



## Boyle's own spirit reflected in an outpouring of empathy

By KATE GIGLIO  
Managing Editor

Caitlin Boyle, a junior at Marist College, died the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 16 from meningococcal meningitis. She was diagnosed Monday morning after showing symptoms Sunday afternoon.

A service for Boyle was held the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Chapel. Every pew was full as members of the community filed in to offer their compassion and prayers. Those in attendance read a psalm out loud together, and prayers were offered for Boyle, her family, her housemates, and her teammates.

As of Tuesday evening, Boyle was in "grave" condition in the intensive care unit of St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, according to an e-mail sent to the Marist community by Deborah DiCaprio, vice president/dean of student affairs. Boyle died a day later, after both conventional and experimental antibiotics failed to take effect.

Boyle, who resided in Upper West Townhouses, was a captain of the Marist Dance Team and was also involved in FoxPaw, an animal rights group on campus.

An informational session about meningitis was held in the Nelly Goletti Theater on Nov. 15 for the campus community. The Dutchess County Health Department, the College's Health Services and other members of the support staff were

available to dispense information and answer questions. Prayers for Boyle and her family were offered at the noon mass on Thursday, Nov. 17 in the Chapel.

There will be a student-faculty basketball game on Friday, Dec. 9 to benefit the Meningitis Foundation of America, the organization to which the Boyle family asked that all donations be made in Caitlin's name.

The evening will begin with an opening ceremony honoring Boyle, involving the members of organizations of which Boyle was a part.

Following this, students and faculty will compete against each other as T-shirts and Meningitis Foundation of

America bracelets are given out. The event will include music, a DJ, food, raffles, and free giveaways, as well as half-time performances from Time Check, the Dance Team, and various other Marist groups. The event will also be taped by MCTV.

Speaking on behalf of her housemates, Steve Villalobos said that Boyle's charisma was something that permeated the air around her.

"To us, she was a touch of heaven that brought us light in our dimmest of days and a presence that kept us full of laughter and love," he said. "She is a part of us all and we will love and remember her always and forever."



Caitlin Boyle

Courtesy of REBECCA FANTUSKA



Jill Carboni

By CASSI MATOS  
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Jill Carboni, senior, and devoted member of the Marist Community, was killed in a car accident on her way back to campus from her home in Hopedale, Massachusetts on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Carboni was a communications major with a concentration in advertising, and would have graduated this May with the highest academic honors.

A resident of Fulton 2E, she was involved in many organizations, including the Advertising Club, MCCTA, Campus Ministry, the community service program, and the International Italian-American Society.

At Marist Poll, where Carboni worked, she held the highest position a student can hold, a tes-

## Friends return Carboni's love

tament to her work ethic and dedication.

During her junior year, Carboni spent a semester abroad in Florence, Italy, traveling throughout Europe and befriending those who were lucky to spend time with her during her adventures.

Prayers were said for Carboni during a mass held Monday, Nov. 28 in the chapel.

In a tribute from all her friends, they shared how special it was to be a part of Carboni's life.

"Jill was such a unique woman," they said. "She had the ability to make each person feel extremely important."

In sharing their memories of Carboni, it was apparent she had made an impact on many lives.

They said she always made a point of making time for every-

one, and had a way of making everyone feel as though they were the most important person in the world.

"We felt so much love from Jill, and for her too, we all felt compelled to do things for her, and make things perfect for her, or help her in any way we possibly could," they said. "Her love and caring were so powerful that you couldn't help but feel the

same for her. This is one of the greatest gifts she offered to the world."

Jill's favorite quote, by Winston Churchill, summed up her life: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Jill loved games, and used them not only to pass time, but to make people smile. According to those who lived with her and knew her, she got very excited about her games and was able to draw everyone around her into her excitement.

During her sophomore year, Jill began a tradition with her housemates, where she asked everyone to put their handprint on a piece of paper, so visitors could guess which hand print belonged to each person. Senior year, it was footprints. To continue her game, everyone who attended the mass was asked

to leave their thumbprint, so Carboni could "play her game for all eternity."

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, \$200 was collected in Carboni's

honor, to be used toward a scholarship in her name during the 50/50 raffle at the men's basketball game.

Plans for future events in Carboni's honor are under way and students and faculty will be kept posted about these events as they develop.

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— Friends of Jill Carboni

## Largest group to go abroad in 40 years of Marist history

By MICHAEL RENGANESCHI  
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Students at Marist have been traveling and studying across the globe for nearly 40 years. This spring the college's largest group of students will set out to experience the world.

Along with the always-popular destinations of Italy and Australia, students are now reaching out and traveling to places that Marist students have never been.

Jerre Thornton, a coordinator of the Marist Abroad program, has been helping to make it possible for students to travel to any corner of the globe.

"There are students traveling to new places this year," said

Thornton. "There is a student going to Berlin and one that is going to South Africa."

When students find a place that they would like to visit and study in, there is hardly anything that can stop them. Thornton works hand in hand with prospective students to help them find the perfect location for them.

"Most of the students who want to go abroad want to go to places of personal interest to them," said Thornton. "When a student comes in who wants to go somewhere new, we ask them to research it."

If a student is interested in traveling somewhere new, they can look at a variety of Web sites that will help them find their way. Once they have a place in mind,

the Marist Abroad Program can set them up and get them on their way.

"We ask the students to get feedback from the places they are interested in," said Thornton, "then we can help them set up a program that meets their needs."

Junior Brian Loew said that he was looking forward to becoming immersed in the Irish culture.

"I am going abroad to Ireland and I have always wanted to go visit Ireland," he said, "and what

better way to do it than spend four months living and working there."

In the spring, students will be traveling all over the globe. There will be students through-

out Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and Australia.

Students will not only be studying the cultures of these places, but they are also given the opportunity to work there. Other students will be setting sail, on two different programs at sea. Semester at Sea

allows students to live and study aboard an ocean liner, while making stops at various countries including Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong, Brazil, South Africa and India. SEA Semester is comprised of two elements, five weeks at the oceanography institute in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and five weeks sailing in either the Caribbean Sea or Pacific Ocean.

Through internships in foreign countries, Marist students are able to enhance their experience, and their resumes, even further.

"While at some point in life, I may be able to go on vacation to somewhere like this," Loew said, "the opportunity to spend four months working there probably won't surface again."

Carol Toufali, a coordinator of the Marist Abroad Program, has been setting up internships for students traveling abroad.

"We have 23 internships in Australia, 21 in London, and 14 in Dublin alone," said Toufali. "An internship in a foreign country is an opportunity that no student should pass up."

By getting hands on experience, Marist students are able to really learn the inner workings of the countries and cultures they are visiting.

"Students are living with a host family, studying in classes, and interning," said Toufali. "They are getting a multi-faceted experience and a full emergence into the culture."

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## Security Briefs: Girl has \$48 Thrifty Cash left, tells everyone she knows

Wow. Haven't written these in awhile. I hope all of you have cried about it as much as I have. To shake things up a little bit, I'm going to start rating the different briefs. Hope you enjoy.

We got a lot to do, and not a lot of time. And trust me, you crazy kids have given me a lot to write about.

**-Brian Sabella**  
**11/18 — 6:10 PM Leo Hall**  
 The first brief of the week is one of the more innovative things I've ever heard. 'Some wacky freshman were bringing in a seemingly innocent looking Pepsi Lime box. However, upon looking under the duct tape that was holding the box together, the security officer found 12 cans of Bud Light. Nice try fellas. I applaud the effort.'



**11/18 — 10:30 PM Residence Inn**  
 Here's a new one. The quiet, unassuming students of the Residence Inn have made their presence felt. Two students were spotted carrying another seemingly intoxicated student into the hotel. The RD was notified, but failed to find the wild hotel kids. I like them getting involved with the college life.



**11/19 — 9 PM Marian Hall**  
 A guest was caught trying to smuggle in 12 cans of MGD into the hallowed halls of Marian. The security officer turned the miscreant away. Poor guy, didn't even get a guest pass. And he sure as hell aint getting a good rating from me. NO BEER CANS!!

