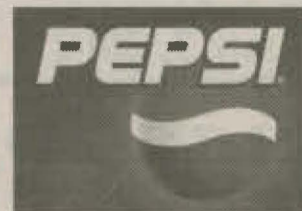


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## Catastrophic events take two Marist lives

### Senior dies from fatal fall

by JENNIFER C. HAGGERTY

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A Marist senior, remembered for his football fame and outgoing personality, fell to his death when he slipped on the icy roof of his apartment building early Friday morning.

Jarrett O. Williams, 22, of Tauton, Mass., died from head injuries caused by a 25-foot fall from the second-floor porch of his apartment at 21 Franklin St.

"He was a good friend and a good person. He always put a smile on my face," said James Horkenham, a friend and housemate of Williams.

Williams' roommates reported that he was upset and went up to the attic to clear his mind. He later stepped through an open window onto the porch roof, where he and his housemates usually went to relax.

It is possible that Williams did not realize how icy the roof was, lost his balance and fell.

According to the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, Det. Lt. William Siegrist said that the officer who responded to a call for help at the apartment at 3:45 a.m. found ridges in the ice that he believed were made by Williams' fingers as he slid off the roof.

He was pronounced dead at 7:30 a.m. Friday at St. Francis Hospital.

Friends and faculty gathered Friday afternoon in silence to pay respects to the hard-



PHOTO CREDIT/HOUSEMATES OF WILLIAMS

"I will miss Jarrett deeply, but I will never forget him. He was and forever will be my best friend," said Steven Willemin.

working and outgoing senior, who in his freshman year was a linebacker on the varsity football team until he sustained an ankle injury late in the season and was no longer able to play.

The chapel was filled with mourners for the hour long service.

Dennis Murray, President of Marist College, offered advice to the Marist community at the conclusion. "Don't lash out ... offer support to each other. [There is] nothing we can do more than to keep memories." The service concluded with a candle-light tribute.

#### On the verge of becoming a great man

Nicknamed, "The Duke," Jarrett was extremely popular with the student body.

Steven Willemin, Williams' roommate and best friend for the past four years, misses him deeply.

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### Graduate student drowns

by JENNIFER C. HAGGERTY

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Amit Rajpal, an outgoing and hardworking Computer Science Graduate student, drowned due to a tragic slip that cost him his life Monday afternoon.

He was walking in Waryas Park with a friend when he reportedly slipped off the dock and fell into the cold water. He was found almost two hours later in a helicopter-and-boat search and was pronounced dead at about 1 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital.

The Marist community was shocked at the freak accident, this being the second death this week.

Rajpal, an international student from Ahmedabad, India, was majoring in software development and working towards his masters. He also held an internship program with IBM.

Harold Anderson, Professor for the Computer Science department, knew Rajpal for the past year through an internship project for Marist.

"The project was trying to build a digital library that contains Emmy Awards videos that Marist has accumulated over the last 15 years," said Anderson. "It's a unique selection, and we were using a lot of new software technology to put this digital library together."

Anderson speaks fondly of Rajpal, saying that he was a loving person. "[He was] a sweet and caring young man who would do anything to learn and to please. He was joy to work with."



PHOTO CREDIT/MANISH DESAI

Described as a sweet and caring young man who was always helpful, Amit Rajpal will be missed by the Marist community.

Duleep Deosthale, described Rajpal as very level headed. "He was diligent and committed to what he was doing."

In fact, after the September 11 tragedy, Rajpal was the student who spoke at the cabaret on behalf of the Indian community, expressing support and sorrow.

"It is very unfortunate that this would happen to a key player like him," said Deosthale.

Karen L. Tomkins-Tinch, Coordinator of Learning Skills & International Student Programs, knew Rajpal through International Student Orientation in 1999.

"He was kind, friendly, considerate guy."

Manish Desai, a countryman of Rajpal who also worked with him, described Rajpal as a

See... Drowning, 3

## AACSB accredits School of Management

by AUBREY ROFF  
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The Marist College School of Management program was recently accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The AACSB International is "the premier accrediting agency for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in business administration and accounting."

It is responsible for the advancement and support of these programs in colleges and universities. The school shares the honor of this prestigious award with 411 other institutions worldwide and places Marist among the top 30 percent of business programs in the country.

In addition, Marist is one of the few smaller schools in New York State which have received this honor. It equates our program with those at institutions such as Columbia University, New York University and Cornell University.

The Marist School of Management went through a strenuous six-year process to achieve this accreditation, and in addition to increased prestige for the program and the college in general, this award means a lot for students and alumni of the program — a relevant, current and quality curriculum in business education.

This honor also provides an advantage for graduate school and

See... AACSB, 3



## Thousands protest World Economic Forum

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN  
Opinions Editor

Representatives from more than 1,000 of the world's largest multinational corporations convened in New York City from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 for the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum. Members of the WEF pay upwards of \$30,000, including corporations such as Nike, General Motors, Monsanto, and until recently Enron.

More than 15,000 protestors also came to NY, ranging from human rights activists, labor representatives, environmentalists, anarchists, and students. A number of rallies, marches, and other public demonstrations took place over the week although Saturday was the most noticeable. Thousands of NYPD were present but Saturday passed without a recurrence of

riots that made the Seattle demonstrations against the World Trade Organization infamous.

Lower numbers of demonstrators on Sunday met harsher police intervention on Sunday, Feb. 3 however. The Anti-Capitalist Convergence held an unpermitted demonstration as did the Earth and Animal Liberation Fronts. Scattered reports of minor property damage were given more attention than the claims of police brutality and unprovoked charges on the protestors.

Representatives of the Independent Media Center also criticized the police department for forcing them away from the demonstration during the conflict and a handful of journalists from the NYIMC were arrested for refusing to leave the scene. More than 150 protestors were also arrested on Sunday with charges ranging from unlaw-

ful assembly, disturbing the peace, and resisting arrest according to the Independent Media Center.

