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Marist student survives brutal hit and run accident

by BEN AGOES
 News Editor

Jessica Garcia lay helpless near Marist's main entrance with a fractured pelvis and vertebra waiting for someone to find her, after being dragged by a car for at least a mile on Route 9.

A vehicle struck Garcia, a Marist College junior, around 3:30 a.m. Jan. 24 as she walked north on Washington Street, said city police Detective Lt. William Siegrist. Another vehicle then drove over her, dragging her from Pulaski Park to the intersection of Route 9 and Fulton Street.

Joseph Leary, director of safety and security at Marist, said the two Marist security guards who responded to the scene are ex-police officers, and said they doubted Garcia would

live.

"They told me that they would be surprised if she made it," Leary said. "A car will do as much damage to someone as artillery in a war."

Garcia was transported to St. Francis Hospital in critical condition, then sent to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla where she was reported in stable condition last Monday.

According to Tim Massie, Marist's chief relations officer, besides the fractured pelvis and vertebra, Garcia suffered extensive burns on her back and legs which will require skin grafts, and 45 stitches around her eye.

Massie visited Garcia the day after the accident and said she was already making progress.

"It was a relief to hear Jessica was doing as well as she was," Massie said. "Amazingly there

were no internal organ damage."

He said doctors expect her to make a full recovery.

Garcia was last seen the night of the accident walking alone back to campus from her boyfriend's house on Taylor Avenue. Siegrist said she got about 100 feet before apparently being struck by a vehicle in front of Healey International Trucks, across from Pulaski Park.

"She was dressed in black, the weather was bad, it was dark-to see her would have been difficult," he told the Poughkeepsie Journal.

Siegrist said a Dutchess Express taxi cab with Marist students traveling north on Washington Street came across a car stopped in the middle of the road next to what looked like chunks of ice.

The cab passed the vehicle on

the right, running over Garcia.

"We know from interviewing witnesses that there was a vehicle, slate-blue, mid-sized sedan, stopped in the north bound lane of Washington," Siegrist said. "It could've been the vehicle that hit her, or they could've just stopped to see what was on the road."

The Dutchess Express cab dragged Garcia down to Marist's main entrance where she became dislodged in the left turn lane of the intersection.

Siegrist said the cab driver knew something had happened after passing the stopped vehicle on Washington Street.

"They knew they were dragging something," Siegrist said. "The driver said he thought he had a flat."

Three Marist students driving on Route 9 and a different cab

saw Garcia in the road and stopped to help.

Leary said it was about 3:45 a.m. when Marist security responded to the scene. He said no one knows how long Garcia was lying in the road, perhaps upwards of half an hour before being found.

Town police and the Fairview Ambulance were contacted, but Leary said medical help was delayed, because the ambulance rolled over responding to the scene, and another one had to be dispatched.

There have been no criminal charges filed, but the Dutchess Express cab driver has been summoned for operating with a suspended license and not having a taxi cab driver's license, police said. Dutchess Express

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SGA members met last Saturday in the Performing Arts Room for the first Maduri Administration Summit.

SGA Summit tackles many issues

by BEN AGOES
 News Editor

The Maduri Administration is determined not to be labeled a lame-duck, with just two weeks before the President's job is up for grabs in this year's SGA campaign.

The administration's latest event was the SGA Summit held to address the classes as clubs debate, the Associated College Unions International conference next year, upcoming Diversity Day and SGA's power transition period in May.

About 30 SGA members and Robert Lynch, director of student activities, met for three hours Saturday in the Student Center's Performing Arts Room.

At the center of the "classes as clubs" debate is that classes are currently treated as clubs. This means they receive the same \$125 operating budget as a club.

Jacob D'Addario, president of the class of 2000, said this is a problem considering each class has 800 or more members.

He argued strongly that

classes should not be considered as clubs, and should have more access to school money for fundraisers and events.

"You all belong to a class and classes need to be social, but to be social you need money to get people together," D'Addario said. "We really aren't a club, but we are funded like a club [and] it should be easier for classes to get money."

He suggested the process could be simplified if each class was allotted about \$2,000 each in one lump sum that could be budgeted by the individual classes. He also suggested that operating budgets for classes be raised to \$225.

John Williams, student body vice president, disagreed and argued that throwing money at the problem would not solve anything.

"For you to say you need a lump sum is preposterous," Williams said. "We're so hung up on trying to get money."

More than forty minutes later no consensus had been met, but after the summit, Colleen McCulloch said finding a solu-

tion was not the objective.

"Now that these ideas are surfaced, maybe a senator can come and pick up on that," she said. "It's more apparent than ever that we have to solve this within two or three weeks."

Summit members also talked about Marist co-hosting next year's ACUI conference. Last year, five SGA members traveled to Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., for the conference.

The focus of ACUI is for different schools to compare and contrast each other's form of student government.

SGA is also planning a Diversity Day for March 28 on the campus green with various Marist clubs giving dance performances.

The summit also dealt with the upcoming SGA elections and how this year's transition can be better than last year.

"We want to make sure transition is smooth this year so we don't reinvent the wheel," McCulloch said.

Security locks students in Gartland apartments

by JEN FEMMINELLA
 Staff Writer

Security has finally found the key to the numerous thefts on the North End.

After two more thefts over winter break, security has enacted a new policy in Gartland. At 11 p.m. a security officer visits each apartment and locks the outside door.

Assistant Director of Safety and Security, Thomas McLain, said security is simply trying to get students to learn to lock their doors.

"If they don't lock them, we will," he said.

McLain also said that Marist students should always remember it is an open campus.

"There are no barriers separating this campus," he said. "We don't want just anyone entering these buildings."

The larcenies that have plagued campus since last semester have students questioning security's presence on North End.

Senior John Gullotta said he agrees it is the students' responsibility to lock their doors, but he is concerned about a lack of security at Gartland.

"Living in the North End is not like living in the dorms where you have security posted at the door," he said. "Every now and then a security guard walks around here, but those walks are few and far between."

Junior Kevin Boyer said he has never seen security guards

in Gartland until they started locking the doors.

"I think Gartland is forgotten most of the time," Boyer said. "Even now when security comes around it's like a job—they come and they go."

However, other students like the new policy.

Senior Melissa Monahan said she feels locking the doors will help with the crime problem.

"I'm not sure this will completely stop the problem," she said, "but it will be more effective than not effective."

Resident Assistant Steven Coogan said the housing staff welcomes the new procedure, but wished they had been told prior to its initiation. Even one Gartland RA found herself locked out one evening without her key.

"We don't have a problem with the policy, we're just concerned with the lack of notification," Coogan said.

Gullotta said locking the doors will not entirely combat the North End larceny problem. He said more foot patrols are needed.

"There's never any security around here," he said.

Sophomore Kristina Brito said she can see how Marist's open campus can pose a problem for security. She said she is concerned that anyone can walk into the library or one of the North End houses.

"It's always been stressed that Marist is separated from the community, but now these thefts have me wondering if that is the truth," Brito said.

What's Cool on Campus

Today:
Night: MCCTA performance of Machinal.

Friday:
Night: MCCTA performance of Machinal.
SPC Comedy Club with WIL.

Saturday:
Day: SPC ski trip to Hunter Mountain.
Galleria mall bus trip.
Men's basketball vs, Sienna
Ice hockey at Rider
Night: MCCTA performance of Machinal.

Sunday:
Day: MCCTA performance of Machinal.
SPC trip "Les Miserables."

Monday:
Day: Politic Science Club, Gaillie
Society and Italian American Society fundraisers.
Night: Gender Equality Club Black
History Month movie night.

Tuesday:
Day: Fundraisers contiued.
Night: Women's basketball vs. Manhatten
SPC presents "Return to the Source: Celebration."

Wednesday:
Day: Vendor CD's and Cassattes
Night: El Arco Iris Latino Lecture

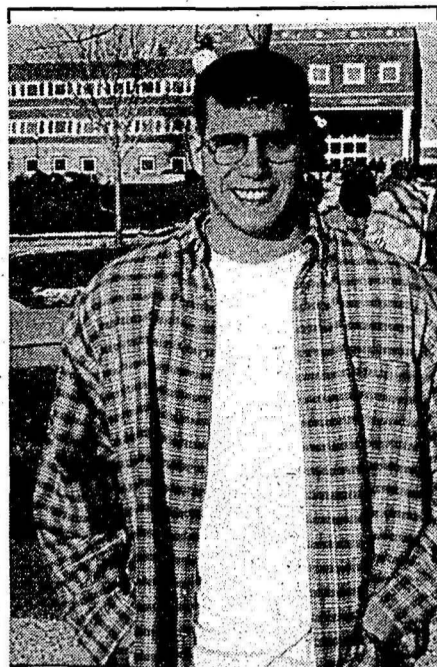
In Your Opinion

What do you think of the Clinton affair scandal?



Brian Grieve
Freshman

"I don't believe her, I think she's making it up. I don't think it's going to affect anything Clinton does. I do think the media is blowing the situation out of proportion, though."



Mike Galante
Sophomore

"I don't think the affair has anything to do with the presidency, if it is true. I don't think it is a big deal if it happened."



Marian Murray
Freshman

"I think the affair did happen, she did have an affair with her high school teacher. I think it is his own private business. Most presidents have done this before, he just got caught."

SECURITY BRIEFS

Jan. 23 - The act of a desperate squirrel caused a power outage in Donnelly Hall. According to Joe Leary, head of security, "the squirrel jumped into the transformer of the building and committed suicide." The building was without power for four hours.

Jan. 23 - Some residents of Gartland E2 reported a large amount of blood in the stairwell leading to their apartment. Security believes the blood to be from a person who hit and broke the window of Gartland E9. When the resident of E9 started yelling, the suspect apparently ran into the stairwell of E2. Security is looking for someone with serious injuries to the hand, but so far they have no leads.