**11/20 — 5 AM Benoit**  
 When you think of places to pass out when you're drunk, what usually comes to mind? Your bed, your roommate's bed, someplace where security isn't going

to fall over you? Not this guy. He decided the Benoit lounge was the best place. Security found him, and his other license.



**11/21 — 5 PM - 6 PM Foy**

We had a little cookoff of sorts here in the former Old Townhouses. C block set off the fire alarm with rice, while A block set it off with grilled cheese. In the words of John

what he gets for trying to be Lou Ferrigno.

**12/4 — 2:30 PM Upper West Cedar**

A student reported that someone stole the spoiler off of his car. Several hours later, a student

unauthorized guest, an empty quart of vodka, and ten empty beer cans. That's my kind of guest. Nice job kids.



**12/3 — 1:13 AM Marian**

A student who was half in the bag was stopped by security and upon further inspection, it was decided his destination for the night was to be St. Francis. Little is known about the identity of this mystery man, only that he responds to the name "Big Red."



**12/2 — 2:39 AM Leo**

Here's my second favorite brief for this weeks issue.

It was a quiet night in Leo Hall. Not a creature was stirring. Not even the smelly kid on the 6th floor. Suddenly, all were awoken as fire crackers were set off on the 4th floor. Yes, that's right. July 4th came early this year and someone set off firecrackers. I can't stress that anymore. Even though its not alcohol related:



**12/4 — 3:05 AM Champagnat**

Upon hearing about the firecrackers set off in Leo two nights before, Champagnat students took matters into their own hands. At approximately 3 AM, a student was found running around the halls. Nothing out of the ordinary, just that he was stark naked. That's right, there was a naked kid running around. I applaud you for your efforts breaking man. You're beyond beer cans. You get a picture of two stuffed dogs having sex.



reported seeing a Lincoln Continental flying around campus with a bright red spoiler on its back. The license plate simply said "Murray," and the bumper sticker: "It's good to be king."

**11/24 — 3:27 AM Champagnat**  
 A room was unlocked by an RA and students were found with an

## Facebook is life. The rest is just details.



**11/21 — 1:40 PM Beck Place**  
 A female student reported damage to her passenger side door and the tire. After throwing a tantrum and crying, she noticed a note from her poor cars assailant. A female well then in the land of Oz. I salute you Mr. Note Leaver. You get a beer can.

Gildard, Director of Safety and Security, "We had a little Iron Chef battle there, didn't we?" My job here is done.

**11/21 — 1:15 PM McCann**  
 Another of the amateur body-builders of Marist College got back from bench pressing 8 pounds only to find his cell phone had been stolen. That's

## Marist rolls up virtual sleeves in grassroots HIV research

By **ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS**  
 Campus Editor

A new excuse for a late paper: I was busy solving the world's AIDS problems last night.

Marist College has signed up with a World Community Grid project called FightAIDS@Home, which tackles number-crunching jobs using the idle cycles of hundreds of thousands of personal computers. The project provides AIDS researchers at the Scripps Research Institute in California with the power of several hulking supercomputers at almost zero cost. According to Business Week, a total of 101,567 entities with 167,386 computers have pledged their support. And more are on the way.

College spokesman Tim Massie said Marist joined the World Community Grid in

April. "It's a project that was initiated by IBM to take spare computer power and put it to use for very worthwhile humanitarian projects," he said. "The first project [involved] the human genome project, now the latest initiative involves AIDS research."

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— Tim Massie

Although Information Technology Director Harry Williams was not available at press time, ostensibly Marist's minimum contribution will include its lab computers. Students will be encouraged to "hook into the grid" next semester through a

public relations campaign conducted by a communications class.

In breaking the story, Business Week lauded Marist College along with the United Way and Petropolis, Brazil as noteworthy participants in FightAIDS@Home.

The Scripps Institute has been developing drugs to combat HIV for 12 years. Originally, only a handful of computers were used to analyze one molecular pairing at a time.

The World Community Grid project has a good chance to surpass the popularity of its conceptual predecessor, the Search for Extraterrestrials@Home network. SETI@Home has a total of 5,436,301 users, who donated computer time to analyze radio signals from the cosmos for discernible patterns.



## Upcoming Campus Events

**December 9**  
 Last day of Fall 2005 classes.

**December 10-11**  
 Reading Weekend. Please

**December 10**  
 8 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
 McCann Center  
 Finals Field Day  
 Inflatables, Dodgeball, Tug-of-War, Field Day  
 Competitions for Prizes

**December 11**  
 10 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
 Cabaret  
 Final Frontier: Midnight  
 Breakfast

**Monday-Friday**  
**December 12-16**  
 Final exams.  
 Residence Halls Close  
 Friday at 5 PM

**December 10 - 15**  
 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.  
 Cabaret  
 Sodexo Study Breaks

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## Traveling Hamilton exhibit to start tour in Poughkeepsie

BY LAURA DEMPSEY  
Circle Contributor

Coming on Thursday, January 12, 2006, the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, in cooperation with the City of Poughkeepsie, will be hosting a free traveling exhibit, entitled "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America," for the Dutchess County community. Organized by the New York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association, the PPLD has the distinction of being the first of forty libraries across the country to host the exhibit over the next three years.

The exhibit will acquaint visitors with a statesman and visionary whose life inspired discus-

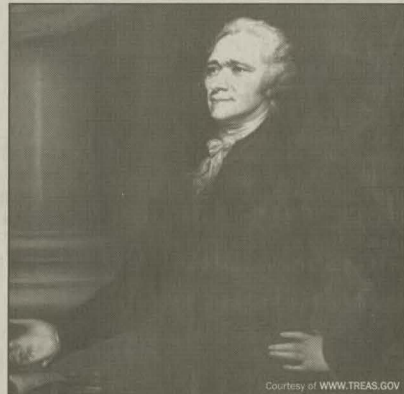
sion and controversy, and shaped the America we live in 200 years after his death. Besides a detailed timeline of Hamilton's life, starting from his birth in 1757 on the island of St. Croix to his deep influence in our known financial and political structure, replicas of important artifacts and documents from his lifetime are highlighted. Included in such documents will be correspondence between himself and his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler, and perhaps his most personal prized possession, a duplication of the United States Constitution. Two life-size statues of Hamilton and Aaron Burr, guns raised, depicting their epic duel that ultimately cost Hamilton his life will also be displayed.

Colonel James M. Johnson, Executive Director of the

Hudson River Valley Institute, feels that Poughkeepsie is the perfect place to house this exhibit. "Alexander Hamilton walked the stage of history at the Courthouse in Poughkeepsie, the capital of New York, as the New York State Convention considered the ratification of the Federal Constitution," he states. "Poughkeepsie is a fitting place for the residents of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area to become reacquainted with their Constitutional history and the life and contributions of one of the Founding Fathers, Secretary of Treasury Alexander Hamilton."

The main exhibit will be housed in the Mid Hudson Auditorium on 105 Market Street until February 26, with many special events planned along the

way. Public viewing hours are scheduled to start on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 2:00 a.m.. In conjunction with the exhibition, supplementary events are scheduled for the public's enrichment as well, including Sunday afternoon Colloquia and Thursday morning Local History Discussion Groups. All are encouraged to attend to learn more about Alexander Hamilton, a prominent leader at the time of our country's birth and participate in an exciting moment in Poughkeepsie's history. For more information, please visit [www.poklib.org](http://www.poklib.org).



Alexander Hamilton, first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

## Alumni Marist Fund aims to attract greater participation

BY RACHAEL ROSS  
Circle Contributor

With the importance of the participation rate of alumni giving across the nation, Marist is making strides with its Alumni Marist Fund for 2006.

In U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges, high alumni participation rates and their annual giving's matter for rankings of the most recognized liberal arts colleges in the country.

Marist is making efforts to increase the Alumni Participation Rate for the school's annual giving campaign. This effort can help move Marist up in the ranks of the "important industry ranking." A higher ranking for Marist gives recognition of being an outstanding liberal arts college, said the

fund's website.

Each year, the people running the Marist Fund evaluate the previous year's performance and contributions received, and set goals based on that information.