The WEF, originally called the European Management Forum, was formed in 1971 and received little global attention until the late 1990s when massive protests in Davos, Switzerland forced the organization to find new meeting places. Davos, a town of only 13,000, spent \$5.4 million on security for last year's meeting and The New York Times estimated that NY would spend more than \$11 million this year.

WEF meetings are responsible for setting global economic and trade agendas but the member composition is 43% European, 26% North American, 13% Asian, 7.5% South/Central American, 4.5% Middle Eastern, 2.2% Australian, and 4.3% African.

### Question of the Week

Should the U.S. send troops to the Philippines to help their government round-up terrorists?



"If they are in danger, and if they can't help themselves, we should help them."

**Debbie Albano**  
Senior



"I guess so. If there is a war against terrorism, we might as well end it all."

**Sean Hopkins**  
Freshman



"Yes, our military should look out for weaker countries."

**Kara Laundrigin**  
Sophomore



### Security Briefs



compiled by **ED WILLIAMS III**  
Managing Editor

**Friday, 1/25**

As the football season draws to a close, apparently the beer pong season is just beginning in West Cedar R block. After responding to noise complaints, the on-duty RD called in security to confiscate a full sheet of plywood from an R block apartment at about 8:55 p.m. Security was called in again at 12:30 a.m. to confiscate another sheet of plywood from another R block apartment. In both cases all of the students were of legal drinking age, so only the tables were confiscated due to them being fire hazards.

**Friday, 1/25**

Another popular illegal activity over the weekend of Jan. 25 was trying to sneak in unauthorized guests. Although the campus does not issue guest passes on the first weekend back at school, students tried entertain off-campus visitors anyways as there were five attempted unauthorized entries (4 in

Champagnat Hall and 1 in Leo Hall). All of the guests were cooperative and left campus without incident.

**Sunday, 1/27**

Vandals ravaged a Champagnat laundry room window at about 5:30 p.m. A report was filed of damage to a window frame as the unknown subjects had removed rivets and bent the frame to gain unauthorized access. This was the fifth time maintenance had to fix the apparently cursed window.

**Wednesday, 1/30**

Sometime between late Wed. evening and early Thurs. morning a laptop video projector was stolen from the Champagnat second floor lounge. The item is valued at \$6,000. The town of Poughkeepsie police were called in and are now handling the case. The investigation of the Grand Larceny/Felony is ongoing.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**

A party in the A block townhouses was broken up after the on-duty RD responded to a noise complaint. Security

was called in and all of the students were cooperative with the exception of one male student. He was properly written up because of his disorderly conduct by the RD at about 12:45 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**

Security had their work cut out for them this Saturday. They first broke up a C block townhouse gathering at about 7:35 p.m. to take away 2 full kegs of Jenny. Some Marion students were left thirsty after Security was called in to confiscate their alcohol as well. 3 bottles of Mike's Hard Lemonade and 2 bottles of Doc Otis Hard Lemonade were secured for destruction at about 12:20 a.m. Security was not done yet as their next stop was Sheahan hall where they made their bid for the most impressive confiscation. 56 cans of Budweiser and a bottle of Bacardi Rum was found and appropriated by Security at about 10:45 p.m.

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### Campus Corner



Get your tickets now for a trip to New York City to see the epic show *Les Miserables*. The excursion takes place on Feb. 9, and the bus will be leaving the Midrise parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$25 with a valid Marist ID.

Theatre Arts presents Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire* directed by Kristen Coury in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Showtimes will be Feb. 7-9 at 8:00 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 2:00 p.m. Student tickets are \$3, staff, faculty, alumni and seniors tickets are \$5, and general admission tickets are \$7.

Reserve your spot for the Hunter Mountain Ski Trips on Feb. 9 and Feb. 23. Tickets are \$34, and the fee includes lift tickets and transportation. Additional options include ski or snowboard rental for \$21, group lessons for \$15 and snow tubing (\$20 for a full day or \$10 for two hours).

Thinking of expanding your horizons? The Marist Abroad Program will be holding information sessions on Feb. 13 at 11:00 a.m. in Student Center room 346, on Feb. 20 at 12:00 noon in Student Center room 349 and on Feb. 27 at 1:00 p.m. in Student Center room 346.

Attention aspiring writers! Get your work published in *The Mo-saic*, Marist College's literary magazine. Submit your poetry, prose, photographs and artwork to the Literary Arts Society Mailbox in the Council of Clubs room in the Student Center. You can also e-mail your work as an attachment to [Maristlas@yahoo.com](mailto:Maristlas@yahoo.com) by Feb. 15.

Come see the comedy stylings of Jamie Lisson on Feb. 8 in the Cabaret at 9:00 p.m. There will be free food and admission is free with a valid Marist ID.

It's time for the Spring 2002 Billiards and Table Tennis tournaments. The billiards event is just \$5 and you can sign up at College Activities before Feb. 15. You will receive five free hours of pool and the chance to win many prizes. Everyone that signs up will be placed into a tournament bracket. Play begins Feb. 16 and will continue throughout the month. The table tennis tournament entry fee is \$2 with the same registration deadline.

Serenade your Sweetheart! Let Time Check serenade that special someone in your life this year. For \$5 you can send 8 guys to their room with a Valentine's Day card that has your special message enclosed and several Hershey's Kisses. Call Dan at x4847 with any questions.

The Asian Alliance presents the First Annual Chinese New Year Celebration in Sat., Feb. 9 in the Cabaret. There will be a Lion Dance performance and authentic Asian food. The cost is \$1 per ticket and you can contact Kevin Wong at x4134 or Melissa Olivera at x4011 to purchase your tickets.

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## We're Baaaaaaack!!!!



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## Activist questions human supremacy

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN  
*OP-ED Editor*

Paul Shapiro, founder of Compassion Over Killing, held a lecture at Vassar College on Monday, Feb. 4 that questioned human supremacy and its moral implications by drawing parallels between the oppression of non-human animals with the historic oppression of non-whites and women.