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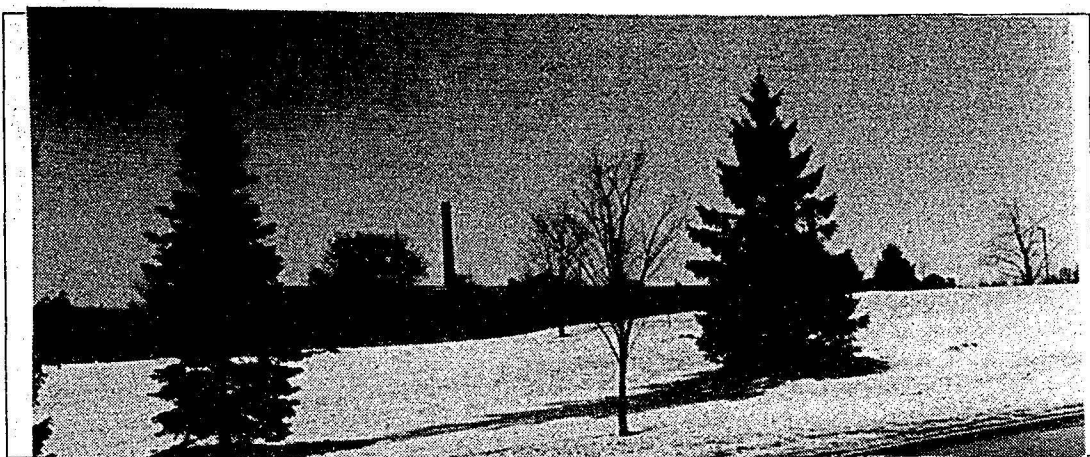
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The grassy area north of Dyson is the proposed spot for a new academic building. The building will house the Division of Humanities Faculty offices. Circle Photo/ Joe Scotti

New building scheduled for Fall construction

by **AMANDA BRADLEY**
Asst. News Editor

Marist will soon be constructing a new academic building on North End to add to its long list of projects in the coming months.

Plans are in development for the construction of a new 20,000 square-foot building that will house the Division of Humanities Faculty offices, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, additional classroom space and computer labs.

The building is proposed to be located on the grassy area north of the Dyson Center, just below the parking lot.

Anthony V. Campilii, vice president for Business Affairs, said he hopes for an ambitious schedule for the project, but it is too early in the planning to be definite.

"We hope to complete it by the end of the Fall semester next year," he said.

Architects will send out the first draft of the plans next week.

The Perry Dean Rogers and Partners architectural firm from Boston are working on this

project and are also building the library.

The starting date for construction is temporarily set for March 1, in hopes of having a basic structure up before graduation. Campilii said he hopes the mild weather will continue to cooperate.

"If the weather continues, we can jump-start construction," he said.

The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$4.6 million. Campilii said the financing will be combined with that of the library.

"Part will be borrowed from outside, 75 percent to 80 percent, but it is not decided what, maybe tax-exempt bonds. [The other] 25 percent is from internal reserves," he said.

The anticipated cost will include construction, furniture, telecommunications, technology and landscaping. Campilii said they are working on the affect the cost will have on tuition.

He said he feels the money to be spent on this project will enhance the quality of education.

"The money is well-justified," he said. "We are trying to spend

as little money as 'wasted.'"

Richard Lewis, assistant academic vice president, said the plans for the new building were brought about in Dec. 1997, as a result of the pending destruction of the library and Fontaine Hall in May.

"The initial plan was to move Humanities to Donnelly," Lewis said. "But with the costs of transition we considered it better to just create a new building. There was also the need for more classrooms."

Lewis said he met in December with the Humanities Department chairs and the dean to come up with a program that reflected the needs of the department to be given to the architects to develop plans.

The original plan was to renovate the recently bought Poughkeepsie Steel Plant and put the faculty in existing space in Donnelly Hall.

Campilii said they took into consideration many options and decided that constructing a new building would be the best possibility in the long run.

Deep thoughts from Marist professors

by **CHRIS GROGAN**
Staff Writer

Late night, low lights, deep discussions about philosophy and new innovative ideas exchanged between professors and students.

Tuesday night was the first in what will become an ongoing series where students will have the opportunity to take part in a discussion with professors of different departments. The Faculty Discussion Series is a program designed to bring professors into student life.

Rich Wolcott, assistant director of Student Activities, said the discussion series will be a good opportunity for professors and teachers to network.

"It's a chance for professors to go beyond their standard syllabus and share their research with students," he said. "It's much more of a discussion than a lecture."

Wolcott and Steve Sansola, assistant dean of Student Activities, were instrumental in creating this program.

"We had heard of other colleges doing this, so we followed up on it, and personalized it for this campus," Sansola said.

He said it is part of a larger goal of learning outside the classroom.

Wolcott said holding the discussions in the student center is important.

"It's appropriate that these discussions are held in the stu-

dent center, because that is the "living room" of the campus, where students should feel more comfortable than in a classroom," he said.

These lectures began Tuesday with Joseph Kirtland, assistant professor of mathematics, who spoke on "The Earth, The Universe, and the Fourth Dimension."

"The main point that I hope to get across is that our views of the universe keep changing with our evolution," Kirtland said. "It's not a proven theory, but it's my chance to explain what I believe to be true, and why this controversial subject is so interesting. I believe this is a great opportunity for me to discuss my ideas with interested students outside of the classroom, while also promoting an academic environment on campus."

The program has been well received by faculty according to Wolcott, who is already planning for next semester.

"The schedule is set for this semester so we are now in the planning process for next year, and already many professors have come to me about participating next semester," he said.

Wolcott said student reaction to this program will be measured in the coming weeks as more students become informed about the series.

"The SGA will be giving us feedback to the discussions in the next couple of weeks," he said.

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Astonishing Neal astounds Marist once again

by **BENAGOES**
News Editor

For the fourteenth year in a row the Astonishing Neal amazed an all-Marist crowd with his unique blend of slight of hand, magic and hypnosis in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.

Neal braved the treacherous Friday night weather Jan. 23, and captivated his audience for just under three and a half hours by performing the impossible.

The performance began with two hours of mind reading tricks and culminated with one hour of hypnosis.

During the first half of the show, Neal blind folded himself with three strips of foam tape, a cloth blind fold and two more strips of tape over that.

Two assistants went into the audience and gathered miscellaneous items such as a jack-

knife and earrings and brought them on stage.

One by one, they put the objects on top of their heads, and somehow, through intuition or pin holes in the blind fold, Neal flawlessly guessed each item.

The audience burst into laughter when a student tried to stump Neal by giving up her bra. Somehow Neal knew immediately what it was and stalled for as long as he could while his assistant patiently waited with the bra on top of his head.

Nearly 40 people went on stage the second half of the show to be hypnotized, but only about half satisfied Neal's requirements, and the others went quietly to their seats when he tapped their shoulder.

At one point Neal had everyone believing they were at the horse races. One student burst from his seat, jumped up and down on the stage, yelled and

hugged Neal after he thought he had won \$250,000.

But then Neal, who played the part as race announcer, broke the news that the photo finish revealed a different horse had won. Convinced he had just lost a fortune, the student came close to punching him.

Everyone on stage got rowdy at this point and to calm them down Neal told them everyone had won \$250,000.

Later the Astonishing Neal had a student believing her pet giraffe had grown as large as the theatre, and she cowered in a corner, terror-stricken and near tears.

The suggestion was so powerful that even after Neal told her the larger the giraffe grew, the friendlier he became, she stared in awe at the imagined animal.

Family concerned about daughter's health

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cab company has been summoned with facilitating unlicensed operation and permitting driving with no cab license.

Siegrist said there are not many clues about the apparent hit-and-run right before Garcia was dragged.

"We're not crystal clear about what happened to Jessica prior to being dragged by the cab,"

he said. "There were items found at the scene that I don't want to disclose."

Brother Francis Kelly, director of campus ministry, has visited Garcia and her family several times.

He said doctors expect Garcia will have to stay in the hospital for two to three weeks, and will make a full recovery. He said he is sure alcohol had nothing to

do with the accident.

Right now, he said, the family's only concern is Garcia's health.

"They're people of incredible faith and they love her and they have good support of family and friends," Kelly said. "Their emphasis is on getting her well."

Garcia, according to Kelly, does not remember the accident.

Student lives musical life

EMILY KUCHARCZYK
Feature Editor

Greg Boyd just made pancakes for the first time.

He said they could use some improvement, though.

"They're not so good. They definitely need more syrup," he said as he takes in a fork-full.

Boyd, a junior advertising major, quickly turns off the MTV video countdown and plops down onto a blue blanket-covered couch, of course not without first turning on the stereo.

In a room with walls adorning posters of bands such as the Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam and a bookcase stacked with electronic equipment, Boyd said music is one thing he cannot live without.

"I always listen to the radio, no matter what. Everything from studying, driving, mowing the lawn, working, I always have the radio on," he said. "I'm just fascinated by music."

Boyd, who lives in Salem, New York, where "there's probably more cows than people," said music is something he has always grown up with.

"I used to play in every musical thing in high school like band, chorus, jazz band," he said. "I played trombone, guitar, bass guitar, and sang in chorus, so I've always been a musical person."

Music has also given this 20-year-old a chance to get to know the members of Marcy Playground.

John Wozniak, vocals and guitar, Dylan Keefe, bass, and Dan Reiser, drums, make up this

alternative music band. The band's first release, "Sex and Candy," has topped the alternative charts.

Boyd, the General Manager of 88.1 WMCR - Marist College Radio, first met the band members on April 19, 1997 when he interviewed them before the Toad the Wet Sprocket concert. Marcy Playground was the opening band for Toad.

Boyd said he got to know the personal side of the band.

"We talked about fast-food, songs, and guitars and offbeat stuff because there wasn't much to talk about at the time because nobody's heard their music," he said. "So it was really more of a personal thing than a musical thing."