"Scheduling was about the same as last year," said Jeanine Thompson, director of annual giving. "Each year we analyze what worked and what didn't and we make the proper adjustments and add new initiatives where we find necessary," said Thompson. "We have added several additional Phonathon sessions for both the fall and spring semesters. The overall Marist Fund goal is increased over last year. The 2006 Marist Fund goal is \$1.4 million."

Marist wants to increase its ratings, according to the alumni website, in order to "attract even more high-quality students; con-

tinue to recruit outstanding faculty; and improve key programs, while increasing financial support from foundations, corporations, and other donors."

Thompson said Marist's mission is to "help student develop the intellect and character required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. To continue to hire the best faculty; providing the highest quality education and tools for learning; attracting the best and brightest students to Marist; and for our students, it's plain and simple," said Thompson. "We need financial support from creating unique opportunities to enhance the 'Marist experience,' Marist alumni, and other constituents, as well."

The Marist Fund is going through a constant schedule in

order to contact donors and make their goal a reality, she said.

"We have a complex schedule that includes mailings and phonathons," Thompson said. "We also conduct some on-line giving strategies."

The Marist Fund is open to all alumni, including the families of alumni. There is no set minimum or maximum dollar amount that is required to be donated. Jen Cecchi, '04 alum, said it is very smart of Marist to not set a specific dollar amount for donations.

"It's nice, alumni can donate anything they want to, even if they only want donate \$1 dollar per year, it's accepted," said Cecchi. "Being able to donate whatever they want, people are excited each year to be able to donate."

The college's website said the

Marist Fund encourages the younger alumni to donate, because it is a simple way to contribute to the college's future and a way to give back to the place where they were defined and shaped into the adults they became.

Thompson said they keep alumni and parents interested in donating by education and informing them on all that is going on with the college.

While attending Marist, Cecchi worked for the Marist Fund for two years. She said that many of the people asked to donate were very curious about where the donated money went.

"Many parents of alumni were skeptical about where the money went," said Cecchi. "Seeing rising tuition costs, people were worried their money was not being properly used."

According to the Marist website, the contributions made are used to help provide financial support and scholarship assistance to students who may not be able to afford attendance to Marist College. The contributions are also used in funding the Marist Abroad Program, as well as funding student service trips and enabling internships. With these contributions, Marist is also able to hire the best faculty and provide the best tools for higher learning.

Thompson affirmed this information. "The money that is raised through Marist fund support is unrestricted and is used for valuable internships, scholarships, high-tech computer labs, student services, library resources, top-notch faculty, new technology, abroad opportunities, and much more!"

## Kyne explains dangerous effects of uranium weapon

By STEPHANIE BUSHMAN  
Circle Contributor

A small yet impassioned group of students gathered in the Henry Hudson Room on November 15 to hear Dennis Kyne, an active member in the US Army from 1987-2003, speak on his experiences and current illness.

Before the speech, Kyne pushed the podium aside; he wanted the audience to truly understand his plea, that his presentation was personal.

As part of the many Operations in the Middle East, Kyne was exposed to Depleted Uranium, commonly called DU. The effects of this weapon have been researched since WWII, and yet the Army still puts this harmful substance into use. Thousands of soldiers, like Kyne, and civilians have become sick from the airborne metals DU releases, and the numbers are growing.

According to the United States government, 340 tons of DU was dropped in Southern Iraq and Kuwait in 1991. Unfortunately, the 100,000 confirmed dead civilians will not be the only casualties of this attack. DU has a 45 Billion-year half-life, meaning its harmful radiation will continue to be released for a longer amount of time than humanity has walked the earth. The particles released are smaller than

viruses, thus allowing them to slip through the filters given to our soldiers. The effects of this radiation lead to "abnormally high levels of cancer and birth defects" in soldiers' families. There are currently "more than 518,000 Gulf War veterans on medical disability", while only "7,039 were injured in battle."

In arid regions such as the Middle East, where sand storms are common, the particles are carried over thousands of miles, affecting people near and far.

The World Health Organization announced that "global cancer will increase 50 percent by 2020." In the Cradle of Civilization, where cancer was almost unheard of until recently, that number is staggering.

As the use of this dangerous weapon continues, more civilians and soldiers are being exposed to harmful radiation. Returning home are plagued by cancer, and their children are born with defects caused by exposure to DU. Innocent families living in Iraq are becoming sick, while their children suffer without proper hospitals to help them.



Dennis Kyne presented the plight of men and women afflicted by illnesses related to exposure to Depleted Uranium weapon in a seminar given on November 15.

Soldiers What are we, as citizens and students, to do? In the words of Kyne, "it's time to raise some hell."

Kyne has written a book "Support the Truth" detailing his experiences, and there is a CD available as well.

## First annual Sno Ball kicks off holiday season

By KATHRYN ZWEIFEL  
Circle Contributor

A winter formal made its debut on the Marist College social activities calendar. Saturday evening, Dec. 3, The North End Resident Student Council (RSC) hosted the first annual Sno Ball in The Cabaret. Posters announcing the event, which offered prizes for a "Mr. and Mrs. Sno Ball" and a raffle for an iPod Nano, were posted throughout campus since October. The event was sponsored by the North End RSC and Housing and Residential Life.

Gartland Commons Resident Director Cletra Peters was in charge of planning the Sno Ball. She said she wanted to organize an event like this one because Marist had no fun, formal activities which all Marist students could attend.

"The Sno Ball was a fresh and fun pick-me-up for students during the winter," said Peters.

With 150 tickets sold, the Sno Ball had a better-than-expected turnout, said Peters. A catered dinner, framed picture, and Sno Ball souvenirs were included in

the ticket price, which was 30 dollars for one person and 20 dollars for couples. The event also featured a raffle with an iPod Nano grand prize, and elections for "Mr. and Ms. Sno Ball." Junior Christie Melton was crowned Sno Queen. She was also the winner of the iPod. Junior Brian Hodge was chosen to be Sno King.

Freshman Caryn Shatraw was among the attendees. She said she enjoyed the event, and it seemed everyone there had a great time. Shatraw said she would definitely attend any semi-formal or formal dance on campus in the future.

"Spending a romantic evening with that special someone or if it's just a fun night getting all dressed up, it is worth it," said Shatraw.

Junior Brian Loew, friend and housemate of Hodge, the Sno King, said that he knew many people who were looking forward to the Sno Ball in the weeks leading up to the event.

"It's a little something to put them into the holiday spirit with their classmates," said Loew.

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Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

## Which of the rich will get the shirt off a poor man's back

By DANIEL BLACK  
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In the previous edition of The Circle, the liberal perspective column I wrote focused on liberalism and conservatism in general. I expressed my overall disdain for both, directed my thoughts at no specific current events issue, and effectively suspended my campaign of injustice-exposure for the benefit of illuminating some long-standing delusions. But this week, after the brief but needed hiatus, the focus returns to the normal order of business: extracting the political activities of the ethically-famished from behind closed doors and pointing out, with relative ease, just how despicable they are. Back into the fray, we plunge!

Just before the Thanksgiving holiday, Republicans of all shapes and sizes were losing sleep over how to distribute huge tax cuts for next year. Two proposals sit on the table: a \$63 billion package advocated by the president and Republicans of the House, and a \$59 billion package being pressed by Republicans of the Senate. Although both would

benefit nearly exclusively the upper classes, the Senate bill is geared more toward families whose income fall between \$100,000 and \$200,000 while over half of the House proposal benefits only the richest 1 percent of Americans. The Senate has in mind the interests of families whose income lands them in the shallow end of those affected by the "alternative minimum tax", a regulation created decades ago to prevent millionaires from writing off too many often arbitrary deductions. The alternative minimum tax applies to a larger and larger portion of Americans each year because it does not compensate for inflation. The Senate is attempting to reverse the hardship this imposes on the lower end of the upper class by apportioning the majority of the tax cut to them. This proposal may seem less than egalitarian because it virtually forgets the needs of the lower end of the lower classes, but it is far more innocuous than the proposal that

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came from Bush and the House. Three trademark characteristics of the House proposal are that it cuts taxes on stock dividends, protects the interest of oil companies, and encourages tax-fraud. That was not a typo. This proposal slashes the penalties that are imposed on people using illegal tax shelters, that is, the super rich.