Past oppression and domination of certain groups in society was historically based on the notion that they were not entitled to certain rights due to either genetic or intelligent shortcomings that led one race to believe itself superior. The next step in humanity's moral evolution, according to Jared Avigliano, a Senior at Marist College, is to grant animals consideration.

"Time and mankind have let many changes arise in the rights of different ethnic and racial groups and the rights of women," he said. "The time has come for animals due rights to be given to them and only humankind can allow them to receive them."

Sentience should be used as the basis for compassionate relationships, according to Shapiro, because anything that can feel pain and suffering should be given the freedom to not feel pain and suf-

fering.

Early in the lecture Shapiro told the audience of around 20 listeners that more than 10 billion animals are slaughtered every year in the United States alone between the food and clothing industry. He compared this mass rate of genocide to the practice of apartheid in South Africa because the U.S. has a population of roughly 280 million, thus making the people a tiny ruling minority of a far larger population of unvalued lives.

A common criticism of this type of analogous theory is that it devalues those that have been historically oppressed, as well as the history of oppression itself. Avigliano disagrees however.

"Is comparing the rights of women to slaves degrading slaves or is comparing the rights of women to slaves degrading to women," he said.

Shapiro went on to mention that humanity in general and Americans in particular have a variety of ways to either support or oppose cruelty towards animals. The foremost way for individuals to take a stance on either side is through their diets.

"Every time you sit down to eat you make a conscious choice," he said. "You either decide to live compassionately or you choose cruelty."

## AACSB accredits...*From 1*

in the job market. Many graduate programs will not accept non-accredited degrees, or will require a student to retake several credits to be accepted into the program. In terms of employment, companies and corporations often choose graduates of an accredited program over those who are not accredited.

This achievement also means a great deal to Marist College as a whole. According to Dr. Gordon Badovick, the Dean of the School of Management, the AACSB is one of the most difficult accrediting agencies.

"The process itself was very beneficial, and it is really what made us a better business school," said Badovick.

Attaining this honor was not an easy process. Along with a self-study six years ago that evaluated such factors as faculty, technology, and student support, the school then instituted a five-year candidacy plan. This searched for and

hired better and more qualified faculty for the program.

Funding by the college provided opportunities for faculty development and workshops as well as improvements in research and skills.

The curriculum was almost entirely restructured, and the school worked with a business advisory council to make more advances within the program.

The School of Management then repeated the self-study and the AACSB became involved and sent a team of deans to validate the prestige and quality of the program. AACSB then recommended the accreditation of the Marist program.

"We owe the faculty and the entire School of Management a tremendous amount of credit," said Badovick. "Without them being involved, it never would have happened."

## Fatal drowning ...*From 1*

helpful man.

"He was very polite and I will not say that for everyone here. He was very dedicated and he knew what he did," Desai said. "We shared a couple of classes so I know he was bright."

Close friend Sidhartha Priye described Rajpal as a person who was

happy and enjoying life.

"He was a pretty easy going guy who would mingle with anyone," said Priye. "It's tough right now."

A priest from the Hindu temple held a service for Rajpal at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning. With respect to his religious beliefs, his body will be returned to India.



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This source of "gunfire" goes off in intervals of twenty minutes to scare the residential geese.

## Gun shots heard on campus

by JACLYN JACOBSEN  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Marist College has taken a new approach to solving the problem of geese on the North Field, so if North End residents hear periodic gunshots, they need not be alarmed.

"It's so annoying to wake up to sometimes," said junior Lauren Illuzzi. "You're never completely sure what's going on."

Security reassures students that the gunfire has been pre-recorded and is played over the local intercom once every twenty minutes, in the hopes of scaring the birds off the field. According to one officer, the method has been used in

other locations outside of the Marist community with "relative success."

However, some students are skeptical as to its long-term effects. Students predict that the recording will cease to take effect once the birds acclimate themselves to the sound, and realize they will not be harmed if they stroll onto the field.

"I bet the birds will be sitting back on that field in March, not caring about the sound of gunshots," said junior Kitty Buglione.

In the meantime, students can sit back and enjoy this audio representation of inner-city Poughkeepsie from their college residences, without having to leave campus.

## Virus takes toll on students

by STACEY CASWELL  
*Business Manager*

New Yorkers may have been fortunate enough to escape severely cold weather this winter, but it seems as though the season has found other ways to spring its wrath upon unsuspecting victims through the Norwalk virus, an illness that infects in the form of intense nausea, diarrhea and vomiting.

The virus, which received its title from an outbreak in 1972 in Norwalk, Ohio, has recently spread across most of downstate New York, stretching from New York City up to Albany. It is spread through either contaminated water or fruits and vegetables that have been improperly handled. Since the virus is spread through microscopic particles, it is easy to catch and carry.

The good news, though, is that Norwalk lasts only from 24-36 hours, and it does not carry any of the other flu-like symptoms such as sneezing, coughing or high fever. There is no risk of serious illness if infected, unless the carrier is also fighting another illness at the same time.

The first mention of the illness in the Poughkeepsie area occurred at Vassar College, where many students were became sick with gastroenteritis, which made it hard for them to keep down clear liquids and any type of food.

Irena Balawajder, the Director of Health at Vassar College says that although they have sent in samples of the illness, it has not been identified as the Norwalk virus. "It's really sort of a gastric flu," she said of the illness with which the Vassar students were afflicted.

She recommends that students take extra precautions such as frequent hand washing and to not share any utensils or beverages.

"We're a close community, so there is a chance of faster spread," Balawajder said.

Although there have been a few cases of gastroenteritis at Marist, none have yet been identified as the Norwalk virus.

## Fall costs life

...*From 1*

"Over the years, Jarrett proved to be everything a friend should be," said Willemin. "He was fun, adventurous, smart, caring, passionate, hardworking, up-beat and truly loyal."

Willemin relates his fondest memory of Jarrett.

"No matter how grumpy I felt in the morning, seeing Jarrett sitting Indian-style on the couch eating a warm breakfast he had prepared for the whole house couldn't help but put a smile on my face," said Willemin. "Jarrett was so full of energy, so in love with life, it was impossible not to feel the same way when in his presence."