Boyd eventually interviewed Toad after waiting two hours for clearance from the band. While he was waiting, he ended up hanging out with Marcy Playground.

Boyd said he thought the end of the show was the end of contact with the band, but last summer changed that.

"I was really bored over the summer so I went on America Online and I had Marcy Playground down as a band that I liked so people kept on e-mailing me information about them," he said.

Because of the limited amount of information on the Internet about the band, Boyd, who describes himself as a computer geek, decided to make a web page about the band.

"I realized I knew a lot about the band so I was like 'I'll make a web-site,' so I make up this internet page and people started looking at it and I was getting e-mails from those people," he

said. Surprisingly, Boyd said, he received email from people connected with the band.

"This is the weird thing, I just did this one thing and I got e-mail from the lead singer's father, the tour manager, their agent, Capitol Records, and they told me to keep on doing it [web-page] because this really looks good for the band," he said.

The relationship between Boyd and the band continued when he went to a show with his friends in Massachusetts on Halloween.

"We went to the show and the guys remembered me and we went back to their hotel and hung out and John gave me a backstage pass so I can get into all their shows for free," he said. "So the week before we came back this semester I saw five shows in a row."

Boyd said he has been able to see the band grow.

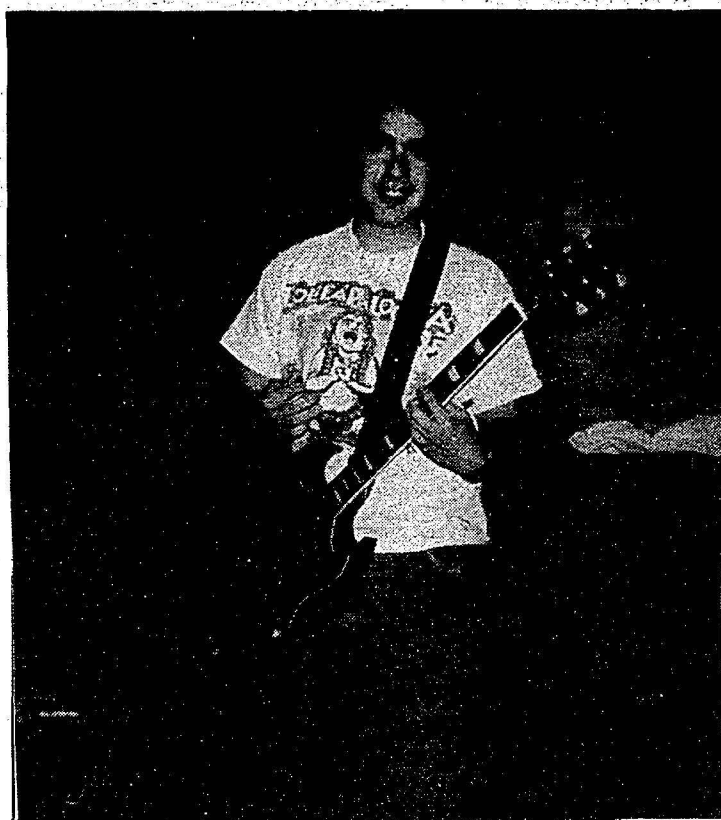
"I've seen the whole evolution of their band and I think of them as people and not as this super-band," he said.

Boyd said that although this opportunity came as a surprise, he took full advantage of it.

"It's truly bizarre how all this stuff happened and I learned a lot about the music industry. I want to get into that now and maybe work at a record label," he said. "It has given me some contacts too and I learned a lot about sound and audio. I was just at the right place at the right time."

Boyd said he has also learned a lot from working at WMCR.

"I really learned about getting things done through a system and working with different of-



Circle photo/Greg Boyd

Junior Greg Boyd, an avid music-lover, met the band Marcy Playground, after making a webpage based on the band.

ices at the college," he said.

He said students should take the radio station more seriously.

"It's not as easy as everyone thinks it is to pull something together," he said. "It's only one-tenth of a watt, but it's all real with real equipment and it saddens me that more people don't listen because we could have an extraordinary station if more people got involved."

Junior Dan Hahn, Boyd's roommate, said dedication is one of Boyd's best qualities.

"He's got a relaxed attitude, but he is so determined to do what he has to do to get it done," he said.

When Boyd is not doing something for WMCR, he works at the college Post Office, drives the Volunteer Community Service Program van, and

does homework.

"It gets pretty busy," he said.

Family and friends, Boyd said, are most important to him.

"They're very important to me and I really like socializing with them," he said.

Hahn said Boyd really cares about his friends.

"Greg is the type of friend who would bend over backwards for you," he said. "If you need anything he'll drop what he's doing and help you."

Hahn said Boyd's love of music is obvious.

"He's always listening to music, constantly," he said. "He just really loves it."

Boyd said his experiences with Marcy Playground have been a strange part of his life.

"It just happened and that's so bizarre," he said. "I think it's really weird."

Top 10 Things to do at Marist

10. Go to class.
9. Go to the computer lab.
8. Make prank calls.
7. Procrastinate.
6. Take off backpack before going into the bookstore.
5. Swipe your ID card.
4. Make fun of the cafeteria food.
3. Talk about roommate(s).
2. Check mail.
1. Stand in the add/drop line.

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Emily's Recipe of the Week

Sweet and Sour Pork with Apple

- 1 lb. well trimmed, boneless pork chops
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 large, red, bell pepper cut into 1-inch squares
- 8 scallions trimmed and cut into 2-inch lengths
- 1 large, tart apple, sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 2 tsp. ginger
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup sweet and sour sauce
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup water

Cut pork into thin strips and season with pepper. Put oil in large skillet and add pork, cooking until white throughout. Add bell pepper, scallions, and apple slices. Stir-fry until scallions' tops turn bright green. Add ginger and garlic and stir-fry until fragrant. Reduce to medium heat. Add sweet and sour sauce, lemon juice, and water. Cook, stirring, until sauce is hot and coats meat and vegetables. Serve over rice. Makes four servings.

Food Dude reels in good food at The Red Lobster

TOM NARDI
Food Dude

Welcome back. I hope that all of you had a good break. Hopefully, you had time to enjoy some delicious home cooked meals. One of my loyal readers came up to me last week and inquired about my thoughts on Red Lobster. I had not been to a Red Lobster in quite some time so I decided to visit one. Red Lobster is a seafood chain located approximately five minutes south of Marist on Rte. 9.

When you first walk into the restaurant, you feel as if you have entered into the galley of an old fishing vessel. Various nautical items decorate the walls: fishing nets, lobster traps, life preservers, and replicas of stuffed fish.

They have many different tropical drinks to start your meal with such as Pina Coladas and flavored daiquiris. I opted for a Bahama Mamma (\$3.95) which is a blend of light and dark rums mixed with pineapple juice and grenadine.

Choosing an appetizer was no easy task, they have over 15 to choose from including lobster and crab stuffed mushrooms (\$6.00), and a lobster meat fondue. For those who do not know, fondue is a blend of melted cheeses (cheddar is the predominant cheese, although Swiss and Monterey Jack are also used) in which you can dip fruits, or bread into. I chose the Fiesta Lobster rolls (\$6.00). These were very similar to spring rolls in Chinese restaurants. One plus was that they were not overly greasy. The rolls were stuffed with a spicy cheese blend, chunks of lobster, and diced vegetables. They would be great to split between two or three people.

As hard as it was to choose an appetizer it is even harder to choose an entrée. There are always many different kinds of fresh fish available including: salmon, catfish, sole, haddock, trout and swordfish. (Personally, I would stay away from the swordfish. The increase in popularity of swordfish over the last couple of years has caused

a depletion of its numbers. Salmon would be a much better choice since its population has been increasing over the last couple of years). These are available in either half or full portions. The half portions ranged in price from \$7 to \$8 and the full size ranges in price from \$12 to \$15.

If you like rich creamy sauces, you can get chunks of crabmeat over a bed of linguine topped with alfredo sauce. For those who do not like seafood I would recommend the Santa Fe chicken breast, which is coated in chili seasonings. All of the pasta dishes are available without any seafood or meat. This is convenient when someone in your party is a vegetarian.

Live lobsters are also available. These can be served either broiled, steamed, or stuffed. I would not recommend the lobster since it was priced at over \$19. There are many other restaurants where you can get the same quality (if not better) lobsters for almost half the price.

Red Lobster is famous for its shrimp. This can be prepared

many ways: beer battered, scampi style, tossed over a ceaser salad, or just plain deep-fried.

For my entrée I chose the grilled mahi mahi sandwich. Mahi mahi is a lean fish that has no overpowering fishy smell or taste to it. Since it does have a delicate taste to it you would not want to serve it with a heavy sauce since the flavors would interfere with each other. The best way to bring out its taste would be to sprinkle some seasoning on it while it is cooking. (Personally I would use some salt, pepper and Cajun seasoning). Red Lobster on the other hand only used salt and too much of it at that. The roll the sandwich was served on was also too big. The bread concealed the taste of the fish. They should have used a smaller sized bun. The sandwich came with a side of french fries which were extremely crisp and flavorful.

The entrées come with salad and your choice of either: rice, vegetables, mashed potatoes, baked potatoes, or french fries.

All meals also come with their famous cheddar cheese biscuits which are absolutely delicious.

I did not have dessert, but if I go back I would definitely try the key lime pie or the strawberry cheesecake. Service was good, although I went during an extremely slow time of day. The best judge of service is how the restaurant does on a busy Saturday night.

Overall, Red Lobster is an inexpensive way to enjoy a nice seafood dinner. Is the seafood the same quality that you might find in a more expensive restaurant? No. Their cooks are not able to recreate the dishes you might find in an upscale eatery. But since they are a large company and have their reputation to uphold you can almost be sure that the fish will be fresh. Being a college student on a limited budget, I would recommend the Red Lobster. Compared to the stuff they try to pass off as fish in the cafeteria, Red Lobster could be considered first rate dining.

