepy" suspect in custody. However, there isn't enough of such dialogue to save the movie.

"Hoodwinked" is a movie that should be seen in the privacy of one's home on DVD or on one of the premium cable channels. With the prices of movie tickets, the save money could go to see a better movie or to order food out for friends.

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From Page One

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Apple said that this is the only student-driven online course that it knows of.

"Most of the time it is top-down, instructor driven," said

Gaugler. "Georgia State University has issued iPods for delivering content to students abroad, things like spanish-english dictionaries and maps. This

is completely from the bottom up, no one has ever done this."

"The iPod isn't that important, it's the content."

Gaugler said that the bottom-up

delivery system is novel even to Apple, which is developing a program called iTunesU. A representative from the company told him that it is planning on

using the program to provide students with podcasts of lectures and other educational materials.

"I asked if students could also upload content, and he began

scribbling notes down," Gaugler said. "[The concept] is really unique."

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Retrievers give Red Foxes their first meet loss of season

By DREW BUDD
Staff Writer

The first loss of the season for the women's swimming and diving team came this past Saturday at the hands of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, 138.5-104.5, in the McCann Center.

The Red Foxes came into the meet 9-0, but were taking on their toughest team to date in the Retrievers. Ranked fourth in the www.collegeswimming.com mid-major top 25, UMBC came into the meet 8-1.

Head coach Larry VanWagner recognized how tough it would

be to beat a team with the caliber of UMBC.

"We knew coming into the meet that they were ranked fourth in the mid-major top 25," he said. "This was by far the closest meet we had with them in recent history though and it just goes to show how good of a squad we actually have this year."

It was a close meet throughout the day, but UMBC won six of the last seven events to end Marist's best start in program history.

VanWagner said he usually schedules the tougher teams at the end of the season to get the

squad ready for the championships.

"We usually schedule the tougher teams at the end of the season, because it lets us prepare more for the championship tournaments," he said. "The girls are starting to perform at the level they were in the fall, which is good. Some of them are even doing better. Without a doubt they will bounce back quickly."

Seniors Meghan Duffy and Jackie Fountaine were two time winners for the Red Foxes. Fountaine won both freestyle events and was involved in the 400 medley relay team that opened the meet with a first

place finish.

In the 50 freestyle, Fountaine finished in a time of 25.12 then finished in a first place tie with UMBC's Robin Klein in the 100 freestyle. Both Fountaine and Klein finished with an identical time of 54.44.

VanWagner said even though he likes to emphasize dual meet records, he focuses more on individual performances.

"We like to emphasize dual meet records but we focus mainly on individual performances," he said. "We do that because we're able to help someone more in the individual events, and it ends up bringing the team

together and creating a good team performance."

Freshman Danielle Sarkovich was the only multiple meet winner for the Retrievers as she won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:57.66 and the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:11.16.

On the diving side of the meet, Duffy had another good weekend. She won both the one-meter and three-meter events. Off of the three-meter board, Duffy posted a first place score of 264.10. Sophomore Melissa Mangona finished third in the same event with a score of 230.80.

In the one-meter event, Duffy

took first place with a score of 248.50. Mangona placed second with a score of 238.65.

Marist fell to 9-1 overall heading into their last dual meet of the season against Seton Hall this Saturday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. in the McCann Center.

Coach VanWagner said he expects a good meet against the Pirates of Seton Hall.

"They beat us last year so we're looking for revenge," he said. "We historically go back and forth though between meets so it should be exciting."

From Page Eleven

McCann sells out, Marist shows 'run and gun' style wins games

Jared Jordan's 13 second-half points. After fighting through the Saints' full court press, Jordan hit a key three, barely beating the shot clock, to put the Foxes up by five. Tay Fisher immediately answered back with a three of his own to bring the

Saints within three points with only 49 seconds left. Free throws by Hood and Stilphen, however, secured the victory for Marist.

Jordan responded to his second half surge.

"(Manager) Tommy Liberati said to take over, and I just tried

my best to make a difference," he said. "I just shot that three and luckily it went in for us."

Whittington praised Jordan's clutch plays down the stretch.