Tim Bittner, friend and housemate of Williams, speaks warmly of him.

"Jarrett was the kind of person that brightened the room when he

walked in... no matter what kind of mood you were in, he would always put a smile on your face," said Bittner. "Everyone was always happy when Jarrett was around."

Scott Snyder, close friend, was also a teammate of Williams in football.

"We all miss him dearly and we all love him."

The funeral mass for Jarrett Williams will be held today at noon at the Immaculate Conception Church in Tauton, Mass. Marist sponsored bus transportation for mourners.

Willemin concludes, "I feel so fortunate to have had Jarrett in my life. He influenced me in such a positive and lasting way and for that I will be forever grateful."

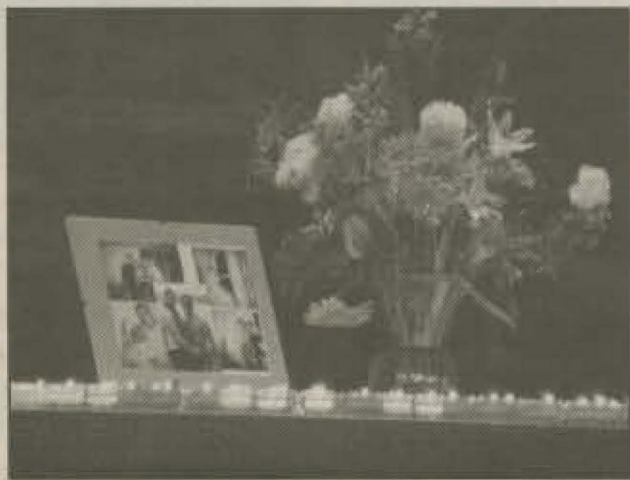


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A candle light tribute to a life taken too soon.

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## FEATURES

### Massive anti-drinking ad campaign draws mixed reaction

*Students dispute actual truth of statistics; question method of measurement*

by **JASON SHAW**  
Staff Writer

Drinking, traditionally considered a staple of college life, is actually a subject of controversy on our campus. Some consider it an important part of the college experience while others have declared war on alcohol abuse. The newest weapon in this war: flyers posted around campus declaring that "Most Marist students have 0-4 drinks when they go out." This claim is apparently based on data taken from a survey of Marist students.

The cause is noble—to combat the peer pressure to binge drink. But whether it is effective or not is another question entirely. In fact, Marist students have turned out to be very skeptical of what the flyers claim. One freshman offered, "I think it's idealistic to think that the results of school-based surveys

are entirely accurate—it's too easy for statistics to be biased by their distributors. Yes, most Marist students may have 0 to 4 drinks when they go out, but how many drinks do they have before leaving their rooms?" Mostly everyone else reacted the same way when asked about the flyers—they nearly all believed that the sheets are biased and inaccurate. Junior Paul Tekverk went as far as to say, "It's propaganda. I want to see the data behind it."

This skepticism may be warranted. After all, statistics can be manipulated and are often deceiv-

ing. Fallacies in the information include the aforementioned point that many students do their drinking before they go out and that the flyer makes no distinction between the varieties of alcoholic beverages. Zero to four beers is not a

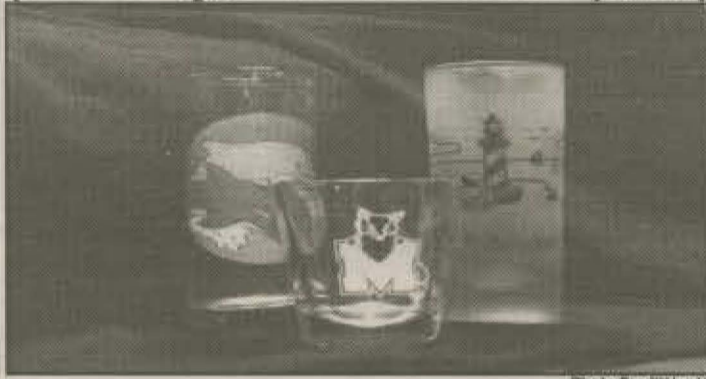


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Alcohol consumption is at the center of campus debates nationwide.

lot, but students are known to partake in stronger drinks. The flyers also do not take into account the number of non-drinkers that par-

ticipated in the study. Accounting major Brian Owen states, "There are surprisingly a lot of people that go out but don't drink and they bring down the average of the people that do drink." For example, if you surveyed two non-drinkers

and a drinker that has twelve drinks, you would get the average of four drinks, which can be misleading. This is of course assuming that the study the flyers are based on

used averages.

Many students are resistant to these flyers, whether they are drinkers defending their pastime or sim-

ply students that are opposed to school "propaganda." But as much as they fight it, you can say that the flyers are not all that bad. Despite the fallacies of the study, it can't be entirely inaccurate. And it never claims that it is based on extensive research. It is not an anti-drinking ad. It is simply saying that it is all right to drink moderately when you go out, and that there are many students that do it. In fact, it is even passive compared to other ads with the same cause.

In the end, it'll probably take more to discourage overdrinking than flyers based on an apparently loose study. And it will definitely take a lot more to overcome the skepticism of Marist students; whether this is a good or a bad thing is open to interpretation.

### Gay-straight alliance reappears at Marist after years of absence

by **JENN WEINTZ**  
Staff Writer

Marist students might have noticed a new club at the activities fair this semester mixed in among a myriad of frazzled college students and sign up sheets.

The Gay/Straight Alliance is new to Marist this year. The club was formed by a few students who shared a common interest and wanted to let other students in the Marist community know that there was a place to go and talk whether it was about themselves or about a friend, brother or sister they knew that was homosexual.

Over the past fall semester the

club worked with Bob Lynch to form a budget, as all the other clubs on campus are allotted. This is the first semester they have a full and active budget that they can work with and plan activities. In the past the club has held a small social gathering and viewed a film related to a homosexual theme. In the future the club anticipates social gatherings with other colleges such as Vassar.