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Editorials

Marist locks doors at 11:00, to the surprise of most

Recently, security has decided that a good way to cut down on crime at Marist is to lock the doors for the students in their Gartland apartments.

My housemates and I were given absolutely no warning whatsoever of this new procedure. One of my housemates and I came home one evening to find the downstairs door to our second floor apartments was locked. Now, for those unfamiliar with Gartland, the second floor apartment has a door to let one in to the stairway, and then a door to each of the two apartments at the top of the stairs. This door has its own lock.

My housemates and I called security in a panic, because we thought something must be wrong with our downstairs door. Why else would it not open?

A very nice security guard came to our house and explained there was nothing wrong with the door, but that security was locking all the doors in Gartland, starting at 11:00 p.m.

I was in shock. Apparently, I am not old enough to have the capacity to make the decision to lock my door, so someone is going to come and lock it for me every night.

I simply cannot understand the logic in all of this. Being twenty-one, I feel that I am old enough to face reality. Reality is that when you don't lock your door, someone may find this out, break in and steal all of your stuff. I do not need someone coming to lock my door for me at 11:00 p.m. each night.

I have heard that some students do not like the fact security is not a constant presence in the North End. I am not one that holds that opinion in the least bit. I like the small amount of freedom we are offered living in the North End. Now, even the no-curfew rule is being taken away, in a sense. At 11:00, the doors are locked.

Of course, I could get in with my key, but it is the principal of the situation. I think that everyone who lives in the North End, or anywhere on campus for that matter, has the ability to decide if they want to lock their door or not. Sometimes, I do not want to carry my key, or I forget it. If I am coming home at a certain time, my housemates know this, and will keep the door open. This is no longer an option.

I am trying to understand security's point of view in trying to eliminate the theft problems at Marist, but locking us in at night as if we were children is not the answer.

I also feel that Marist is a place where reality does not always exist. In reality, there are bad people, who break into your house and steal your stuff. I really do not think security locking our doors for us is going to help us. We are competent enough to do that ourselves, and if we are not, we will have to pay the consequences.

Marist is a safe campus, and I am glad it does not have the same atmosphere that Main Street has. However, I also think we are all mature enough on this campus to have the sense to lock our own doors.

Stephanie Mercurio is the Editor-in-Chief for *The Circle*

An international look at American politics

Over the winter break, I had the unique opportunity to visit my parents' new home in Holland (yes, the country). During my trip to the land of the "Dunkin' Dutchman," (That's Rik Smits, Marist Alum, NBA All Star), I was able to view news in a much different light

The presentation of news in Europe is less biased and more comprehensive than any American news show that I have ever seen. Furthermore, the concentration of news stories was not exclusive to any one country, or even the continent. Stories from Indonesia and South Africa, for example, were among the lead stories in newscasts.

Not much to my surprise, there was also coverage of "The President In Crisis" (as our American news organizations have dubbed it). During my trip, the news about our president had to do with his deposition in the Paula Jones trial. The situation had not achieved "crisis" status quite yet, as Monica Lewinsky would surface soon after my return to the states. However, the focus of the news stories was still very interesting. The European news organizations did not seem to put as much emphasis on the details of the trial as they did on the fact that our president, the most powerful man in the world, was actually being subjected to this kind of humiliation while he is still in office.

Now that the situation has achieved "crisis" status, The United States of America is suffering extreme embarrassment worldwide. War is on the brink of eruption in the gulf, and we may be forced to send hundreds of thousands more of our boys to fight a battle which could prove to be much more bloody than before. Yet, the main concern of the American public is the personal life of the President.

We are on the verge of an unprecedented government achievement with the balanced budget, and the economy beginning to flourish once again. Yet, the main concern of the American public is the personal life of the President. Is it hard to see why we are being embarrassed?

The hard truth is that we can not afford to let this situation continue to worsen. He may in fact be guilty, but that can not be our concern right now. It is imperative that Clinton be allowed to finish the job that we elected (and re-elected) him to do. I am in no way trying to defend the actions for which he is being accused. I am trying to defend the fact that there is an appropriate time to take issue with this situation, and now is not the time. The President is the most powerful man in the world, and many people, including us, are dependent on him executing his job to the best of his potential. In two years, when the state of the free world does not lie on the shoulders of William Jefferson Clinton, we should then be concerned with his integrity as a husband.

Chris Hogan, is the Business Manager for *The Circle*

Quote of the Week:

Whenever I see an old lady slip and fall on a wet sidewalk, my first instinct is to laugh. But then I think, what if I was an ant, and she fell on me. Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny.

Jack Handey, *Deep Thoughts*

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Letter to the Editor

Senior asks tough questions about AIDS

Dear Editor,

This letter is not related to a specific article written by *The Circle*. It is based on a concern that some students have on the issue of AIDS and HIV on the Marist campus. Our capping group for communications chose to do a study on HIV and AIDS among college students, focusing our studies on Marist College. (For people who don't know, capping is the final core required class that most seniors dread.)

The heart of our project strives on bringing awareness and social events to campus on HIV and AIDS. We want to provide more programs to help students feel more comfortable about the virus, and to teach students about awareness. The AIDS/HIV Peer Educators is a campus organization that is doing an excellent job of teaching students about AIDS education. A popular notion is that college students are experimental with sex, and awareness is minimal because few high schools teach AIDS awareness. College is a time for trying new things, unfortunately, the consequences are greater than a slap on the wrist.

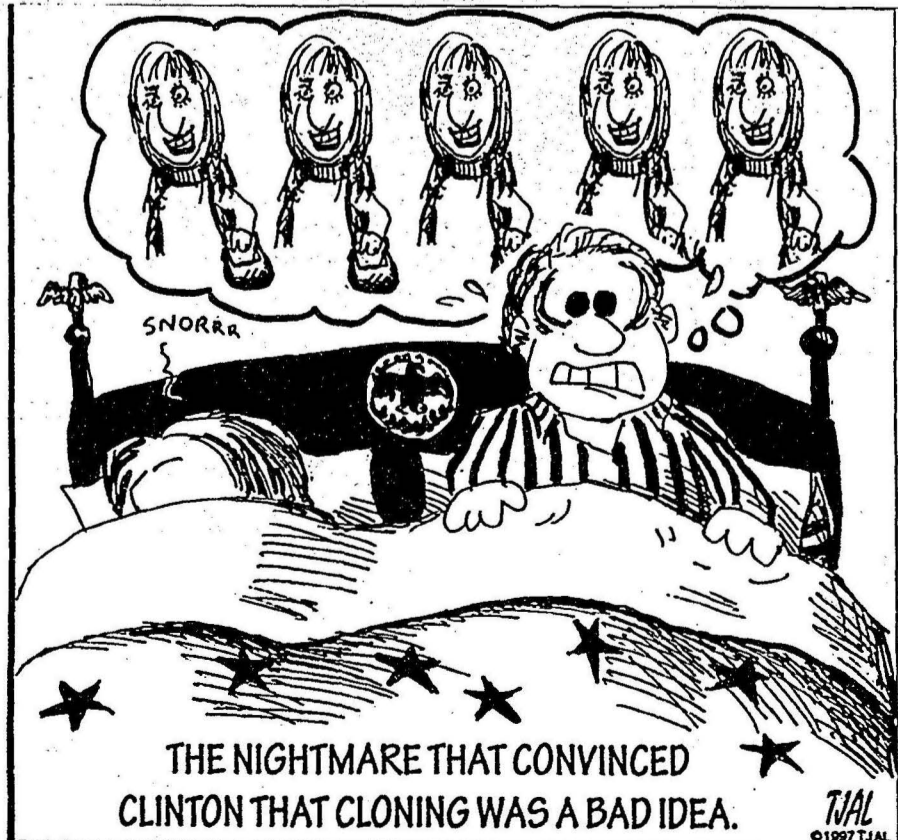
Most people don't think to question the idea that someone they know may have AIDS. They would probably be in rare form if a friend of theirs was to say, "I have AIDS." We need to know that AIDS exists on this campus, and Peer Educators are doing an excellent job spreading the word.

Our group has had a difficult time gathering information on facts and social programs for students infected with AIDS and HIV. Tracking down on-campus social service groups that deal with this issue is like pulling teeth. Maybe it's because Marist doesn't want to deal with the sensitive AIDS issue, or it could be that there aren't enough facts to support the need for a service group that dedicates its services to helping HIV and AIDS infected students.

Teaching AIDS awareness is a great solution to the problem of the spread of AIDS on campus. Sexually transmitted diseases aren't going to disappear if we forget about them, and they cannot be blanketed with condoms and birth control pills (as *The Circle* suggested in a past article.) We need to reinvent the wheel; restating everything we hear on MTV and posted in the Manhattan subway terminal. AIDS isn't something we can run away from, and Marist College is not a safe haven from infectious diseases. We need to incorporate more programs on AIDS awareness with the help of campus organizations like the Peer Educators.

How can we get students to attend these programs? Will they even care? What will the conservative school board say when we speak out on an issue that could hurt Marist's growing student population? And where is the line drawn between protecting the rights of Marist students infected with AIDS, and protecting the other students from contracting it? Let me know if you have any suggestions.

Steve Lindeman, Senior



The Teflon President Wags the Dog

The past two years, I have begun the spring semester by discussing President Clinton's State of the Union Address. To me, it always seemed like an auspicious way to usher in the new year, with some hopeful thoughts about what the coming year will bring.

However, once again, that was not quite how it played out. While the importance of last year's address was diminished by the verdict in the O.J. Simpson civil trial, it was not the same state of affairs that we find ourselves in now. (No pun intended, of course.)

Instead, this year, our nation's status was dwarfed by the question of how the President managed to soil the dress of a former White House Intern with whom he had never had any kind of improper relationship. The differences in importance placed on these two events is something not seen in the media since Yahoo Serious arrived at the Academy Awards at the same time as Robert Deniro.