Looking out for their own as they always do, President Bush and his entourage in congress are pretty openly accepting the extremely-privileged of America resorting to criminal activity to preserve their over-sized pieces of the pie. The funds for the massive budget have to come from somewhere, better to let the responsibility of funding the federal government's war-mongering behavior fall on the working class, after all, they are also the ones dying for it. And in case you were wondering what unseen budget modifications make all these mammoth tax breaks for the top 1 percent possible, you'll find that allocations

for things like Medicaid, higher education subsidiaries, and social services are virtually evaporating under the reign of Bush. The health and welfare of disadvantaged American citizens, the proliferation of education for those who cannot afford it, and the government-sanctioned care and protection for the socially vulnerable are subordinate in the eyes of the president and House to the bolstering of the already immense fortunes of the Republicans' constituencies.

President Bush is interested in extending for another decade his pre-existing tax-cuts that have benefited his billionaire friends in past years. According to analysts whose actions actually involve a comprehensive thought process beforehand, this would be devastating to our nation's economy and social stability. The president is either too ignorant to realize this, or just doesn't care about the livelihood people he has been inaugurated to lead. As long as his high-ball

amigos take home beefier yacht budgets that could otherwise be poor families' food budgets, he is probably unconcerned with the consequences of his reckless legislation. He is enraged by and has already threatened to veto Senate measures to tax major oil companies because of his conflict of interest that results from having friends with their hands in the oil trade. 'Tax all but my friends' is the message he sends us when vetoing Senate efforts to tax one of the most lucrative industries in the world.

This style of fending for one's own at the expense of the poor is not exclusive to Washington, neither is it found only in the executive branch. It's sad to admit that right here in our home state of New York, profoundly apathetic and coldly selfish sentiments lacking compassion for the poor were loudly voiced by Representative Tom Reynolds. Coming from the Rochester district of New York, Tom Reynolds represents some of the most

affluent families in our country. He supports the House proposal which primarily benefits households whose incomes are around \$1.1 million and up, the top 1 percent of the nation. In a most ironic and appalling choice of words, he vowed "We will not be left in the cold..." describing his resolution never to give up on ensuring that his citizens will retain as much of their earnings as possible by losing as little of them to taxation. In describing these obscenely rich Americans possibly having a slightly smaller but still colossal take-home pay, he chooses to relate the prospect of such a loss to being left in the cold, a predicament endured only by the other extremity of the socio-economic spectrum: the poor. It is vile and disgusting that this man perceives having slightly less when you already have so much as being stripped of life's bare essentials. Those who have been left in the cold that reside in Rochester, New York have done so only because they misplaced their keys. The impoverished families that reside in the rest of America, who are left in the cold

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## French riots teach America important lesson in immigration policy

By JAMES MARCONI  
& SARAH SHOEMAKER  
Staff Writer & Contributor

Early November, 2005 - In Clichy-Sois-Bois, a suburb of Paris, two teenagers were accidentally electrocuted while fleeing from police. Their tragic deaths precipitated some of the worst riots France had seen in decades. Angry mobs burned churches, schools, and thousands of cars, at their peak spreading chaos throughout three hundred French towns and cities. The French government declared a national state of emergency, a national curfew, and sent in police forces to calm rioters, finally succeeding in quelling the

riots after a two-week period. While France has since returned to a relative state of tranquility, the implications of these riots are of great significance not only to that nation, but to the United States. The driving force behind the riots was anger on the part of young Muslim African immigrants to France. This group, as a whole, is one of the poorest in the country, with an extremely high unemployment rate. Severe economic disadvantages, however, are not the only motivations

for the extreme emotional currents that erupted into violence. These African immigrants were alienated not only economically, but socially, as well. What Americans may not realize about the French is that they cannot be held to the same standards regarding culture and identity that Americans see as status quo. France is a country that is much older than our own (relatively) young nation. When it comes to immigration policy and the infiltration and breakdown of culture, it

shows: American tradition and culture is founded on the assimilation and blending of different cultures, resulting in the proverbial 'melting pot.' In France, this is not so. Rather than wanting to accept all cultures and add them to the French identity, the French reject the melding of their own society with those of immigrants. France, due to its long history including numerous conflicts, carries baggage in relation to its national and cultural identity, and thus immigrating to France comes with a catch. Granted, immigrating to the United States is not necessarily easy, but time has shown that by becoming an American, it is not essential to lose your former

identity, your native traditions and your language. We are truly an immigrant nation, and our society is constantly adapting, shifting, changing to form a stronger sense of commonality among us. America has had its share of tensions between the varying ethnicities in American society, but on the whole we embrace difference and change. In France, however, it is fine if you decide to become French, but, s'il vous plait, do not try to incorporate your native customs into established French society. Therefore, as the riots in France have demonstrated, there has been major backlash towards this ethnocentric attitude. The possible impact on global

immigration policy is profound. The French went out of their way to open their borders to foreigners, streamlining the process to the point where millions of African immigrants poured into France. What they failed to do, though, was open their society - politically, economically, and socially. They failed to reach out to a significant minority of their population, essentially ignoring the struggle of these people to enter their society. France assumed for years that its newest citizens would systematically and completely adopt everything French, discarding their pasts in the process. What eventually resulted, as the world saw, was

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## Sincere thanks, gratitude go out to Marist community

To The Marist Community,

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all the love and support we have received in the past week. My housemates and I have a long journey ahead of us, but we will get through this together and with your help.

Losing a friend or housemate at college is something we never thought we would have to

endure. The Marist community went above and beyond in its response to the passing of our dear friend and housemate, Jill Carboni. The services were very moving and captured Jill's spirit. Thanks to all who participated and contributed to their success.

The countless baked goods, dinners, flowers, food baskets, hugs, and other thoughtful gestures we have received have

touched us deeply. Awakening one morning to a table outside our door covered with white roses and candles moved our hearts. Joe Guardino, Maureen Kavanagh, and the Fulton RD, Brad Whitmore, have offered their support in countless ways.

Brad delivered us lunch and breakfast foods to fill our hearts and stomachs. Kristin Alldredge and Lori Trenholm made us dinner on separate nights as well.

Father La Morte, Brother Kelly, Jamie Williams, and other members of campus ministry provided comfort through our deep pain. Our professors and advisors have touched our hearts. The Marist Institute for Public Opinion held a remembrance service to celebrate and remember her dedication. Bob Lynch and College Activities arranged a bus to take us to and from Massachusetts for Jill's

wake and funeral. These along with many other gestures have helped guide us through this trying experience and helped to lift our spirits.

Personally, I always rave about Marist to people I meet. I talk about the lovely campus, challenging academic programs, great professors, administrators and staff, wonderful atmosphere, and the many opportunities Marist provides

its students. But now I know what makes Marist so very special: It is the people. Thank you for your unconditional support and love.

Muelh Love, Leah Schultz and Jill's other housemates in Midrise, 14, Italy, and Fulton 2E

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## Constructive political criticism followed by a dance-off

To the Editor:

Re: "Analysis of recent political events and why conservatism is still strong" (editorial, Nov. 10):

We would like to suggest that Mr. Marconi consider changing the title from *Analysis of ... to Ram about Democrats and the problems plaguing the Republican Party*. At no point does Mr. Marconi offer an

effective analysis of political events, nor does he articulate

why they have strengthened the conservative movement. He does, however, make baseless and unfounded claims about scandalous and obscure Democrats. Evidence please.

"Why Reid, among other Democrats in Congress, thinks

**Democrats understand that they are in the minority. Perhaps their trepidation is a result of Republicans exercising their power to hijack legislative procedures.**

that he is entitled to have a say in [Supreme Court nominations] is beyond me."

Seeing as how Mr. Reid and 99 other Senators will be vot-

ing to confirm Judge Alito, we would argue that Mr. Reid and the rest of the Senate have not only a right, but a responsibility to comment on Supreme Court nominations. Is that beyond you?

Democrats understand that they are in the minority. Perhaps their trepidation is a result of Republicans exercising their power to hijack legislative procedures. Can we

get a filibuster please?

As with previous editorial pieces, Mr. Marconi continues to offer little support for his opinion other than what he has been able to regurgitate from watching the news. Probably Fox.