The Gay/Straight Alliance has grown to over twenty-five members over the duration of the year. Starting out, the club felt that the hardest part would be gaining the acceptance of the Marist community. Although they have not en-

countered many problems from fellow students or administration, gaining full acceptance is their ultimate goal.

Even though Marist College is no longer Catholic affiliated it does form its roots there. The Bible states that it's okay to be homosexual but it's not okay to have sex. Members feel that the help and support of the administration, all around, would be an important asset to the club.

The Gay/Straight Alliance has the support of many faculty members and fellow students. One of their strongest supporters is Brother John, who is an eager mentor and friend to the group. He's

usually the first person at the meetings and always offering his help and guidance. Dr. Joanne Meyers, is the club's advisor and like Brother John always offers her services to the help and support the club.

"Overall the goal of the group is to make people feel comfortable about who they are because no one should ever have to feel otherwise", said Chris Clemens, one of the group's members.

Among all the brightly colored posters covering the bulletin boards on campus, perhaps the most eye catching one is entitled: "Gay, Straight, and in between, all are welcome". With growing

awareness about homosexuality and more options open to people on campus, Marist has once again proven that we are a truly diverse society and that there is a place for everyone to go and share common interests.

Chris Clemens shows his support for the group by saying, "This club is for everyone, not just gay people. We give help and support to people that may have a brother, sister or friend that is gay too. We want everyone to come together and feel comfortable about themselves."

### Portrait re-dedication commemorates Black History Month

by **JACLYN JACOBSEN**  
Editor-in-Chief

The month of February traditionally marks the time when Americans recognize the significant cultural, historical, and political achievements of African-Americans and lauds them for their contributions to society. However, most know very little about the actual origins of "Black History Month."

Recognized for the first time in 1926, Black History Month grew out of a desire to highlight the many achievements of African-Americans throughout our history, which many scholars felt were overlooked by the current textbooks and historical works of the time.

The movement to establish a formal period to acknowledge the accomplishments of African-Americans originated with Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an activist for the inclusion of Black Studies in colleges and universities throughout the nation. The son of former

slaves who resided in Kentucky, Woodson spent his childhood working in mines. However, he worked his way through high school and eventually earned a Ph.D. from Harvard University. Inspired to bring to light the many African-American achievements in American history, Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. A year later, he founded the Journal of Negro History. Finally, in 1926, Woodson established Negro History Week to bring more attention to the successes of African-Americans.

Woodson chose the second week in

February as the time for Negro History Week to commemorate the

births of two statesmen who did much to alter the history of African-Americans: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

However, February has been a landmark month for Black History, as it includes the birthdays of such important figures as W.E.B. DuBois and Malcolm X. February was also the month in which the Fifteenth Amendment, giving African-Americans the right to vote, was ratified.

Marist College has taken special care to accentuate this month and emphasize its importance throughout the campus. On January 30,

2002, the Martin Luther King, Jr. portrait was re-dedicated by President Murray, accompanied by club leaders. Billboards commemorating the accomplishments of notable African-Americans can be found in the student center. Resident Assistants have been especially concerned with emphasizing the importance of this month to their residents, and have done so through billboards, programs, and fliers.

Jaclyn Jacobsen is a senior political science major, who spends her spare time at The Circle, the Model United Nations club, and deserted subway stations in Brooklyn on Sunday nights.



Photo Credit: Taylor Rogers

Students gathered on January 30 to watch President Murray, Rev. G. Modele Clarke, Brother Frank, and club leaders to re-dedicate this portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the spirit of the ideals of fraternity and equality he embraced.

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### Dance, Dance Revolution takes Marist by storm

by STACEY CASWELL  
News Editor

Who would have known that the latest dance moves from the hippest clubs have now been transformed into an electronic foot pad and are being marketed in game form for Playstation. Think this idea sounds crazy? Then allow me to introduce Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR, one of the hottest interactive musical games currently in production.

Developed and manufactured by Konami, a popular Japanese company that is instrumental in creating games for Playstation, and known for the Metal Gear Series and the ESPN Sports Line-Up games, DDR has recently been imported to the United States. In fact, the company has now developed a version that is purely US, however, most gamers argue that it does not constitute the same quality as the Japanese form, nor does it offer that much more variety of music and graphics than the original Japanese one.

The game first became popular in Japanese arcades. Visitors had fun emerging themselves in the innovative and interactive new game which allowed them to showcase their ability to move and groove. Soon, the population was craving to be able to entertain themselves in the same manner, but in the reassuring environment that their home provided, instead of in the heat of the public eye. Here they had the option to embarrass themselves without anyone seeing, as

well as practice for future endeavors to the arcade. It quickly became a phenomenon, sweeping through Japan and then firing itself into the United States, becoming one of the most innovative and interactive new games, with its moves appearing on dance floors around the country. With its versions of hip-hop, techno, alternative, jazz and rock beats, DDR aims to spellbind you for your hours by trying to teach coordination, build rhythm and give a good workout, all at the same time. For the DDR exercise fanatic, there is even an option for counting calories burned, which seems to entice the viewer even more, as they realize that they are not only participating in a fun activity, but engaging in a muscle toning form of exercise as well.

DDR, which has been duped one of the newest party game sensations, has been compared to karaoke in the way that only one to two people can really be the star on the session, while others look on and laugh. Observers can watch the participant as he or she struggles to maintain the dance

moves that are required to continue to move up to a higher level. In most cases, the player becomes a great source of amusement for all, and even him or herself.

To begin the game, the player must choose between a selection of 25-35 songs which he or she wants to dance to. Each song each has three levels. Each time you pass a new level of the song, the moves get harder and it is necessary for your feet to increase speed.



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The player is required to follow the arrows on the screen which show him or her where to place his or her feet. Arrows move from the bottom of the screen to the top of the screen. When the arrow hits the top, you have to step on the floor pad to the beat of the song. If you miss too many points by missing the beat, the game ends with a pleasant, "You failed!" which

seems to only entice the player to try harder next time. However, during the course of the dance, the player is able to listen to more encouraging phrases while testing his or her fast moving foot power and proving themselves to be true DDR freaks.