A month ago, the most you were likely to see of President Clinton on the news was his historic Buddy the Dog/Socks the Cat summit that was held on the White House Lawn. This was not only the proverbial calm before the storm, it



President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky after their alleged meeting in the Oval Office.

was a news director's worst nightmare.

In the weeks since then, the tensions in Iraq have conveniently increased, just as a slew of allegations against the president have become as irrelevant as nutrition information on a bag of Pork Rinds. As a result, TV News directors are torn between which graphic to use more often: "CRISIS IN THE WHITE HOUSE" or "SHOW-DOWN IN IRAQ".

Of course, you do have to feel bad for everyone associated with the new film "Wag The Dog" where a fictional president creates a war to distract his constituents from his sexual im-

proprieties. After all, why should we go out and pay \$8.50 for a two hour movie when we can see the same story for free on every news service known to mankind?

The biggest question that I am faced with in the wake of all this discussion is "How does Clinton do it?" Not the question of how he manages to get the most mentally unstable proponents of second desserts to say that he slept with them, but how everything manages to slide off of him.

For years, mob boss John Gotti was referred to as "the teflon don" because of his in-

credible luck at avoiding legal problems. Since recent years has seen his luck head south, I am sure that he would not mind if I passed on the title to a man who is truly our teflon president.

This guy's luck is unbelievable. He has literally gotten himself out of more career-ending situations than Jason from Friday the 13th and Chevy Chase put together.

All of the recent polls that I have heard cited put Clinton's approval rating at the highest it has ever been. As always, I have no facts to support this, yet, I somehow doubt that even President Bush had a 75 percent ap-

proval rating at the peak of Desert Storm.

This shows us two things: The first is that this country must be in really great shape for this not to matter as much as everyone seemed to hope that it would. The other is that perhaps the American people have finally started to take Bill Clinton for what he is worth.

As he points out any chance he gets, his accomplishments are many, and, most surprisingly to me, those appear to be held higher than any possible extramarital shenanigans that may or may not have occurred. After all, an underwhelming majority of Americans re-elected President Clinton, in spite of all the allegations of sex, corruption and murder were enough to make an Italian Prime Minister blush.

Of course, another possibility is that Americans have such a strong dislike for Hilary Clinton that they can all understand why he would be looking for some sweet loving somewhere other than the West Wing of the White House.

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Humor Columnist is too big for her britches

Hi everyone and welcome back to Marist. As I am entering my third semester as the Circle's Humor Columnist, I am not only being more amicable, but I am desperately trying to harness my self-adulation for filling such an honorable position on this fine publication. Either that, or Coca-Cola is 89 CENTS (bear with me, there is no "cent" sign on this keyboard) for a six-pack at the CVS in Hyde Park this week, and I am just completely wired on the stuff.

Actually, it seems that only my pants are high on my self today. They are too short, that is. This evokes painful memories of the 7th grade, when I grew several inches and the aquamarine tiled hallways of Benjamin Franklin Middle School flooded with shouts of, "The flood is over, the land is dry. Why do you wear your pants so high?"

These days, I can easily justify the length of my pants as a measure I am taking in light of the greenhouse effect and the subsequent melting of the polar ice caps, which will result in water levels rising throughout the globe. Somehow, that is not too comforting.

Yes, well, 1998 brings us all another year closer to our demise, or maybe just closer to the year 2000. Whichever the case, I spent New Year's Eve in Times Square, along with half a million other people.

Like not quite so many people, I spent Christmas Eve there, and every day between. Once

again, I waited on tables at the last Howard Johnson's Restaurant in New York City- it is at 46th and Broadway.

It was nice to have a great view of the ball drop, even if that often described feeling of being "alone in a crowd" lingered in my mind for the last twenty seconds of 1997. As the crowd began to disperse, or more correctly, erupt into mass hysteria and run to their respective mass transit stations, I called my parents to assure them that I was still alive and well.

My parents seemed assured I was alive, but I suppose my wellness seemed questionable. I attempted to muffle the singing of a drunken Frenchman, who began dancing with me while I was on the payphone. I assured my family that everything was okay, as his friend and I tried to pry him off of me. It was the sort of incident that was easy to pass off, mostly because it was New Year's and Times Square.

As interesting as my break was, coming back to Marist was nice, even though I have come to hate two integral parts of college life: soap operas and Dave Matthews, who after a while sounds like Eddie Vedder on Prozac. Incidentally, I do not believe that Eddie Vedder is God, however many times it may be scrawled on my 9th grade binder.

Oh, Pardon me. These days, Mr. Vedder, the lead singer of Pearl Jam (which is not to be confused with "Pearl Cream"

the unique combination of minerals and natural substances that has kept the skin of Chinese empresses clear for 4000 years and is now available to the Western World through Dr. Liu Zhau-Hui, though I would not expect such a confusion), prefers to be called "Ed." So, his mail can be addressed "Mr. Ed Vedder." After all, did he not have to cancel a few shows out west because he was hoarse?

I know. I actually spent a good deal of time pondering whether or not I should delete that last comment. Not only was it dumb, but for a moment I was not sure if I thought of it. I was worried that it might have manifested from some crack I heard (as opposed to that which I smoked) from a disc jockey. I am now certain the Mr. Ed bit was mine. I acquired that very bit along with his bridle. Yes, it came straight from the horse's mouth. Actually, what I meant was that it was just too shamelessly dumb- even for a Hudson Valley DJ.

I would continue to write a disclaimer the rest of this column and for all of my general stupidity, but that is not the least of my problems. Regardless of what I say, these pants will still be too short, and however long this column may be, it just cannot compensate for that.

Tara Quinn is the humor columnist for The Circle and is a shameless native of New Jersey

After graduation plans

This is my second semester in my senior year here at the newly prestigious Marist College. This is the semester in which every one who is graduating in May should be sending out resumes and contacting possible employers, so their parents will get off their backs and so they will not have to live a life of poverty and destitution. But I am just wondering one little thing: what is the rush?

I have been in school, as we all have, since kindergarden. That was about 17 or 18 years ago. Life has not been overwhelmingly tough, especially when you are a moderately intelligent under-achiever. What I am saying is that school may not have been all that difficult, but am I the only one who wants to take a break?

This semester I sent out exactly zero resumes, I went to zero job fairs and I contacted zero prospective employers. I am not nervous, nor am I scared that I will end up on skid row. I am concentrating on my last semester of work here at Marist and I am having enough fun to satisfy me. My goal, once I graduate is to be one of the few, the proud, the wanderers.

I understand that this is mainly a communications and business school, so it is not likely I will get a lot of followers in this quest of mine. I understand that your parents will react strongly to this idea, as mine have. I understand that your teachers will not condone this idea, even though I am sure many of them wish they could go back in time and do what I am suggesting.

I am not writing this to say that everyone who is going

straight into the job world is a sucker. Nor am I writing this as a kind of "I'm right and you're wrong." scenario. All I am trying to do is tell people who are unsure about their futures to live a little.

This is not about being lazy or avoiding reality, as many people will probably tell you. It is not about never making anything of yourself. The truth is all of us will have college degrees and we will land on our feet sooner or later, so why not experience life?

What this is about is living while we are young. Let us be honest, are any of us really going to drive across the country when we are in our 40s? With the exception of Clark W. Griswold, I think not.

I know it takes a lot of nerve to hop in a car with a friend and just head west. I think of myself as lucky because my roommate has a connection for us to meet out west. But even if you do not have a connection come anyway. Do it for the excitement. Do it for the fun. Do it to annoy your parents.

No matter why you decide to let the real world wait, I guarantee you it will be interesting. It may not always be easy and you may not "get rich quick," but it will be real life experience, not sitting in a cubicle or writing pointless memos. It will be life, pure and simple.

And just in case any of you really want to go but cannot get the nerve without some sort of connection, I will be skiing in Vail, Colorado by June, look me up.

Tim Manson is the Opinion Editor for The Circle

Almost Heaven? West Virginia?!? A&E Editor takes tour of Mid-Atlantic high points

by JIM DZIEZYNSKI
A&E Editor

Once one crosses the Mason-Dixon Line, an amazing thing happens. The inexplicable phenomenon known as "southern drawl" leaps into the throats of our southern brethren like penicillin in a sick man. An example of this is the word "special". Up here in normal, like-they-do-on-TV-land-speak, we would pronounce the word "speh-shill." Down-south variations range from "spatial" to "space shuttle". Also, another major difference from us northerners is the general kindness and genuine concern the citizens seemed to show. Unlike New York, where people would rather spit on the back of your neck to distract you long enough to steal your seat on the subway, people in the south exhibited a truly generous attitude. Perhaps this is the fabled "Southern Hospitality" I have heard so much about. How would I know, you ask? Because my winter break consisted of a road trip to bag a few more high points!

Our Mid-Atlantic tour consisted of tagging the high points of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Delaware. At least that was what the plan was; what actually happened was a completely different story. Our trip begins on a sunny morning on December 29, 1997. Our four-person party (John Ragozzine, Jody Pratt, Ryan Sheeler, and myself) left Connecticut on a beautiful, sunny morning. Our van was running smoothly, we were in good spirits, and the sun was shining. About halfway through Pennsylvania, a few fluffy snowflakes began to drift gracefully from the glowing gray skies. Little did we know these innocent snowflakes would become a persistent obstacle that

would not let up for four straight days. Despite the deteriorating road conditions we knew we were close to our first objective (Mt. Davis 3,213 ft.) when we began sharing the road with Amish horse buggies. Mt. Davis is located deep in Mennonite Country, close to the Southern border near Maryland. In somewhat anit-climactical fashion, we drove down a snow-covered dirt road to the sign and tower denoting Pennsylvania's high point.