We cordially offer our editorial assistance to Mr. Marconi should he fancy writing another article. Let's not waste paper.

We will offer constructive criticism. And then challenge him to a dance-off.

Sincerely,  
Shawn McClain  
& Sean Shortell

## Thanks to Marist students for a successful Hunger Awareness Month

Dear Editor:

During the month of November, Campus Ministry and the Office of Housing and Residential Life co-sponsored the annual "Hunger Awareness

Month." Through a variety of campus-wide events: the Hunger Walk/Run, Buck Hunger Days, the Hunger Banquet, Petition Day and the Food Collection and Distribution, the Marist

College community was able to involve well over 1,000 students and staff in addressing the pressing needs of those who are hungry. Through all of our efforts over \$5,000.00 was collected for programs serving

those in need in the international, national and local settings. Both Dutchess Outreach and Mount Carmel Parish received over 100 bags of food and 60 Chickens for local residents during this holiday season.

Thanks to all who not only supported us with time, money and food, but also for the ways each of us attempt to address this world-wide issue.

Gratefully,

Brother Robert Clark, FMS  
Campus Ministry

## Antiquated electoral college system, mismanaged by government

Dear Editor:

In response to Daniel Black's Conservative and liberal perspectives converge; truths revealed:

While you speak of the atrocities committed by the political right, you fail to mention comparable, if not tantamount, shortcomings and missteps taken by the left. My point is neither to justify the right nor explain how the left is equally culpable for all of our nation's

current predicaments. My purpose is to voice concern over (the more general problem of) how our country is being mismanaged in our two-party Electoral College system. Why must we cling to this antiquated model? The rumor is that its purpose is to protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority. Ironic that the system that's in place which "protects" us is run by individuals who can afford to pay on average

\$7.7 million per campaign effort. On average the runner-up in Senate campaigns spends \$3.86 million. Neither party is innocent of outlandish spending: Jon Corzine (D-NJ) spent \$63.2 million in 2000 and Arlen Specter (R-PA) spent \$12.9 million the same year.

However, I propose two pragmatic and progressive personal policy adjustments to realign our country:

1) Become aware of issues that are important to yourself rather than letting politicians

set the agenda with interest groups in mind. Support third party candidates that are in

sync with your interests and feel similarly. Because they spend less than the top two

parties in no way makes them less deserving candidates. Be proactive; familiarize yourself with every individual on the

ballot and don't wait for the media to do it for you as they often receive huge sums of

money for advertisements from the astronomical war chests of the two primary parties.

2) Demand a change in the Electoral College system that decrees the "winner takes all."

In order to efficiently provide for constituents we need a proportional representation in a multi-party Senate.

This can be construed as a dramatic change. This is sometimes necessary but not something to be timid about. When change increases the quality of our representation and representational system it's called progress.

—Mike Mahoney  
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# FDA considers at home HIV test kit

By LAUREN RICHMOND  
 Staff Writer

The United States government has begun to consider allowing an HIV test that can be done completely in the privacy of one's own home onto the market. The test is already available through doctor's offices and health clinics, but the new initiative is considering selling the test kit over the counter.

The test, produced by OraSure Technologies Inc., located in Bethlehem, PA boasts a 99% accuracy rate. However, a positive from a home testing kit should be confirmed by a doctor

or other health official. The test, which consists of swabbing the inside of the mouth and inserting the swab into a vial of fluid provided in the kit, can detect cases of HIV or AIDS that have been in the system for a number of weeks, as the antibodies do not appear right away after a person is infected. The test takes 25-30 minutes to complete.

According to cnn.com, some parties have expressed concern about the psychological impact of learning that one has an infec-

tion of this magnitude and seriousness without a doctor or other support system present.

The FDA has recommended that, if sold over the counter, the

HIV/AIDS test kit allows users to take the sample themselves and mail the sample to a lab to be analyzed.

There are about 1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control estimate that about 300,000 people have the virus and don't know it. Some hope that by making the tests more readily available to consumers as well as reducing the public nature of the test more people will get tested and freed from these crippling diseases.

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instruction sheet should include phone numbers and web addresses for people who receive results indicating the presence of the syndrome.

The only other home

# More pediatric strokes demand more research

By JESSICA BAGAR  
 A&E Editor

Though seldom brought to the public's attention, strokes in children in the United States have been an increasingly common occurrence. Only recently have specialists really begun to focus on this issue, creating ways in which to detect strokes in young children faster.

Dr. John Lynch of the National Institutes of Health explained that "there are a lot of knowledge gaps," and that unrecognized genetic culprits might be at fault.

Lynch estimates that "about 1,000 infants a year suffer a stroke during the newborn period or before birth plus anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 children from age 1 month to 18 years," ABC News reported.

Furthermore, between 10 and 25 percent of pediatric stroke sufferers die. With such high numbers, it's scary to think about the lack of research on how to treat strokes that is currently available. While

neurologists are able to draw some conclusions based on research done on adult stroke victims, these conclusions tend to be unreliable as "hardened, clogged arteries [aren't] the culprit for youngsters" like they are in adults.

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Furthermore, few child stroke victims are not diagnosed fast enough to "try experimentally the drug tPA that can restore their elder's blocked blood flow."

An international study led by

Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children "is trying to pinpoint risk factors and patients' outcomes based on how different hospitals care for them," according to ABC News. Such knowledge is necessary to devise new treatments. In the meantime, pediatric stroke treatment centers are focusing on preventing "a repeat stroke and minimizing damage from the first one," and important step to improving the overall quality of research, prevention and treatment in determining all of the factors involved in childhood strokes.

# A long night at the computer may land you at the eye doctor

By ADAM GUARINO  
 Staff Writer

Staring at computer screens may pose more of a health risk to our vision than once thought. A new study has indicated that the more people squint at a computer screen, the less they blink, and the more likely they are to report symptoms like eye strain, dryness, irritation, and tearing.

According to CBS news, in a study published in Optometry and Vision Science, researchers had 10 college students with a normal vision squint at a computer screen placed two feet in front of them while cameras and electrodes recorded how often they blinked. The results showed that squinting halves the number of times one normally blinks a minute, from 15 to about 7.5. That rate was cut to just four blinks per minute when the students were squinting at the high-

est level. According to Fox news, James Sheedy, a professor of optometry at Ohio State University said, "People tend to squint when they read a book or a computer display, and that squinting makes the blink rate go way down. Blinking rewets the eyes.

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**'If your job requires a lot of reading or other visually intense work, you may be blinking far less than normal, which may cause eye strain and dry eye.'**

—James Sheedy  
 Professor of optometry, Ohio State University

Eric Longpré, a junior at D.C.C., says his optometrist at home on Long Island told him that "computer screens are, and will continue to be, an optometrist's best friend." This follows the trend set by other leading officials in the field.

According to NBC news, squinting often occurs as an involuntary response.

Researchers say people working at a computer may not even realize they are doing it. Luckily, the effects are not permanent. Doctors recommend turning the light on to balance the amount of light in the room, and moving your computer screen back, a minimum of 18 inches.

Dry and irritated eyes can usually be treated with over-the-counter lubricating drops, if the problem persists or worsens, seek medical care immediately.

work, you may be blinking far less than normal, which may cause eye strain and dry eye." However, researchers are quick to point out that squinting serves two important purposes. It can make objects appear more clearly defined that are out of focus and reduce glare.

## Science Briefs

By KATE GIGLIO  
 Managing Editor

### THE NO-DIET DIET

An Associated Press article reported recently a health science professor at Brigham Young University thinks that the best way to lose weight is to eat the foods you love. Creator Steven Hawks says that this method helped him lose 50 pounds and keep it off for five years. By buying and surrounding yourself with the foods you crave, this abundance supposedly makes you less apt to overindulge. However, the slight catch is that the people on this "non-diet" have to be able to stop eating when they're full, and only eat when they're hungry, not just because everyone else around them is eating. Hawks calls the method "intuitive eating." Quoted in the article was Michael Goran, an obesity expert at the University of Southern California. He said that the one thing all diets have in common is that they restrict food, and that is why most are unsuccessful. Since intuitive eating does not restrict food, and rather pushes the idea of not overindulging, it is supposedly a far more effective way to lose weight - and keep it off.