According to Ryan Davis at gamespot.com, "DDR is a great introduction to a truly unique series with incredibly addictive gameplay and a soundtrack that will have you humming for days." He gave DDR a rating of 8.3 out of ten points for its upbeat music and ability to involve the player. However, it was the Harmonix Music System's Frequency, a similar game in both music and graphics that ended up winning the award for Best Music Rhythm Game at the end of 2001.

In any case, if you own a playstation, and are tired of the old ho-hum atmosphere of the off-campus bar scene in old Poughkeepsie, gather a group of your friends to create a club atmosphere in the comfort of your own dorm room using DDR where YOU can be the

star.



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### GRE concerns upperclassmen

by ALEXIS SCARPINATO  
Features Editor

Juniors and Seniors suddenly have something new on their plate. The GRE, Graduate Record Examination, is a challenge that students must participate in to gain entry into most graduate schools.

According to ETS, Educational Testing Service, creator, the test measures verbal, quantitative, and analytical skills that have been acquired over a long period of time and that are not related to any specific field of study.

The GRE tests are given the last 3 weeks of every month and can be taken at any of the testing sites across the country for \$105 as the general fee. It is a computer adaptive test (CAT), which means that the test uses the computer instead of bubble paper and number 2 pencils. During the test, the more questions that are answered correctly, the harder the questions become.

"Schools vary tremendously in the weights they place on the different factors in the admissions process to graduate school", said a member of the Princeton Review. "Some programs weight GRE scores very heavily and have a minimum score for applicants while other schools consider GRE scores more of a formality."

Amanda VonHaugg, Marist College junior and biology major, said that the tests are a necessity for anyone planning to continue their education after undergraduate school.

"After Marist I have five more years of schooling to finish, so I might as well get started preparing now," she said.

### Amazing hypnosis astonishes Marist students



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The Amazing Neel mesmerizes the audience.

by JEN HAGGERTY  
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The Amazing Neel came to Marist on Jan. 26 to show Marist College the power of suggestion and the ability of the mind.

This was Neel's fourteenth year returning to Marist, where he performed a show that consists of two

parts. The first being the power of the mind: the ability to read minds of random people in the audience along with the mental power to bend keys.

Sophomore Alicia Magruder was one of the students chosen from the audience to see if her key could be bent.

"I was really amazed that Astonishing Neel bent my key but also worried about how I was to get into my room later."

The second half of the show consisted of the most popular theme: hypnosis. I was one of the lucky that passed the preliminary round to be hypnotized.

This round consisted of at least half the audience getting on stage to see if they could be hypnotized.

The Amazing Neel instructed the students to concentrate and to imagine holding a large "dictionary" in their left hand. People on stage slowly began to bend over due to the "weight" of the "book." In the right hand, students were told they were holding a "helium balloon." Instantaneously, right arms were raised into the air.

Neel picked out the people on stage who were either faking or woke up out of hypnosis. The remaining fifteen then "performed" on stage for the audience for the next hour and half.

While under hypnosis, it never occurred to me that the audience was laughing at what I was doing. It seemed totally natural to be up on the stage, following the instructions of the Amazing Neel.

Under hypnosis, the students released a variety of emotions on stage. Scenarios of "winning" \$1 million or "smelling" the presence of a crude stench were just two of the many situations that were developed in the students' minds.

At one point, every student on stage was given a pet. Some people had horses and cows, and one girl even had Lassie. However, this Lassie had wings as well as the ability to fly into the audience and perch on one student's head in the audience!

Eventually, these "pets" were let loose into the audience and the hypnotized had to chase after them in an effort to regain control of their



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Members of the audience try their luck at qualifying for hypnosis.

animals. Once they were back onstage, the hypnotized students hallucinated that their animals grew to mammoth sizes, only later to disappear.

After the hypnosis show ended, my friends began to tell me about the crazy things I had done. At first, things were foggy and I didn't remember everything. However,

after seeing pictures of myself on stage and being told what I did, memories began to come back to me.

Even a few days after the hypnosis, people were still asking me if it was for real. It was. I didn't fake any of it. I once was a major doubter of hypnosis - but now - I'm a believer!

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## The definition of global citizenship

by **BENJAMIN J. BRENKERT**  
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As Westerners we are somewhat beguiled by our own predetermined notions of citizenship. Much of what we understand to be our inherent rights as members of a domestic and foreign community fall under our "American" definitions of democracy, capitalism and republicanism. Yet, this is a world not of Americans, but of global citizens. In the wake of terrorism we have been asked to define not only a global economic schema, but also an axiom that might be used to distinguish our internationalism in the twenty-first century.

The fact that there might be a contradiction between global citizenship and Americanization looms ever more starkly as we, as a human community, grapple with Benjamin R. Barber's paradigm-shift towards idealistic internationalism. Moreover, if Western thought since the time of Aristotle, has been controlled by the principal of non-contradiction, how can an American be a citizen and not be a global citizen at the same time and in the same way?

The American myth of independence was not the only casualty of Sept. 11. In fact, Sept. 11 told us that it was time to restructure the world. If global markets and global economies are successful, that is of course unless you are a skeptic or a protestor of the WTO/IMF, then why not globalize citizenship? If democracy is the momentary answer, because all the answers are not yet derived; then why not interject the human world with those gracious tenets of justice, freedom, and inalienable rights.

Of course we not only have our principal of non-contradiction working against us, but we also have our stereotypical detractors like gender identity, religion, racism, the "American Dream" and capitalism, that cause us to believe that our only true friends are other democracies. If we are to move beyond "Jihad vs. McWorld" then we must search for the real definitions

of global justice and global citizenship.