Hours later we were driving 35mph on the Maryland interstate system wondering where all the plows were. Once we passed the trademark "World's Smallest Church", we knew from our maps that the trailhead for Backbone Mountain (3360 ft.) was within a mile. Around 11 p.m., we spotted the small Burgundy sign we had been searching for. The parking area was covered in a good ten inches of snow but we figured the van could plow through. Unfortunately, half the van plowed directly into a four-foot ditch. Luckily a pair of friendly, fast-talking plow drivers gave us a hand and pulled us out with their chains. An hour later, after shoveling out a parking area, we pulled in and shut our eyes for a much needed sleep.

The next day started with a quick ascent of the short trail to Maryland's highpoint. After snapping a few pictures, it was back to the road (and the near blizzard conditions) to head for Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. Our directions were vague, but we managed to get within five miles of Spruce Knob (4863 ft.) A road sign, that pointed up a thin icy ledge of a road was the closest thing we found to a trail so we foolishly decided to try it. After driving up a mile, we could go no further thanks to a solid sheet of ice. Since the road was too narrow to execute a K-

turn, we had to go down backwards, a task that took all four of us and an hour and forty-five minutes to pull off. We decided that night to try to make the 24-mile loop early the next day.

When we set off to our next summit early on December 31 under the impression that the icy but plowed road would lead us to the top. Three miles up, our guess proved erroneous. A national forest road, which went to the top, split from the main road. The path was covered with an extremely thick layer of dense snow that was at minimum knee-deep, at maximum chest deep. Admittedly, it would have been wiser to come equipped with snowshoes, but we were not financially privileged to outfit the expedition and badminton rackets only work in the cartoons. Nonetheless we trudged on, shifting leaders in an effort to conserve energy. The resistance in the snow was similar to the sensation of walking through waist deep water. When noon rolled around, we were still five miles from the summit and decided to come back for this one another day. Limited daylight and a lack of tents combined with the forceful storm (which had now increased to blizzard conditions) made our walk back down a fairly miserable experience. Our group began to feel the effects of dehydration and mild hypothermia, courtesy of the quick drop in temperature and increased wind chill. When we finally got back to the van at twilight, we were weak, tired, and relatively defeated. While Jody and Ryan slept, John and I drove the van over the vast mountain roads which offered stunning views of the Appalachian, Blue, and Shenandoah Mountains. Strangely our vehicle was losing power, which we attributed to the steep roads. While cross cutting Virginia en



Jim Dziejynski in front of a bronze topographic model located at the high point tower at Mount Davis in Pennsylvania (3,213 feet.) Mount Davis was one of the stops on a high points road trip to the Mid-Atlantic states.

route to Delaware, the van decided that New Year's Eve would be a great time to self-destruct its clutch and that Harrisonburg, Virginia was a great place to spend a few days. So it came to be we spent our New Year's Eve recovering from dehydration while sleeping in minus zero temperatures in our broken down van in an Aamco transmissions in Harrisonburg AND as an added bonus there were no mechanics available until January 2nd! What a way to celebrate the New Year!

After a three-day tour of Harrisonburg we were back on our way home. We had run out of money and had to save Dela-

ware for another day. Incidentally, Harrisonburg is a great place to visit and I can honestly say it was a great place to be stuck. The folks were friendly and the Sheetz gas station across the street (97 cents a gallon!) had free hot chocolate on New Year's Day. I would recommend it to anyone wishing to experience all the charm and hospitality of the south, providing you bring a Southern-to-English translator with you! (Editor's note: Thanks to Perry Boyard, the plow guys, Pearl and Earl, Chrissy at the CVS in Harrisonburg, and our friends in Frackville.)

Maharaja Room captures the best of Indian cuisine

by BRIAN HILL
Staff Writer

Like a shining star, twinkling in the black night sky, the Maharaja Room lifts The Poughkeepsie Plaza out of the ashes and turns it into a culinary Valhalla. Located smack-dab in one of the most out-dated shopping centers this side of the Mason-Dixon Line, the Maharaja restaurant is a true gem. Festooned in soothing pink, the restaurant's dining area conveys a rare sense of tranquility. Painted flower spirals climb up white columns and carved wooden lampshades dim the light. Candles flicker on each table and soothing Indian music plays through the speakers. To highlight the décor, two large profiles of Indian royalty appear in rich pastels on the walls, watching silently over the din-

ers.

While the quality of the decorations is admirable, a restaurant's true worth can only be determined by its food, and this is where the Maharaja Room really shines. The menu is diverse and incredibly reasonable, with dishes from the North and South both represented. Similar to Italian cuisine, cream sauces are found in the North, while those in the South are most often tomato-based. In addition, the Southern dishes tend to pack more of a wallop than their northern counterparts. Meals at the Maharaja Room begin with a crispy flatbread called roti, which was delivered by the excellent staff immediately after we were seated. Chickpea flour is what gives this food its silky texture, making it seem to melt in your mouth. Tamarind sauce (sweet and brown - like Chinese Duck

Sauce) and Green Chutney (pickled with underlying garlic flavor) make perfect dipping companions and are provided. Many other varieties of flat bread are available, from garlic naan (thin bread grilled with garlic oil \$2.25) to Aloo Paratha (thin whole wheat bread stuffed with potatoes and peas \$2.75), and should be ordered with the entrée. Many of the breads derive their signature taste from the tandoor, a wood-burning oven made from sculpted clay, in which they are cooked.

Temperatures in the tandoor reach well over 700 degrees, cooking foods rapidly. This process works especially well with meats, such as chicken and lamb (\$6.95-9.95 for chicken/\$9.95 for lamb), as the rapid heat locks in natural juices and imparts a slightly smoky flavor. In addition to the tandoori dishes, which compose a mere

fraction of the extensive menu, there are also fish dishes, non-tandoori chicken and lamb, and a plethora of vegetarian specialties.

Dishes to note include, Molai Kofta (savory vegetable-cheese balls, deep fried, and smothered in a delicious tomato/cream sauce \$5.95), and Channa Masala (chickpeas sautéed with onions in a spicy tomato sauce \$6.95). Both of these specialties are fine examples of the Maharaja Room's ability to create entrees that burst with diverse flavors, unfamiliar to most American palates. Of the South Indian offerings, Masala Dosai is an exotic treat (\$6.95). My dining companion and I were in awe as our waiter delivered to us a giant rice pancake, stuffed with a delicately seasoned mixture of potatoes and peas. The mildly sweet ginger mingled so beautifully with the crisply flavored

curry leaves, that I ordered the same dish on my next visit. Paired with spicy brown lentil soup, this dish left my palate feeling the need for something sweeter.

For sweetlovers like me, the Maharaja Room offers a myriad of fine desserts. Many, such as Kulfi (ice cream flavored with the delicately fragrant essence of saffron \$3) and Ras Malai (sweet homemade cheese served with milk sauce \$3), are exotic treats; while others (Kheer - rice pudding infused with piney cardamom, and regal cloves \$2.50; Mango Mousse - mango whipped with cream \$3) are more familiar delights. Chopped pistachio nuts would have balanced the sweetness of the Kheer, but alas,

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Good Will Hunting a well balanced movie worth seeing

by PATRICK WHITTLE
Asst. A&E Editor

Good Will Hunting is an excellent movie that anyone who appreciates touching cinema should enjoy. Directed by Gus Van Sant, the film centers on Will Hunting (Matt Damon), a 20-year old underachiever with the mind of a genius.

Will's only job is scrubbing the floors at prestigious MIT. He amazes a professor (Stellan Skarsgard) by solving a math problem that no one in his class

was able to understand. Soon after, Will is arrested for fighting with a police officer and faces a jail sentence. The only thing that saves him is the professor, who takes Will into his custody to try to figure out what makes him so smart. What he finds out instead is that Will has the attention span of a five-year-old.

Will infuriates a series of therapists before meeting Sean McGuire (Robin Williams), a resident of South Boston. Sean is able to connect with Will only through treating him as an in-

corrigible son rather than a patient. It is in their conversations that the film really shines.

Midway through the movie Will falls in love with Skylar (Minnie Driver), a Harvard student from a privileged background. Their relationship is strikingly similar to the way Sean met his deceased wife. Will and Skylar are opposites in almost every way. Sean cautions Will not to let her go, but he is unable to overcome their differences.

Perhaps the film's real stars are the South Boston characters

Will associates with. Southie natives are a lovable if not resentful bunch, and Will's friends are no exception. These include actors Ben Affleck (Chasing Amy), Will's best friend. A native of Cambridge, Affleck almost steals the show with his distinctive Southie accent and mannerisms.

Van Sant took a great risk in setting the movie in such a unique place. South Boston is a prejudiced and bitter Irish community with a personality all its own. The movie Van Sant created not only accurately por-

trays the city he has chosen but his characters perfectly embody its attitude and way of life. South Boston is not your average community, and Good Will Hunting is not your average movie.

Good Will Hunting is in equal parts moving, hilarious, emotional and sarcastic. It strays away from typical Hollywood formula and looks deeper inside its characters and setting. Damon and Williams compliment each other well and play their individual roles perfectly.

Seagulls: Our feathered friends or fiends?

by MEGHAN SLOAN
Staff Writer

Seagulls are some of the most annoying birds on the earth. Therefore, it is only natural that they inhabit an area populated by some of the most annoying people on earth, a college campus. It is likely there are close to five hundred of these feathered friends inhabiting the Marist College environs.

While usually shunning boring areas such as the library and Donnelly computer lab, seagulls are most likely to be found in dumpsters, outside of the student center, or frolicking in or around the Hudson River. Because of their enthusiasm for

the pittance life has granted them, it is not surprising that the seagull is the only creature glad to be alive in the Dutchess/Ulster area.

As irritating as seagulls can be, they are still lovable animals. All lovable animals enjoy attention. Seagulls are no exception. While seagulls hate to be pet, touched or even spoken to, they all love food. Once, when walking to an eight o'clock class in twenty-degree weather, I heard the angry squawking of a seagull. Upon further inspection, I found the gull was angry because there was some trouble eating a plastic Lifesaver bag. Rather than

complaining about the weather, the hour, or life in general (as so many Marist College inhabitants do), this "early bird getting the worm" was mad because it could not eat plastic. What a pleasant change from the usual sort of whining one is usually exposed to at this time of day.