### KATRINA CONTAMINATION

Environmentalists warned this week that unless action is taken, New Orleans' land will be contaminated with dangerous chemicals and heavy metals unless the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency orders a cleanup of areas flooded by Hurricane Katrina, the AP reported. However, the EPA has not found a problem with soil contamination in New Orleans, and Tom Harris, a toxicologist with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality said that the state hasn't found justification for removing large areas of soil from the areas. But environmentalists dispute these claims, saying that debris disposal and oil spills have been brushed aside in the past, and that independent soil tests show high levels of arsenic and other contaminants throughout New Orleans. Harris said that this is not particularly conclusive, however, because soil will always test positive for some level of arsenic.

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## Why such legendary hype surrounds Black Friday

By MEGHAN McKAY  
Staff Writer

The parade is over, the dishes are washed, Great-Uncle Floyd and Aunt Georgina have finally vacated your bedroom floor, and the squishy, grayish, green bean casserole is thankfully, just a distant memory. You've had about enough candied sweet potatoes to last the rest of your life, you've endured around eighty-seven million different "how's school?" inquiries, your cheeks are scarred from all the pinching, and the thought of turkey makes you want to hurl.

It's been another successful Thanksgiving.

You dreamily drift off to sleep, picturing yourself lounging all day tomorrow, switching on your favorite Christmas special and snarfing the last of the pumpkin pie ...

Your mother shakes you to consciousness at 4 a.m. Snow is falling in the blackness outside. The house is frigid. Your feet are ice cubes, your back sore from all the piggyback rides you gave your whiny little cousin Tiffany.

You're a zombie, but mom thrusts a coat at your puffy face, clutching her purse, strong coffee, and a newspaper emblazoned with department store ads. She wears a crazed, manic

expression that you know means only one thing: Black Friday shopping.

Everyone knows the Friday after Thanksgiving is a big day for shopping. The men watch football and eat turkey sandwiches while the women go out and stimulate the nation's economy. It's a reward after a week spent slaving over a hot stove and a full sink. Besides, it's a civic duty. (And after all those carbs, pretty much everyone could use some nice stretchy new Juicy terry leisure pants...)

Why, after spending a day with her bratty nieces and nephews and weird Uncle Dirk, does mom feel the need to immediately hit the malls and start shopping for their Christmas presents? How did Black Friday get its name, and is it really the biggest shopping day of the year?

Black Friday does not refer to animal rights activists' annual mourning the loss of 45 million turkeys, the color of the charred paper plate of leftovers that dad accidentally left in the oven all last night, the intense air pollution caused by holiday travel, or some sort of weird and ancient pagan holiday.

The day after Thanksgiving is supposedly a turning point for retailers' income statements, the day they move out of the red ink and into the black, hence the

term "Black Friday." It's occasionally referred to as "Blitz Day."

You could probably wallpaper the White House with all the pre-sale advertisement junk-mail the average American receives. However, despite all the hoopla, "incredible doorbusters!" and early bird specials, Black Friday is mostly hype.

According to the Urban Legends Reference Pages, (www.snopes.com) the Friday after Thanksgiving is actually, at most, only the fifth biggest shopping day of the year. The site quoted Pam Rucker, spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation, who admitted that financially, the so-called "Blitz Day" isn't all it's cracked up to be.

"It's one of the busiest days in terms of traffic, but not in sales. But the mystique is still there," she said.

Sales tend to rise sharply the day after Thanksgiving, and then gradually climb throughout December. Customers shell out the most cash during the last two weekends before Christmas. Last year's most lucrative shopping day for U.S. retailers wasn't Black Friday, it was Saturday, Dec. 18, one week before Christmas day, says the International Council of Shopping Centers. In 2005,



AP PHOTO

Although Black Friday's overall sales were not as high as previous years, malls were still crowded and shoppers still got to stores early to take advantage of sales. Above, shoppers wait outside a Best Buy store at 4:30 a.m. in hopes of being the first to grab popular items such as laptop computers and iPods.

December 20th, another Saturday, topped the retail sales charts.

The LA Times reported that Black Friday's overall sales this year were fairly unimpressive. According to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., a Chicago research group which compiles data from 45,000 retail outlets, America's

total sales were down almost 1 percent from last year, at about \$8 billion.

Eight billion dollars is still a decent chunk of change, and anyone who has every been to the mall the day after Thanksgiving knows that thousands of caffeinated, coupon-wielding moms and grabby

grandmas are a force to be reckoned with. It's up to the individual to decide if \$20 televisions, free Estee Lauder duffels, bargain-priced blue jeans, register roulette and other such gimmicks are worth waking up in the wee hours, sharpening your elbows and braying those formidable Black Friday words.

## Mock interviews serve as practice for the 'real thing'

By JULIE CARUSO  
Circle Contributor

Regardless of the amount of experience, the interviewing process can be stressful, nerve-racking, and can even test one's confidence.

To combat these stresses to Marist students, Career Services provides the opportunity to participate in mock interviews as well as on-campus recruitment interview. Located on the third floor of the James A. Cannavino Library, Career Services gives students the chance to learn from professionals in the field, in addition to being placed in a mock interview setting.

Mock interviews are conducted by a staff member who interviews the students in the same way an employer would. Practice interviews help to sharpen a student's preparation skills, and builds the confidence needed to formulate a good answer to a question.

Desmond Murray, Assistant Director of Field Experience, said that practice is essential when preparing for an interview.

"You can never get enough practice when it comes to interviews," said Murray. "It gives you a sense of empowerment to ace a situation because you feel good about your answers."

Senior Jennifer Luongo received an e-mail from Career Services about a mock interview that was to be held.

"I have used Career Services numerous times to review my resume and cover letter," Luongo said. "This time, I want-

ed to improve my interviewing skills so that when I graduate in the spring I am well prepared for any question that comes my way."

Students who sign up are given a booklet to look over, which contains possible questions that may be asked during an interview. Luongo said she looked over the booklet as well as her own notes to prepare for her interview.

She received a great deal of feedback during and after the

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Senior

interview and was offered ideas for better ways to respond.

"I think this will help me in the future when I start going on interviews for full time positions," said Luongo. "I have been on interviews for internships in the past, but they did not get into as much detail as the mock interview did. Now if I am asked to hem on a real interview, I can be better prepared."

Luongo recommended that students take advantage of this service that Marist College has to offer. She said that it is a good chance to practice interviewing skills because there is so much riding on your performance during an interview.

To sign up for a mock interview, students can visit the

Career Services website, and look out for upcoming e-mails when they are being offered.

Danielle Greenstein, a senior, did a mock interview with Enterprise-Rent-a-Car a few days before she went on an interview in the city.

"Some of the questions the interviewer asked me I would have never thought of on my own," said Greenstein. "It made me feel more confident going to my interview a few days later."

Greenstein said was impressed by the help she was given by the interviewer.

"The feedback after each question is very helpful so that you know what to say and not to say the next time you're asked the same question," said Greenstein. "This service helped me get a feel for my strengths and weaknesses and how to improve the way you present yourself."

Another service that this college provides is on-campus recruitment. This is targeted towards graduating seniors, which will help them prepare for full time employment.

For this service, students submit their resumes, and if an employer has a particular student in mind, he or she will come to Marist to conduct an interview.

This past semester recruiters from IBM, the Internal Revenue Service, Johnson & Johnson, Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, M&T Bank, Louis Vuitton, and Liz Claiborne were interested in interviewing Marist students.

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Courtesy of KRISTEN HANUSCH

The Chess Club is currently selling 2006 "Marist Men of Chess" calendars, featuring current students, alumni, and faculty who are involved in the club. Above is a photo of the calendar cover.

## Chess buffs flex minds and muscles

By KRISTEN HANUSCH  
Circle Contributor

Put your preconceived notions of the Marist College Chess Club aside. Although they do play classic chess and speed chess, what other chess club has their very own calendar? The club's 2006 calendar is entitled, "Marist Men of Chess," and it features current students, alumni, and faculty who are involved in the club.

Chess Club secretary and calendar creator Miranda McAuliffe believes the calendar is an excellent way for the Marist community to get to know the chess club a little better.