"Great players step up when needed," he said. "Jared is great and he saw he needed to make

Every play in close games is so crucial and it's great to have the crowd behind us."

Whittington also thanked the fans for their support on Saturday night.

"It was a great atmosphere," he said. "I hope it stays like that.

overall.

The Red Foxes (12-6) are now 6-4 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), good enough for third place. Siena fell to 4-6 in the conference, and 9-9

overall.

The Red Foxes will continue their homestand this Thursday, Feb. 2 against St. Peter's at 7:30 p.m. Marist will also start a three-game road trip at Iona this Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3:30 p.m.

From Page Twelve

Men's current winning streak gives Marist fans hope towards 'Big Dance' bid

right," when I suggested that given the day of the week and the winning streak and the context of the rivalry, that maybe, just maybe the game might sell out.

So like Paul Harvey says, now you know the rest of the story.

We showed up at the McCann Center at 7:30, and somewhere before 7:31 we found ourselves retreating to our car after reading the school's first ever SOLD OUT signs on the doors to the gym. I felt a little like Taken on

Laguna Beach doing his senior prom - kind of shell-shocked.

From there, we proceeded to a nearby restaurant where we watched the game on television.

Now why do I tell this story, other than to fill the 600 words I promised Mark I wouldn't forget this week, even when I couldn't go to the game I was going to write about? And don't think I missed the irony of a sports communication professor not getting in when many of my students are working at the game.

Maybe it's because this doesn't usually happen here at Marist, games being sold out, that is - not me being emotionally harangued by my wife, which can happen with alarming frequency. Maybe it's because in the five and a half years I've been here, there hasn't been a buzz like the one I noticed on the long walk back to my car Saturday night, or the one I could nearly feel vibrating through the television as Marist pressed for a heart-stopping victory.

There is truly a movement afoot, one that might finally give Marist students that long-awaited cheering interest in the men's NCAA tournament.

Now as a professor, and one that teaches about some of the misperceptions of college athletics, I often worry when sports becomes too much of the focal point of any college campus. Like when universities cancel classes to accommodate parking for a Thursday night football game, or when star athletes stay

in school for less time than Beth usually puts on The Gambler. Other folks feel the same way, as indicated by a new poll from the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, where Americans said they are worried about increased professionalism of college sports.

But fortunately here at Marist, size and geography help maintain our perspective. Athletes here can integrate and thrive in the classroom if they choose. So instead of the professional teams

we find as too many major conference powers, we get the soothing buzz of a team riding an impressive winning streak after notching a legendary season. And more importantly, we don't feel like we've sold our soul to get there.

It's the kind of thing that will get me going to the next few home games. Only this time, I'll make sure to get my tickets in advance.

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Smits' return to Marist reminds most why he is 'The Dunking Dutchman'

By JOE FERRARY
Staff Writer

The Dunking Dutchman, Rik Smits, returned to place where his storied career began. Marist College, and played in an alumni game Saturday afternoon.

Smits came back to his alma mater and dazzled fans at the McCann Center, showing off his shooting touch and his powerful inside game.

Smits has always been loyal to Marist according to Marist President Dennis Murray.

"Rik Smits has always been a well-rounded person," Murray said. "He is always gracious with fans and has remained loyal to his alma mater. It was great having him back on campus and having the opportunity to visit with him and his family."

His career never would have bloomed without the help of Marist College.

The seven-foot, four-inch Smits did not start playing basketball until he was in high school when the game was introduced to him in his native country of Holland. Even with little game experience, Smits was only offered one Division I scholarship and that was Marist.

"I was only going to go to a Division I school," Smits said. "And Marist was the only D-I school to recruit me, so that's how I ended up here."

Smits arrived at Marist as a shy teenage with a great opportunity to grow up and to further his bas-

ketball skills. When he first arrived on campus, Smits' primary role was to back-up fellow European center Miro Pecarski, who was considered by many to be one of Europe's top players. Pecarski suffered a preseason injury, and it opened up a door for Smits, which he would never shut.

During his first year on campus (1984-1985 season), Smits helped the Red Foxes to their first North East Conference (NEC) regular season championship. Smits was also named NEC Newcomer of the Year that same year.