A fun thing to do, that all people (and seagulls) love, is to feed seagulls bread. At first the birds are scared because things are being thrown at them. This is a natural response because people have done mean things to them and their other bird friends. However, once it dawns on the seagulls that food

is being thrown at them, they will love you to death. The gulls will fly above you and chirp and squawk. Sometimes they will even perform tricks, such as catching bread in their mouths.

It is almost as if one is at the circus. Nevertheless, this is morally acceptable because the seagulls are happy and free. Seagulls eat any type of bread, even stale bread. Please do not overfeed these frisky birds because then they might become too dependent on you. Even though seagulls are annoying you should never hurt them because that would only reaffirm their natural fear of people.

Good Cuisine

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were not provided. During the week, the Maharaja Room's menu is limited, but a buffet lunch is offered (\$6.95). I still think it is best to visit on Saturday or Sunday, though. In addition to the expanded menu, specials are offered on the weekend which are worth trying. From \$9.99 for the vegetarian special to \$14.99 for the lamb, these meals include soup, appetizer, entrée, vegetable, and dessert.

I highly recommend the Maharaja Room.

SGA NEWS

SGA SPOTLIGHT

S.G.A. SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Frank J. Maduri
YEAR: Senior
MAJOR: Political Science/ Public Relations
HOMETOWN: Little Silver, New Jersey
FAVORITE PERFORMER: Yanni
FAVORITE MOVIE: "The American President"
ROLE MODEL: His Grandfather



"We have an amazing student body; very good people," said Student Body President, Frank Maduri. "I have made many good friends here."

As Student Body President, Maduri is the door between the students, faculty, and administration. He is responsible for staying in touch with everything on campus. This is so he can be aware of issues concerning the student body. To deal with possible issues, Maduri must innovate ideas for the improvement of student life.

"I am responsible to represent the student body," said Maduri.

From his time with Student Government Association (SGA), Maduri said he learned how to deal with set backs and adverse situations. More importantly, he has learned how to overcome the situations and move forward. In addition, Maduri said he has recognized his role to the students and from this year alone, Maduri has learned stress management.

As a Political Science major with a minor in Public Relations, Maduri has no plans of going to professional politics.

"I want to move to Boston and get an entry-level job in Public Relations," said Maduri.

He eventually wants to get his masters in Public Administration and possibly work as a lobbyist or as director of a non-profit agency. A future plan of his is to become the president of a college.

Maduri chose Summer Session as his most memorable moment from Student Government.

"It was the first time everyone was together and were able to talk candidly about many things," said Maduri. "It brought humor to many issues."

Outside his many duties as president, Maduri is a member of the national Political Science honors society, Pi Sigma Alpha. Since the end of his sophomore year, he has been involved with the Strategic Planning Committee. In his spare time, Maduri spends time with his girlfriend and his friends. He also writes poetry and enjoys reading books about American presidents.

For the remainder of his administration, Maduri would like to finish the last of his projects. Such plans include defining the role of the class officers and creating a plan of transition for incoming officers. Maduri is also very excited about this year's Diversity Day on Saturday, March 28.

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The Student Government Association held its first annual Summit on Saturday, January 31. The day commenced with motivational speaker, Jack Chambers, who got everyone moving with his "Jackivities".

Throughout the day, many issues were addressed. The upcoming Diversity Day was one topic that got a lot of attention. On March 28, Marist College will be celebrating Diversity Day. This day is to raise awareness of diversity on campus and to open people's minds on the subject.

During the day there will be many fun and exciting activities. Such will include Ase, an all female drumming circle from Africa and the Islands, Irish dancing, and Dr. Luske will be discussing different religions. In addition, the Black Student Union, Gaelic Society, Italian-American Society, El Arco Latino, plus numerous other clubs will be represented.

If you are interested in performing or would like more details on Diversity Day, please contact Julie Gadarowski at ext. 4065 or Latonya Francis at ext. 4702.

Off Campus

by JEFF DAHNCKE

What he did was wrong. Actually, wrong is not the word to describe it. What he did was unbelievably atrocious.

But just as Latrell Sprewell's actions were atrocious when he attacked head coach P.J. Carlesimo, so too was the penalty. The punishment did not fit the crime - it far exceeded it.

Golden State Warrior and three-time NBA All-Star guard Latrell Sprewell had his \$32 million contract terminated by the Warriors earlier this season for physically attacking his head coach. Days after the incident, Commissioner David Stern announced that Sprewell would be banned from basketball until December 3, 1998.

It is the most severe suspension in league history.

Last week, hearings began to decide whether or not the penalty was too severe. Does Sprewell deserve to be treated like drug offenders Roy Tarpley and Richard Dumas, the only other players to receive year-long suspensions? Or did Sprewell simply make one bad decision, a decision that does not warrant such a lengthy absence from the game?

If the situation is analyzed, it is evident that the latter is the case.

Sprewell acted immaturely and unreasonably, there

is no way to dispute that. He certainly deserves to be strictly reprimanded. But the punishment Latrell was slapped with is ludicrous.

He is young. He is immature. He needs to learn how to control his temper. He needs to learn how to respect authority. But it is mind-boggling to think that these inabilities cost him \$32 million and a year of his career.

Maybe it would be different if Sprewell had a history of such behavior, but he does not. This was an isolated incident. He has undoubtedly realized that what he did was wrong, and now it is time for Commissioner Stern to do the same.

If there is any justice, we will see Latrell Sprewell back on the NBA hardwood before the season is through.

Switching topics but remaining in the NBA, the 48th NBA All-Star Game will be played this Sunday at Madison Square Garden. It is touted by the league as the game where the world's best players take the court. While Jordan and Shaq and the rest of the league's stars will be on the floor, there will be one player who will not be: Chicago Bulls power forward Dennis Rodman.

To me, it is absurd that Rodman is not an All-Star, but it definitely is not a surprise. Just like when he was left off

the NBA's 50 Greatest Players list, people are swayed by his off-the-court life and fail to recognize what a truly great player he is.

He is arguably the most dominating rebounder the NBA has ever seen, one the premier defenders in basketball, and an excellent passer. But beyond all that, he plays with an intensity and desire that goes unmatched in this day and age.

It is a shame that the majority of people cannot see past the multi-colored hair, tattoos, and body piercings and appreciate him for the basketball player he is beneath all that other stuff. If they could, he would be the starting power forward this Sunday in New York.

And now the top five from the week that was:

1. Terrell Davis - yes, the Super Bowl was more than a week ago, but without this guy, John Elway would still have ten bare fingers.
2. Roy Jones, Jr. - moving up to the heavy-weight division to fight Buster Douglas.
3. North Carolina Tar Heels - looking like the best team in the country right now.
4. New Jersey Nets - write it down now: Atlantic Division Champions.
5. Any Takers?

What's On Tap?

See the Red Foxes in action...

Men's Basketball - Hosts Manhattan on 2/5 at 7:30 p.m.; Hosts Siena on 2/7 at 7:30 p.m.; At St. Peter's on 2/10 at 7:30 p.m.

Men's and Women's Indoor Track - Class of 32 Invitational at Colgate University on 2/7.

Ice Hockey - Hosts Drexel on 2/6 at 9:15 p.m.; At Rider on 2/7 at 8:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball - In Albany against Rider on 2/5 at 7:30 p.m.

Tom's Trivia Corner

When was the last time before this season the AFC won both the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl?

(Answers to this week's question will be in next week's Circle)

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The Ryan Report

Keeping everyone on campus happy, for now



One of the things I learned about people in the first year of my college life, is that nobody wants to be left out of anything. I think the most often heard phrase in my room is "Thanks for waiting for me" as two people return from dinner to find a third person seething on the couch.

The inferiority complex starts to set in. "Did they leave me on purpose?" "They knew I had class, didn't they." Most of the time if someone gets left out it is inadvertent. Of course, sometimes no matter how much this is explained to the person, they will not except it.

That is the problem facing some of the athletic teams at Marist. I can under-

stand they want their time just like basketball, football, and baseball get theirs. That is good. They should want that. Sometimes it is just not possible.

My previous editors have told me about how some of the less written about teams complain to them about the lack of attention they receive. I am expecting the same thing. And I will probably, deserve it.

The sports that generate the most interest on campus, forget about money, the most interest on campus, should receive the most airtime and the most print space. "Bottom line.

I know it is not easy to play rugby, run track, or swim. God knows I would not be able to do any of those sports even remotely well. It is just that when I see someone I know, the topic would turn faster to last night's basketball game then to the crew race yesterday morning.

Of course, when one of the smaller sports does exceedingly well, I think it should be written about. Just like when one does exceedingly bad, it



Teams, such as men's and women's swimming, are often overshadowed by programs like football and basketball.

should also be written about. Which brings me to the other problem that has faced college sports editors past, present, and future.

Nobody wants to have their teams belittled in a forum in which all their friends will see or hear about it.

They only want the good and not the bad. Life does not work that way.

For example, last year I was covering one of the less publicized sports on campus, but I was taking it seriously because it was a chance to show what I could do. So I was covering games at the McCann Center with thirty people in attendance pretending it was Yankee Stadium. I did not want

to write an article about how great this Marist team was, or how well they were playing when they had two wins after about 12 games.

So after a somewhat derogatory article and an even worse headline that I did not write. I got a nasty phone call from one of the players telling me they did not need to be ridiculed in their own college newspaper and that they deserved a little more respect.

These sports want the acclaim that the football team gets, but they do not want to take any blame the way coach Jim Parady and his players do. It cannot be both ways.

I would like to think there is enough space fo

everyone to be happy, as you probably can tell there is even extra space this week. (Did everyone get an internship this semester?)