America was a country founded by immigrants, brought to order by revolutionaries and fought for by patriots. In the course of our history we have watched America grow from a seedling to dictator of global capitalism. Our motto is "if you don't like it leave." How can we leave when the world is America and has been "Americanizing" for decades? McDonald's menus are readable on every continent. Far be it for Marist alum Bill Bradley to concede the fact that America might find a better way to redefine citizenship than through weapons of mass destruction and an anti-ballistic missile defense system. Then again, maybe Bill Bradley forgot that the terrorists attacked us while they traveled in our airplanes and in our skies.

The question here is not about the moral implications of terrorism. Everyone knows who is and was wrong. Our responsibility calls us to contextualize the issue before us, account for every nuance and try to understand why countries like Afghanistan resent globalization. When Woodrow Wilson set out to "make the world safe for democracy" he knew about America's greatness and he realized that other systems have weaknesses that cause them to fail. Wilson thought was an idealist during a time when big business was benchmarked for higher aspirations like the model-T.

What then should our definition of global citizenship be? Citizens are those people who are responsible for bettering the world by protesting injustices and they are the same people who do not buy Nike shoes from factories that capitalize on child labor or foreign markets that rape third world economies like the slave trade did centuries ago. Citizens are those people who educate their children on the sameness of man, independent from gender, sexual or racial identity.

At one time America was a land filled with intellectuals, strategists and people who fought against the system. Today, students, workers

and politicians are content with the status quo. The mindset: give me my degree in four years, let me work and let me live quietly. How else could Enron's debacle have happened? Every one of those employees trusted the system that paid them every week - never once did they worry, like my father's parents did during the Great Depression.

In truth, the subject before us is quite complex. Maybe global markets are the first way to producing global citizenship. Or have we as a people never really questioned what came first the chicken or the egg? The fallacy of the obvious abstraction is that we as a human community simply accepted but never questioned. How important are language, religion, and sexual identity? Are these pragmatic claims filled with misrepresentations? Perhaps at Marist we too have been subjected to democratic capitalism with a vengeance.

In a sense, the argument is simply that the world after September 11 may never be the same. However, the greater indecency would be if we did let America and the world reduce itself to a time when global markets and not global citizenship ruled the world. The time has come for America to realize that we are not alone, and that we must analyze and synthesize from this realism our civic responsibility.

How do we pursue our civic responsibility to globally democratize the world? Simply by explicitly supporting a more multilateralist and civic-minded government the shape of global relations will change forever. If this is, as Barber alludes to, democracy's moment, let us justly and rightfully radically reflect on the seminal ideas of the beloved community and global citizenship as we search for the real definition of global citizenship.

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## Genetically modified foods with a touch of PCBs

by **DAMIAN M. BEDNARZ**  
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It's not usually like me to stray off my passionate opinions on the war and the US military, but I feel I should mix it up for the beginning of the New Year. Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are what I call the bastard foods. No one really wants to have one nor does anyone know how they got there.

"Oh Waiter! I believe pollution is served on Thursdays."

An esteemed colleague of mine told me to investigate the Monsanto Company, by far the largest manufacturer of genetically modified organisms. After excruciating minutes of reading articles online I found that this is definitely one of the "death and destroy" businesses out there. Not only do these guys make GMOs now, but in the 60's and 70's they managed to completely eradicate a sleepy southern town of Anniston, Alabama with PCB's.

The Environmental Protection Agency has listed it as one of the most polluted patches of America. Do I hear real estate bells ringing? For nearly 40 years the company was producing, now-banned, industrial coolants (PCB's) and dumping toxic waste into local open residential creeks as well as filling open-pit landfills with the ooze.

Poughkeepsie residents and Marist students know all too much about PCB's and getting that stuff dumped down the Hudson. I think all the essays and articles we have read tell us that the dredging process is essential to the welfare of the river. But take a case like ours and multiply that by 10, and then you almost have Anniston.

Back in the late 60's, Monsanto found that fish in the creek they were polluting had turned belly-up in 10 seconds, spurting blood and shedding skin. Isn't that a pretty picture for the kids? I can see little Susie now having her first psychological freak-out.

Over the years Monsanto has spent \$40 million on clean up and a whopping \$80 million on legal matters and to keep it all hushed up.

The long trail of paper work and shredded documents has left the company with a black eye. Eventually with pressure from the EPA, Monsanto has done more to clean up the creeks and stop production of PCB's all together. Though the community of Anniston is a failed one, with little hope of ever re-establishing itself as a commercial area, future Monsanto actions must be monitored and stopped.

The next battleground against

Monsanto is its GMO production. The company no longer produces chemicals, but is now promising the world that its GMOs are safe for human consumption? No, I'm sorry. I personally do not trust the actions of a toxic dumper making my cereals and vegetables.

There has not been enough research to fully condemn GMOs but certain cases have shown cancer/tumor occurrences in those individuals who have consumed the products over time. Genetically modified foods are just another way for the big companies to make a few more bucks and cut out the local farmer.

I'm not saying we have to be like Frenchman Jose Bove, Mr. Anti-Globalization, and start a revolution against these companies, but certain moves must be made. Lately, Bove has been arrested for destroying 1,000 genetically altered Monsanto crops. His fame comes from being that guy destroying a McDonald's window as part of his battle against globalization.

I support the boycotting of GM foods as well as any other products of a company that sponsors them. Monsanto specifically comes to mind as a true enemy of the state. Dumping toxic waste on its own people and now trying to poison the world with mutant corn and soybeans. Take whatever position you would like, but the facts stand and so do the horror stories from these events. But I can't leave an article too bleak, so here comes the positive side to all this.

Researchers at Michigan State University found that PCB's, which already cause sex-related defects in animals, can affect human beings sexually. High levels of chemicals in one's body can cause cancer, infertility, or other sexual changes. Here come the smiles!

Recent studies have shown that males who had high levels of PCB's from either eating contaminated fish or got Agent Orange on them from the Vietnam War had a higher probability of producing boys than girls. Though the study never focused on the PCB intake of the mothers, there is still a greater chance for a man who has been exposed to PCB's to have a boy.

Well, it looks as though you can find me between the hours of 7-9am swimming and drinking in the beautiful and scenic Hudson River. Note to self, increase drinking from the faucet as well!