The very next year, Smits would help the Red Foxes gain national attention with a berth in the NCAA tournament, by winning the 1985-1986 NEC conference championship.

The Red Foxes drew the Yellow Jackets of Georgia Tech in the first round of the tournament that year. Even though the Red Foxes lost that game to Georgia Tech, Smits' NBA dream began when he held his own against John Sally, one of the nation's top centers.

Smits scored 22 points that game and caught the eye of many NBA scouts.

"I never really knew for sure if I was going to play in the NBA," Smits said. "When I held my own against John Sally and Mark Price of Georgia Tech, I realized that I had a shot."

Smits and the Red Foxes would be back to the NCAA tourna-

ment the very next year as they captured both the NEC regular season and conference titles during the 1986-87 season. This time, Smits, the NEC Player of the Year, would face the University of Pittsburgh's center Charles Smith, the third overall pick in the 1988 NBA draft. Smits scored 16 points, but the Red Foxes suffered defeat in the first round.

According to Smits, he had a chance to go to the NBA draft after his junior year, but he decided to come back to Marist, because he was enjoying college. As a senior, Smits finished off his Red Fox career with one of the most memorable performances at the McCann Center.

"My most memorable game was my last one at Marist against St. Francis," Smits said. "It was special for a variety of reasons. My jersey was retired and that game brought my Marist experience to a close."

Smits would go on to score a then school-record 45 points, ironically matching his jersey number, which now hangs in the corner of the McCann center.

Smits finished his Marist career by establishing 25 school records. He currently stands second all time in scoring with 1,945 points, is third on the school's rebounding list with 811, and holds the school record for most career blocked shots with 345.

During the 1988 NBA draft, Smits was taken second overall

by the Indiana Pacers and he still is the only player from Marist to play in the NBA.

Smits went on to play 12 years with the Pacers, averaging 14.8 points and 6.1 rebounds per game during his career. He also is Indiana's all time leader in blocked shots with 1,111.

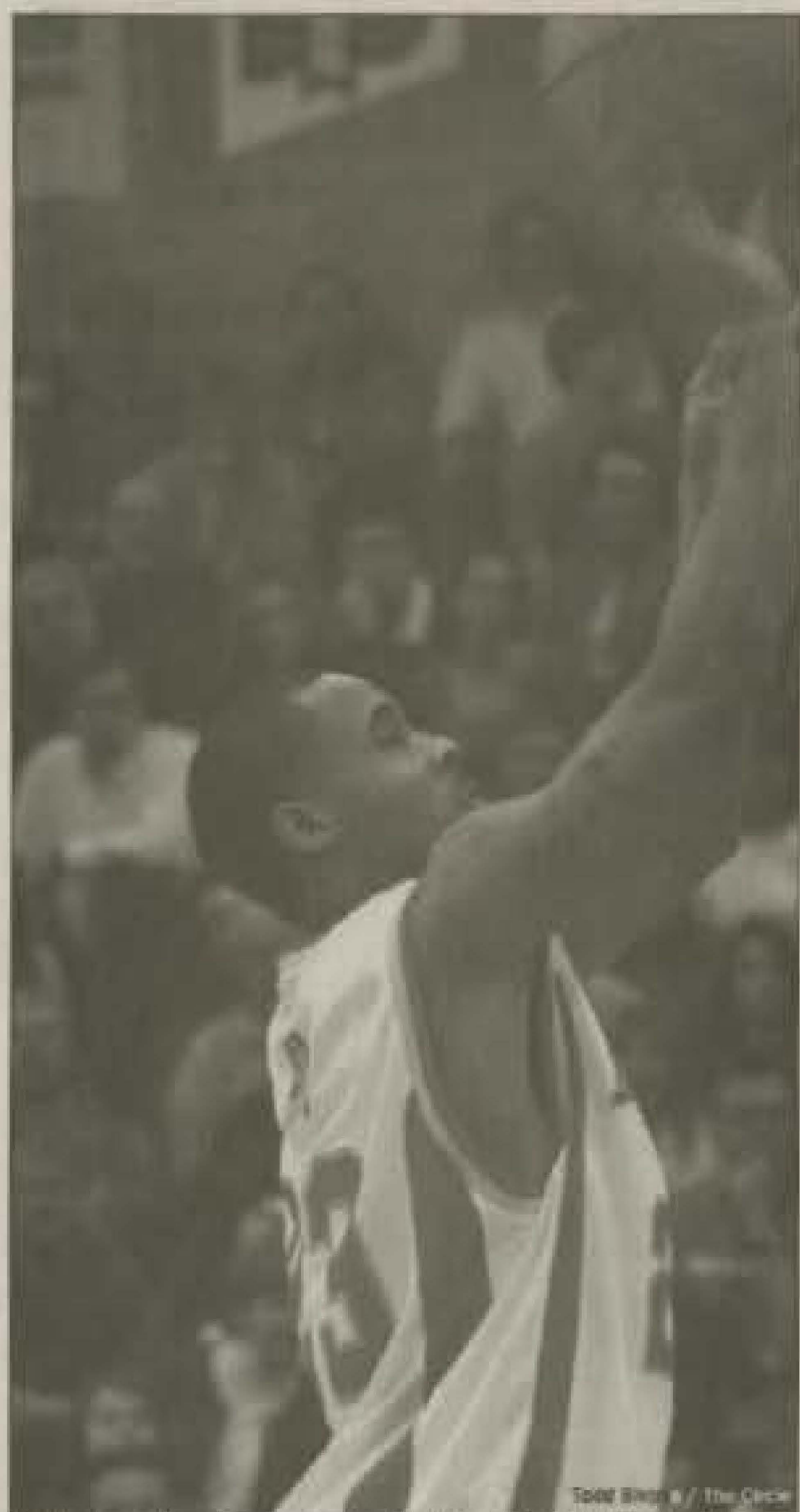
As a Pacer, Smits helped Indiana reach the finals in 2000, but they were defeated by the Los Angeles Lakers in six games. Smits was also selected to 1998 all-star game. Smits, however, is most remembered for his epic battle with New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing at Madison Square Garden.