"People have such a stereotype of the game and its players in their heads. I guess I'm hoping the calendar will change some minds, or at least mess around with a few!"

At \$7 per calendar (\$6 for club members), this

can be a great holiday gift (or perhaps gag gift) sure to please anyone. The calendar is a standard 12-month calendar with each month featuring a man or a few men involved in the chess club. Special holidays are marked off and all of the pictures are related to a special holiday or seasonal event that takes place during its corresponding month.

How do the guys featured in the calendar feel about their recent dabbling in modeling? An agreement by Alex Soter, John Balsamo, and Kevin Pattison posing for the month of June sums

it up best: "Being manly and playing chess is a 24-hour job."

The calendars can be purchased during chess club meetings which are held every Thursday in SC 348/349 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. If you cannot make it to a meeting and still wish to purchase a calendar, contact Miranda McAuliffe at X5035.

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Secretary, calendar creator, Chess Club





## Despite language barrier Sigur Ros enjoys great acclaim in the States

By **ROB CELLETTI**  
Staff Writer

In the music video for "Glosoli," one of the many uplifting songs on Sigur Ros' latest release "Takk," a group of children are seen jumping off the edge of a cliff as the song reaches its dramatic climax.

But instead of plummeting to the sea below, the children soar above it, laughing joyously as the final tones of "Glosoli" resonate.

This video, which is currently in heavy rotation on MTVU, captures the essence of the

entire disc released by the Icelandic quartet earlier this year. Sigur Ros is an art-rock band, make no mistake about that. Their songs are too long to be played on mainstream radio and seeing their video on any MTV station is rather surprising; there are no catchy choruses or hooks. Still, Sigur Ros writes some of the most engaging popular music of the current times.

When you listen to a Sigur Ros album, you do not engage in a typical rock music listening experience. It is actually more like listening to classical music or opera. The songs push the listener to an edge, much like the video for "Glosoli," and never disappoint. The lyrics on "Takk" are all written in the band's native

language of Icelandic. This is in contrast to the group's last effort, the critically acclaimed "( )," where they wrote in the fictional language of "Hopelandic."

Pretentious? Perhaps. But don't discount the "hope" out of Sigur Ros' music. Even though the lyrics aren't in English, the listener can sense that this band is making hopeful, uplifting music. The only other modern rock band who can accomplish this without taking harsh criticism is U2.

Even though Sigur Ros' sound borders on classical, they are still widely considered a rock band

and they prove this to be true on several occasions during "Takk." Songs like "Hoppipola" and "Saeglopur" employ familiar sounding and simple pop chord progressions as the basis for their structure. Also, drum parts are simple but effective rock beats.

What makes the band sound so different from others is the layering of instruments. Even though there are only four members of the group, most songs sound like there are between 15 and 20 musicians contributing to the overall sound.

Ambience is the most important aspect of "Takk." Violin and organ sounds often drone and create a sparkling effect underneath the soaring vocal melodies and pounding drums on each track. With all of the reverb, it



Sigur Ros' latest album, "Takk" (cover art shown above) has received great praise in the United States, despite the fact that all of their songs are written in the band's native language of Icelandic.

sounds as though Sigur Ros recorded this album in an empty cathedral, but it is an effect that enhances the music.

"( )" sold well in the United States and was helped out by use in commercials and films such as Cameron Crowe's "Vanilla Sky." If marketed the right way,

"Takk" should enjoy a similar success as its predecessor.

The fact that Sigur Ros is able to enjoy such success in America is simply a testament to the band's raw talent. "Takk," or any other Sigur Ros record for that matter, really has nothing the average American music fan

enjoys. But somewhere between Radiohead and Mozart, Sigur Ros has found its niche.

The music is extremely well-played and the songs are each a separate experience. "Takk" is certainly well worth a listen, even if only as background music while you cram for finals.

## The James Q. Sneehan Film Review

New film shows Cash wasn't afraid to 'Walk the Line'

Telling the tale of one of the most prolific songwriters of the 20th century, Johnny



Cash, "Walk the Line" gives the viewer an intimate view of a very talented and disturbed musician. Focusing largely on his struggle with addiction and his dramatic love life with June Carter, the film seems to give an accurate portrayal of how Cash coped with painful childhood memories and a tense relationship with his father.

Joaquin Phoenix's performance as Johnny Cash is amazingly convincing. He has the look, the attitude and the vocal ability to make the audience believe he is indeed the man in black. Reese Witherspoon also does well, playing June Carter. The musical performances for the film were re-recorded by the actors which is impressive.

The film isn't afraid of making the now deceased legend seem like a pill popping, self-absorbed rock-star. This is probably what makes the film so attractive, and Cash such a relatable character; his faults are exposed almost more than his admirable qualities. The film doesn't make Cash into something he wasn't, a hero, however June Carter might deserve that title. It shows him as what he truly was, a sincere songwriter and performer and perhaps most vividly, a man hopelessly in love.

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## Rioting in France sparks questions for American foreign policy

violence and turbulence on a scale not seen for a long time in a Western nation.

This exceptionally poor example is one that the United States must avoid in its own current conflict regarding the issue of immigration. Like in France, we have in recent years seen a large influx of immigrants, primarily from Latin countries. Like France, this group constitutes a large and important minority in this nation, one with a growing

power to bring about change in America. The only question, then, becomes what the nature of this change will be. Will they, as in the past, blend into this culture, adding their own distinctiveness in the process? Or, will we isolate and denigrate the very people we are trying to court?

The answer will be determined by the manner in which the United States conducts its immigration policy in the coming years. President Bush, in a

recent speech, made it very clear that America will continue to pursue a path of welcoming and integration. Unlike France, however, it will be on our terms. Our borders will be tightened and secured to such an extent that our security forces will eventually know when and where every single person enters the United States. America will hold out its hands but at the same time recognize and deal with issues pertaining to all who come to its

shores, both legally and illegally.

As Bush said, "America has always been a compassionate nation that values the newcomer and takes great pride in its immigrant heritage, yet we're also a nation built on the rule of law, and those who enter the country illegally violate the law. The American people should not have to choose between a welcoming society and a lawful society. We can have both at the same time."

The lesson that America will hopefully learn from the riots in France is an important one. America must realize that its immigration policies will have ramifications of great magnitude. For continued social progress, we must couple our historical willingness to embrace diversity with a firm resolve to do so from a position of strength and lawfulness.

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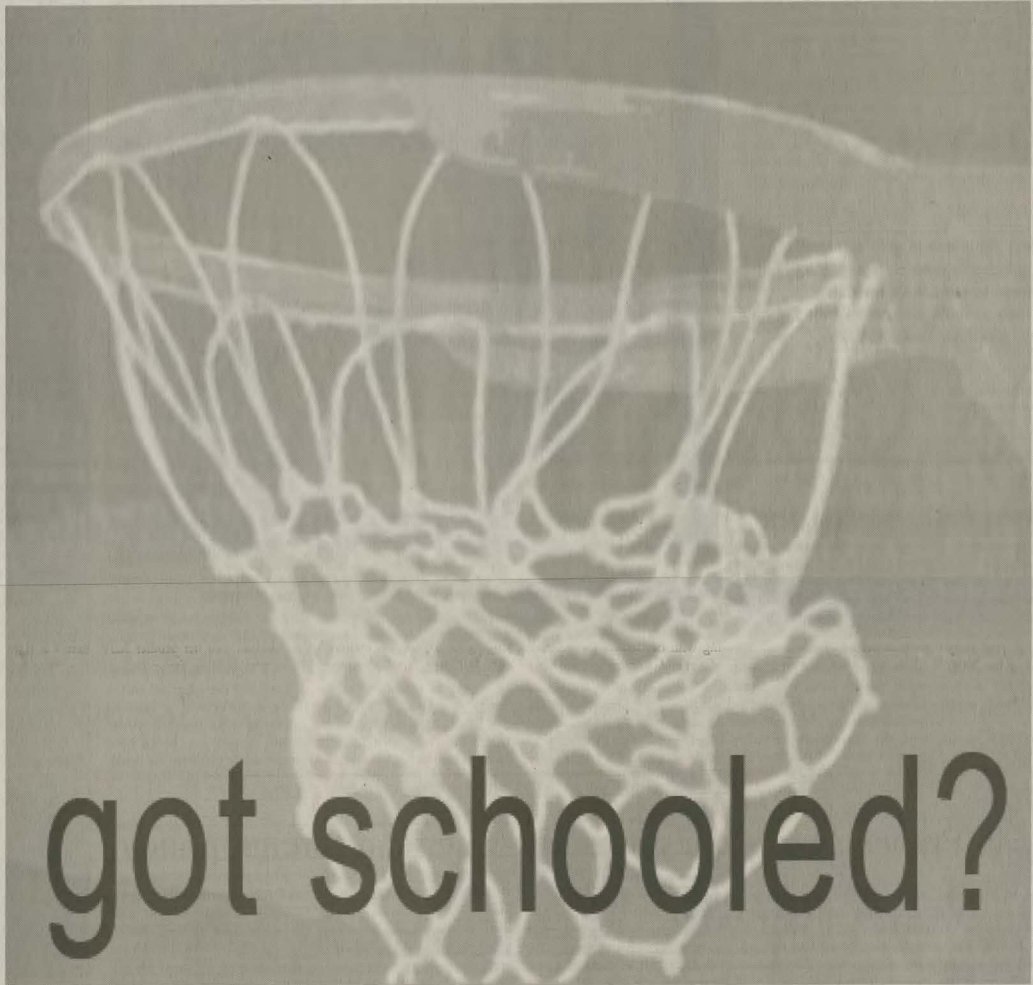
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## Foxes win two, Marist sweeps MAAC weekly awards