One more thing while I am hinking about it. Would it kill you take in a couple of Marist sporting events? Besides the baseball team's run last year, which happened after everone was already home, there has not been much to cheer about, that is true. But, when I am at basketball game and I see more area high school students in attendance than college students I wonder what is going on.

There is not that much to do around here, so force yourself to take in at least one game this semester. You might like it.

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STAT OF THE WEEK
Bo Larragan and Bobby Joe Hatton are each averaging 15 points per game to lead the men's basketball team.

SPORTS

THE CIRCLE, February 5, 1998

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We could sell the point of stepping in and playing a lot of minutes." -Dave Maggarity

Men's Basketball Team Struggling Right now...

By Thomas Ryan
Sports Editor

It has been a long time since the last *Circle* came out. It has been an even longer time for the Men's Basketball team. When the last *Circle* came out, Marist was 3-2. They are now 6-13.

The 3-11 streak started with a loss to Colgate, a team Marist beat earlier in the season. Seth Schaeffer scored 21 points for Colgate and was 5-of-8 from three point range. Bo Larragan led the Red Foxes with 19 points.

Marist would climb back over .500 for the last time with a 60-48 win over Cornell in their next game. Marist won despite having 29 rebounds compared to Cornell's 60. Bobby Joe Hatton had 13 points for Marist and Larragan added 12.

The Red Foxes went to the left coast ten days later to take on Pepperdine to start a stretch of four straight road games. The game featured the return of sophomore Joe McCurdy to the Red Foxes. McCurdy missed the first seven games because he was academically

ineligible. Pepperdine's Gerald Brown, the team's leading scorer, had a game high 23 points to lead his team to a 78-67 win. Marist held the highly touted Jelani Gardener, a transfer from the University of California, to seven points on 1-of-9 shooting. Tomasz Cielebak had 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting for the Red Foxes.

Marist did not have to travel quite as far for their next as they faced Army in West Point. In what was probably their worst loss of the season, Marist fell to the Cadets 91-83. Babe Kwasniak had 21 points for Army, who shares Marist's 6-13 record. Larragan and Bryan Whittle each had 18 for the Red Foxes.

Stop number three on the road trip was Loyola, to face last year's MAAC player of the year, Mike Powell. Powell had 22 points and went 10-of-10 from the foul line to help Loyola win 80-61. Larragan matched Powell's effort with 22 points of his own.

The nightmare road swing ended with a blow-out loss to the Rider Broncos. Centers continued to give Marist problems as Rider big man Kevin

McPeck scored 27 points on 9-of-10 shooting. Larragan was again the Red Foxes leading scorer with 16 points. Not a good sign when the point guard is the leading scorer. Especially when he is called on to do as much as Larragan is.

"We need other guys to step up their scoring," head coach Dave Maggarity said. "We need to take some of the pressure off of Bo."

Marist then rebounded with a win over the defending conference tournament champions, the Fairfield Stags.

St. Peter's was in the McCann center the following game to hand the Red Foxes a 63-60 loss. Ricky Bellinger and Kamaal McQueen had 14 points each for the winners. The starting backcourt of Hatton and Larragan also had 14 a piece for Marist.

Back on the road, Marist got outscored by eighteen in the second half to the Manhattan Jaspers. A 74-56 score at the half turned into a blowout, as Duvelle Brown scored a season high 17 points for the Jaspers. The backcourt continued to dominate the scoring sheet as Hatton led the team with 14.

Fairfield was Marist's

first MAAC opponent they faced twice. This time around the Stags got the win in overtime. Fairfield outscored Marist 18-4 in the extra session and were led by forward Darren Philip's 19 points.

It was then Iona's time to come to the McCann Center, and they brought the nation's third longest winning streak with them. Tariq Kirksay and Kashif Hammed dominated the boards as each had double-doubles in Iona's 87-72 win. Manny Otero found his stroke netting six three-pointers to keep Marist in the game until the last eight minutes of the game.

"The crowd was really into the game and that helped us," Maggarity said. "We played much better then we had been. Marist lost another heartbreaker three days later as Siena nipped the Red Foxes 7-73. Marist was up seven at the half, but Marus Faison 20 points rallied the Saints. Hatton kept his hot hand with 23 points.

Marist finally won a close game later in the week with a 52-51 road win over Canisius. Larragan had 18 points and six assists for Marist. Hatton and McCurdy added 12 each for the Red

Foxes.

It was back to normal in their next game however, as Marist lost a 83-77 overtime game to Niagara. Hatton had 19 for Marist while Larragan chipped in with 18. Jeff O'Connor led all scorers with 20 points and Jermaine Young added 19 for Niagara.

Marist's strong backcourt play and a fading frontcourt is the cause of much Marist's problems right now. Hatton and Larragan are each averaging over 15 points a game, but the next leadin scorer is Whittle at under 11 per game.

"Team's are attacking our middle, there's no doubt about that," Maggarity said. "If we are going to win more ball games we are going to need stronger play inside."

...But help is on the way in three key prospects

By Thomas Ryan
Sports Editor

Things are not going well for the Marist basketball team on the court. But off the court, Marist has announced the signing of three honorable mention All-Americans during the Division I early signing period.

Point guard Sean Kennedy, shooting guard Rick Smith (that is "Smith" not "Smits"), and swing man Mark Prosser all signed national letters of intent to be Red Foxes next fall. Combine these three with front court players Sebastian Bellin, Thomas Kenney, Joe McCurdy, Drew Samuels, Tomas Czielbak, who are all freshman and sophomores, and you have what looks to be a well-rounded roster in the years to come.

In addition to the youth in the front court, what also makes these signings important is the number of upper classmen in the backcourt who will be on their way out in the next couple of years. Co-captain Joe Taylor, three-point specialist Manny Otero, and back-up guard Daniel Berggren are seniors, and the starting back court of co-captain Bo Larragan and Bobby Joe Hatton are juniors.

Of course, it is important that all three of the recruits are thought of as excellent prospects, but it may be equally important, according

to head coach Dave Magarity, that all three will fill spots being vacated in the next couple of years.

"Recruiting really is a combination of getting the best players available to you and filling spots you need filled," Magarity said. "We could really sell the point that they would be stepping in almost immediately and playing a lot of minutes."

One player who should greatly benefit from Marist's leadership in the backcourt is Kennedy. If things go as planned, Kennedy will have a year as Larragan's understudy before being thrown into the fire his sophomore season. Not that the 6-1 Kennedy may need that much help when he arrives at Marist. As a senior, Kennedy led St. Dominic's on Long Island to a New York State Title last year and earned honorable mention all-American in Street & Smith's Basketball edition and The Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook.

"Sean was heavily recruited by UNC-Greensboro, Davidson, and some Ivy League schools," Magarity said. "He's a great ball handler and he fits perfectly into our system."

The 6-3 Smith comes from the very tough Metro Conference in the Washington, D.C. area that features perennial powerhouse DeMatha.

Smith is one of four

players on his St. Vincent Pallotti high school team to have signed Division I letters of intent. His high school coach considered him overshadowed by his high school teammates, and the Red Foxes are hoping Smith will come into his own at Marist.

"He is very athletic, a good shooter, and a good scorer," Magarity said. "He's great defensively and I think the transition to college will be easy for him."

Prosser, the son of Xavier coach Skip Prosser, was a first team all-State selection in his junior and senior years in West Virginia, leading his team to a state title his junior year. An excellent three-point shooter, Prosser was named USA Today and Street & Smith's honorable mention all-American his senior year. Prosser was leaning toward an Ivy League school after his senior season, but needed to attend prep school to get his already good grades and test scores higher. It was this year at Lawrenceville Prep in New Jersey that the 6-5 Prosser seriously considered Marist. In this case it was the campus that attracted the prospect.

"He fell in love with the place when he came for a visit," Magarity said. "I really thought he would end up at an Ivy school, but I'm glad he kept us in mind all this time."

Although, Magarity is pleased with recruiting efforts

so far, the Red Foxes are not done yet. They would like to bring in at least one more big man to replace Bryan Whittle, the top senior in scoring and in rebounding for the Red Foxes. Also, to help incumbents Czielbak, Bellin and the rest of the returning frontcourt gang.

"We've already lost two big guys who we were really hoping to have in here, Boston College snuck in at the last minute for one of them," Magarity said. "It is really tough for us to recruit at that position because of the number of young guys we have there."

This is the third straight class that the Red Foxes have high hopes for, and with Marist's move to the MAAC, don't expect it to be the last.

In most instances, recruiting tends to follow patterns. When a school has a successful recruiting class, following classes take notice.

Of course, the bad thing about recruiting is that when one hole is filled, another one opens. The entire process then repeats itself.

The trick is finding the right combinations at the right times. Something Marist may have done over the last three years.

It will be tough in the MAAC, but without their new conference Marist would not be bringing in the quality of players they have been, and will continue to do.

Men's Basketball Statistics

Hatton - 15 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.2 apg, .478 fg pct.

Larragan - 15 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.6 apg, .443 fg pct.

Whittle - 10.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 1.0 apg, .520 fg pct.

Cielebak - 8.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 0.7 apg, .474 fg pct.

McCurdy - 7.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 1.3 apg, .422 fg pct.

Otero - 6.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg, 0.9 apg, .340 fg pct.

Taylor - 3.5 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 0.9 apg, .313 fg pct.

Samuels - 2.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 0.2 apg, .333 fg pct.

Keenen - 2.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 0.7 apg, .692 fg pct.

Bellin - 1.6 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 0.2 apg, .381 fg pct.

Kenney - 0.5 ppg, 1.0 rpg, 0.0 apg, .333 fg pct.

Berggren - 0.3 ppg, 0.4 rpg, 0.2 apg, .182 fg pct.

Upcoming Schedule

2/5 Manhattan

2/7 Siena

2/10 at St. Peter's

2/13 Loyola

2/15 Rider

2/19 at Iona

2/22 Canisius

2/28 MAAC Tournament