"I loved going to play in the [Madison Square] Garden," Smits said. "I liked to play against Ewing, because he always was more respected than I was."

Smits retired from the NBA after the 1999-2000 season due to injuries. Today, he is kept busy by watching his two children and restoring and racing motorcycles.

Smits and the rest of the Marist Alumni who played in the alumni game were introduced at half-time of the Marist-Siena game.

When Smits walked out onto the court he was greeted by Red Fox fans old and young to a standing ovation. He left the court to the chants of the Dunking Dutchman.



Carl Hood spots up to shoot a three-pointer. This shot would set an early tone for Marist's offense as they shot 45.5 percent from three.

Red Foxes complete series sweep over Saints

By ANTHONY CRISTIANI
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With superstar alumni Rik Smits in attendance, the Marist men's basketball team topped the Siena Saints, 82-75, in front of a sold out McCann Center last Saturday night.

With the conference victory, Marist has now won seven straight, and 10 out of their last 12 games.

Head coach Matt Brady commented on the team's current hot streak.

"We don't pay attention to the past," he said. "We forget about what is behind us and look forward to the big conference game we were playing tonight. Whatever happens, whether it is good or bad you cannot change it, you only can get better."

Junior guards Jared Jordan and Will Whittington accounted for more than half of the Foxes offense on the night. Jordan had a career night with 26 points, 11 assists, and three steals while committing no turnovers. Whittington scored 20 points of his own, with six of his seven field goals coming from behind the arc.

Marist's defense was fueled by sophomore Ryan Stilphen's nine rebounds.

Siena's Kenny Hasbrouck and Kojo Mensah had 18 points each, while Antoine Jordan had 17 in the Saints' losing effort. Hasbrouck also added eight assists, and Jordan pulled down six rebounds.

Senior Carl Hood opened the game with a three-pointer that would set an early tone for

Marist's offense. Whittington followed suit, draining four of his six three-point attempts in the first half, while Jordan hit three from downtown as well.