By NATE FIELDS  
Staff Writer

Senior forward Fifi Camara continued her impressive play Sunday at Cornell University, tallying 18 points and 15 rebounds, and leading the Red Foxes to their third consecutive win.

Three other Marist players joined Camara in double-digit scoring in the 68-53 victory. It was the team's highest scoring effort so far this season.

In addition to Camara's 18 points, guards Julianne Viani and Kristen Vilardi combined for 24 points, and center Meg Dahlman added 11.

The only Marist starter who failed to achieve double figures in points was guard Alisa Kresge, who did not attempt a field goal. She, however, dish out four assists, grabbed three rebounds and snagged two steals. Marist started the game on a 17-4 run, and coach Brian Giorgis attributed the quick start to offensive balance.

"The ball was well spread," he said. "Four of our five starters got into the act, and the fifth,

Kresge, was dishing out assists." Cornell battled back, but only brought the margin down to five points. Marist pushed the game out of reach with back-to-back three pointers from Viani and Vilardi.

The Foxes shot almost 60 percent from the field in the first half, while holding Cornell under 20 percent shooting.

Viani, Vilardi and Camara each had nine points by the break, which point Marist led 40-23.

The entire game featured alternating scoring runs by each team, and Cornell started the second half

scoring six straight points before the Foxes rattled off nine unanswered points on their way to a 53-32 advantage.

The Big Red got as close as nine, with just over a minute left, but the Foxes scored the game's final six points and closed out the win.

The Foxes played outstanding defense throughout the game, holding the Big Red to 17-of-64 (27 percent) overall from the field, not allowing a single Cornell player to score more than nine points. Coach Giorgis praised his

team's efforts on the defensive side of the ball, but recognized room for improvement.

"We had hands in their faces all game, and closed on the ball well," he said. "Our defense is getting better each game."

Marist has a challenging rest of the month, as they face Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opponent Iona this Sunday, Dec. 11 at the McCann Center. Game time commences at 1 p.m.

Following Iona, Marist will oppose two very competitive Ivy League schools, Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania, later in the month.

Several Marist players were recognized for their individual efforts in contests this past week.

For her performances in the Cornell and St. Peter's wins, Camara was named MAAC player of the week. Between the two games, she averaged 20.5 points and 12 rebounds.

Viani earned MAAC rookie of the week honors, the first time a Marist women's basketball player has won that award since the 2003-2004 season. Over the two games, she shot 73 percent from the field, and 57 percent from behind the arc. She tallied 14 points against Cornell, which was a career high.

## New seating comes to McCann Center

By ANDY ALONGI  
Co-Sports Editor

The James J. McCann Center planned to change the location of the student section for all basketball games.

The estimated cost of the additional bleachers will be \$150,000.

The McCann Center, which was last refurbished in 1996, currently holds 3,900 fans and will add about 750 seats for spectators. The maximum capacity will remain at 3,900, but additional seats are for supporters who used to have standing room tickets according to Tim Murray, athletic director, Marist College.

"We have not increased our capacity at all; we have taken away standing room [tickets]," he said.

Murray said the job was supposed to be completed by the end of October.

"Unfortunately, because of some gross errors on the vendor's behalf, we are unsure of the installation date," he said. "We hope it will be done before

students return for the spring semester."

New seating has been added to the north and south ends of the arena.

The south end will receive two new sets of wooden bleachers that are attached to the wall. They will run from right below the rafters and tight to the end of the court. These two sections will hold 600 fans, who had general admission tickets.

Matt Angrisani, sophomore, said the newly moved sections could make fans a bigger part of the game.

"I think having seats behind both hoops will add to distractions for the other team which might in turn bring more fans out," he said. "It will make them [fans] a bigger part of the game."

The north end will gain three sets of smaller, portable bleachers running only eight rows high, failing to obstruct the view of the scoreboard. These sections will hold 150 fans.

Kyle Carson, sophomore, said the addition will benefit students and athletes equally.

"A student section is a great

idea as long as non-student fans continue to come out and support Marist," he said. "The addition will result in a more intense experience for fans and players alike."

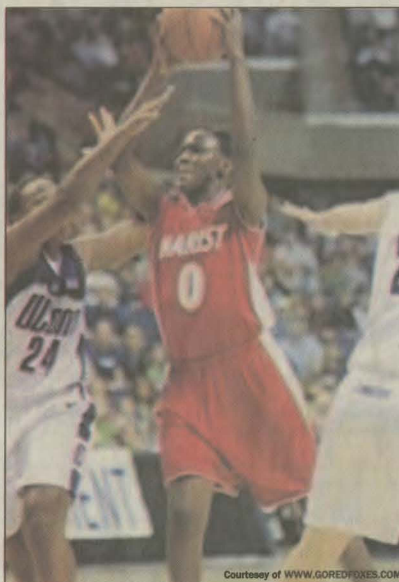
Murray said this makes seating more flexible for lectures, concerts and other events held in the McCann Center.

Murray said the changes in the arena fail to have any implications on attempting to join the Patriot League.

"This is an attempt to stay competitive with competition," Murray said. "We compete in a league of arenas. Siena plays in the Pepsi Arena, Canisius and Niagara play in the HSBC arena, and Fairfield plays in Bridgeport. This on campus arena has great support and it is loud and tough to play in [for visiting teams]."

Murray said that Division I athletics is a fast changing atmosphere.

"We are just trying to maintain competitiveness in a fast changing Division I landscape," he said.



Courtesy of WWW.GOREFOXES.COM

Senior Fifi Camara posted a double-double against Cornell last Sunday scoring 18 points and ripping down 15 rebounds. She was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) player of the week as well as Presto Sports/Metropolitan Basketball Writer's Association (MBWA) player of the week. In addition, redshirt freshman, Julianne Viani was named MAAC rookie of the week. Marist's 68 points against Cornell was their highest this year.

### Upcoming Schedule

Women's Basketball: Sunday Dec. 11 - vs Iona, 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball: Sunday Dec. 11 - vs Iona, 4 p.m.

### Upcoming Schedule Women's Basketball

Sunday, Dec. 11 - vs. Iona, 2 p.m. +

Saturday, Dec. 17 - vs. Harvard, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31 - at UPENN, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5 - at Niagara, 7 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

Friday, Dec. 9 - at Manhattan, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 11 - vs. Iona, 4 p.m. +

Saturday, Dec. 17 - at St. John's, 2 p.m. \*

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - vs. St. Bonaventure, 7:30 p.m. +

+ Denotes televised game by Time Warner Cable 6.

\*Game played at Madison Square Garden.



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