The Foxes shot 55.6 percent from the three-point line, and 65.5 percent overall in the first half to extend the lead to 14 points at the 8:53 mark. Siena would tighten the deficit to 12 points before the half.

Whittington explained his early shooting success.

"We don't have set plays where I just run out there and shoot a three. When I see a shot I take it," he said. "I was able to get open a couple of times early on long rebounds for some big shots."

Siena's coach Fran McCaffrey said the Saints had difficulty defending Marist.

"Marist is very difficult to defend, because they have an inside and outside game," he said. "Coming into the game, we were concerned with post-defense on Stilphen and Smith and we were pretty effective; consequently, they hit some threes early."

The second half was scoreless until Whittington's three at the 17:50 mark. Whittington would cool down, however, missing six of his eight three point attempts.

Siena took advantage of Marist's lagging second half offense and went on a 22-6 run. With 7:14 to go, Hasbrouck scored an easy lay-up to give Siena their first lead of the night, 59-58.

Marist regained the lead 75-72 late in the game on the back of



Former Red Fox and Indiana Pacer Rik Smits shoots a free-throw during last Saturday's alumni game at the McCann Center. During his professional career, Smits averaged 14.8 ppg and 6.1 rpg while shooting 77.3 percent from the free-throw line. The center still holds 25 school records.

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Foxes cruise into third place after devouring Greyhounds

By JOE FERRARY
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Junior Will Whittington paced the Red Foxes with 22 points including five three-pointers to lead Marist to a 86-78 wire-to-wire victory over Loyola, avenging an early loss to Loyola in Baltimore.

The Red Foxes have now won eight in a row as well as 11 of their last 13.

Senior Carl Hood scored 14 points, but will be remembered most for his defensive work against Greyhound's guard Andre Collins. Collins finished the game with 30 points but missed a total of 16 shots (11-of-27).

Head coach Matt Brady said he was pleased with his team's efforts on guarding Collins.

"I thought we did a terrific job on him," he said. "He scored 30 points but took a lot of shots to get there. With him, you need to help and play your best defense. I think he handled himself very well tonight, and he is a credit to Loyola."

The game started off quick for the Red Foxes as they scored the first points of the game and never looked back. During the course of the first half, Marist would see its lead grow as big at

18 points (33-15) when Marist went on a 14-0, highlighted by a Shae McNamara lay-up with an assist from Jared Jordan.

Jordan, who on Monday was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Co-Player of the Week, finished with his fourth double-double of the season. He scored 13 points while adding 11 assists.

Loyola head coach Jimmy Patpos said Jordan's ability and leadership is remarkable.

"He is a great player," he said. "The most depressing thing about coaching him in China [with the MAAC All-Stars] was finding out how good he was."

With 4:23 left to go in the first half, the Greyhounds responded and went on a 12-2 run to cut the Marist lead to just six points with 1:27 left in the first half. The Red Foxes went into halftime leading 42-31.

The Red Foxes would seize its biggest lead of the second half, 16 points (48-32) with 18:03 left to go in the second half, but the Greyhounds would not go away.

Marist would see its lead shrink to just 10 points with 12:59 left to go in the half when junior Miles Orman was fouled. Orman made his first free-throw, but missed his second. With an

outstanding hustle play, Orman retrieved his own rebound and was fouled again. This was just one of the many diving, defensive, or hustle plays that Orman made that evening.

"One of the things coach always talks about is our hustle plays and that is what has been separating us from other teams," Orman said. "When I get in the game, I try to make the most of my minutes."

After Orman's free throws, Loyola went on a 15-8 run to cut the Red Foxes lead to just three points (65-62) with 7:15 left to go in the second half, that would be as close as Loyola would get.

The Red Foxes finished the game shooting a red-hot 59.1 percent while the Greyhounds shot 41.3 percent from the field.

Ryan Stilphen led the Red Foxes with seven rebounds.

Prior to the game, it was announced by head coach Brady and MAAC assistant commissioner, Joe DeBalse, that Marist would travel to Norfolk, Va. to play Old Dominion for BracketBusters presented by eBay contest on Feb. 18.

Before they face Old Dominion, the Red Foxes will host St. Peter's on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m.



Junior guard Will Whittington shot five for six from the free throw line en route to scoring a team high 22 points in an 86-78 win against Loyola. The Red Foxes are in sole possession of third place in the MAAC.

Buy your tickets early

By Dr. KEITH STRUDLER
Communication Professor

When Circle co-sports editor Mark Perugini asked me last week to write a column for this week's edition, I jumped on the topic of the weekend showdown in men's hoops against Siena.

In all fairness, when Mark first asked me, it was for last week's paper, which I unfortunately forgot about until Wednesday when reviewing my weekly list of things not to forget, a list that includes stuff like "brush teeth" and "return (unwatched) to Blockbuster" three-week old copy of Corky Romano.

But this week, I would be far better prepared, since I had already planned to go to Saturday night's basketball game. In fact, I had convinced both my wife, Andrea, who admittedly likes watching college basketball in the same way I like a colonoscopy (okay, that is a stretch for dramatic effect), and her friend visiting from Houston to come as well.

When I suggested to Andrea that I buy tickets in advance, just to be safe, she scoffed in a way that reminded me how Kobe Bryant must talk to his teammates. In fact, I believe

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Dahlman garners MAAC player of the week honors, Marist won 14 out of 15

By ERIC ZEDALIS
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A solid team effort and great play off the bench powered Marist's impressive 61-40 victory over Manhattan on Sunday.

According to head coach Brian Giorgis, the outcome of the game speaks volumes in terms of how well the Red Foxes played as a team on the road.

"Even though they had five losses in the conference, all five were by five points or less," he said. "On their home court they had beaten Siena, they had Canisius beat, but Canisius came back right at the end to beat them. They've played people very tough on their home court. Last year was the first time we've won there since 1985."

Marist jumped out to a 15-point lead at halftime and led by as much as 24 with under a minute to go despite its first and third leading scorers, Fifi Camara and Julianne Viani, combining for just seven points.

"We're getting contributions from everybody on the team, especially the bench," he said. "Meg Dahiman (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference player of the week) had a great weekend. Nikki Flores, Courtney Kolesar, and Sarah Smidel contributed off the bench when Fifi sat out 13 minutes of the first half in foul trouble, and we didn't skip a beat."

For the second straight game, all 13 players saw playing time and nine of them contributed by scoring. In fact, Marist scored 21 bench points to Manhattan's

seven.

"[This game] tells us that we have people that can make contributions. If starters aren't having a day, there are other people who can step in and help," he said. "I think we went on a stretch where we hit five consecutive threes. Four out of those five threes were from four different people, and that got us up 24-10. It was just an overall solid team performance."

-Coach Brian Giorgis

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that Marist held Manhattan to 25 points under its season average and forced 15 turnovers.

"Our defense was good," he said. "We held a team that averages 65 a game to 40, so obviously we did the job. We forced a lot of turnovers, but we also forced them to use a lot of shot clock."

Marist ranks first in the MAAC in team defense, yielding an average of 54.4 points per game.

Of the 15 turnovers that the Red Foxes caused, 10 were steals. Leading the way in that category was junior point guard Alissa Kresge, last year's MAAC Defensive Player of the year.

Meanwhile, the Red Foxes were a bit more opportunistic on offense because they committed only six turnovers, a tribute to Kresge, who ranks in the top ten on the Marist career assists list.

Marist scored 12 points off of

turnovers whereas Manhattan scored just five.

"Anytime that you only have six turnovers, that means that you're getting opportunities every time down the floor," he said. "[Kresge] leads the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio, and she didn't hurt herself with eight assists to one turnover in the game. She spearheads our offense, and she's done a great job all year."

With the win, the Red Foxes improve to 14-5 overall and 9-1 in the MAAC.

The Red Foxes are back in action Friday, Feb. 3 when they head to Siena for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Heading into the big Route 9 rivalry game, Giorgis said it was important that Marist got back on track after suffering a loss to Saint Peter's last week.

"It was nice to be able to bounce back off the Saint Peter's loss with two solid 20-plus point wins. Especially against a Manhattan team, whose record is very deceiving," he said.

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