"Congratulations Sir, it's a boy!"

Right: NYPD charges into a legally permitted demonstration against the World Economic Forum, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Central Park. Police charged after the first half of the march had started, using pepper spray and mace on members in the crowd.



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### Ed said...Pepsi Ads fizzle, Bud Light's sizzle

by ED WILLIAMS III  
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Going into this year's Super Bowl, most people were expecting a boring blowout, but everyone was still going to watch anyway.

Regardless of who plays in the championship game, the Super Bowl is always one of the highest rated television events of the year. No one can say for sure why this trend always occurs, but it's the reason that advertisers go all out, trying to put forth their most creative ideas for commercials. With so many people watching, it is a great opportunity to try and sell your product. So while this was the biggest game of the year for the New England Patriots and the St. Louis Rams, it was also the biggest day of the year for companies like Budweiser and Pepsi.

This is one of the only times people will refuse to take a bathroom break during commercials. Since the Super Bowl has ended in lopsided scores more often than not in recent history, the commercials are sometimes the best part of Super Bowl Sunday. Even if the game is long and boring, you can always look forward to the commercials. This year

was no different, but there weren't as many great commercials as in year's past. In fact, there were some commercials that were just awful and painful to watch at times.

Let's start off with the good. It seems like you can always count on Budweiser and other beers of the same company like Bud Light. In year's past we have been treated to such commercial icons as the talking frogs and the "Wuzzzzzzup" guys. And who can forget the momentous "Bud Bowls" that would put Budweiser against Bud Light in epic battles? This year Bud Light commercials were what stuck out in my mind the most. The best commercial of the night involved a guy entertaining some females on his balcony. All of a sudden, a bird comes swooping in and hands the guy a Bud Light. His guests, in awe, ask him to do it again. The guy sends the bird out on another beer run and the bird violently swoops down everywhere in attempts to get its hands on another Bud Light, or so we think. When the bird returns after causing havoc on the streets, he has a surprise for the guy as he drops a bra into his hand instead of the expected Bud Light. Almost unphased by the incident the guy replies, "He's



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Britney Spears and Pepsi

never done that before."

Another amusing Bud Light commercial starts off with the stereotypical male plopped down in front of the television, oblivious to the world. His wife is trying to get him to come upstairs for some "extracurricular activities" by telling him that she's wearing her special teddy and that the satin sheets are on the bed. The guy, almost impassive to the sweet talk, says that he will be upstairs but instead remains engrossed with the television. Then the woman tells him that she has some Bud Light upstairs and the guy sprints upstairs, dives onto the bed, and slides right out the window as he forgot the sheets were satin. These two commercials were arguably the funniest of the night as Budweiser

pulled through, yet again, with a good showing.

The other commercial that stood out was a Charles Schwab commercial for retirement planning. It starts out with home run champion and record holder, Barry Bonds, all by himself on the field hitting homeruns. Then a mysterious voice, a la Field of Dreams, is heard urging Barry to go out on top and to retire. Then Barry, realizing who it was, turns around and yells at Hank Aaron, the current all-time home run leader who Barry Bonds has a shot to beat out before his career is over. It was a very amusing commercial that had all of T5 cracking up.

There were also some definite low points in the commercial breaks. Pepsi, which usually has some decent commercials, has been falling apart lately. They're trying to ride the Britney Spears bandwagon, and have used her as their spokesperson. They chose to show a 90 second marathon spot that just annoyed and bored me to no end. I found myself shaking my head wondering how I could drink Pepsi and feel good about myself after seeing this disgrace of a Super Bowl commercial. The song wasn't

even catchy; it was only an excuse to get Britney on screen with a Pepsi can for 90 seconds. It did nothing to make me want to drink Pepsi. In fact, I was looking for a Coke can to quench my thirst.

But the worst commercial has got to be any Truth.com ad. I am sick and tired of seeing this anti-smoking propaganda on my television screen. I'm not a smoker and don't plan on taking up the habit anytime soon, but these commercials are so annoying and obnoxious that they can probably drive some people to start smoking just to spite the commercials. While these spots pressure smokers to stop, and nonsmokers to abstain from smoking, they're way too forceful. There have also been rumors and ruminations that some of the facts that they claim on the commercials bashing smoking are untrue. One of the Super Bowl ads featured a guy dressed up as a sewer rat holding a sign claiming that cigarettes contain cyanide, just like in rat poison. By now everyone knows how bad cigarettes are. If they still want to smoke anyway, then so be it.

As in most years this year's Super Bowl provided us with a mixed bag of advertisements. If commercials really persuade you

### Lewis Black has a knack for stand up comedy

by CHRISTINA GUZZO  
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Lets face it-sometimes things in life really tick us off. Take, for instance, politics, the weather, or celebrities. Once in a while you may just find yourself shouting

"Oh my God! What the heck were they thinking!?" as you repeatedly bang your head against your desk in sheer frustration. If you are one of these "annoyed by everything" people, look no further for release, you've just found it. His name is Lewis Black, a satirical comedian full of frustration and angst.

Some call him "America's Foremost Commentator on Ev-

erything" and, more informally, some may refer to him as "that angry guy on The Daily Show." No matter what you call him, you've probably seen him on television, and he's probably made you laugh. A graduate of the Yale Drama School, Lewis Black has won many comedic awards, including last year's American Comedy Award for Best Male Stand-Up.

The true spark to Black's humor is his subject matter and, of course, his tone and "short-fused" delivery which sets him apart from other comics. He takes something as ample as bad weather, and turns it into a major earth-shattering crisis. Sweaty, shaking, and screaming, Lewis

Black gets fixed on a particular topic and complains about it until he is nearly out of breath. Through his anger and profuse spitting, he gets his audience mad at life's idiocies and happenings along with him.

After September 11th, some media figures and critics have stated that there could e no place for comedy in this time of crisis. Commenting on this, Black yelled emphatically, "2001 was the year everyone said comedy became obsolete, and irony and sarcasm were dead...and as for irony, as long as Fox news can claim Geraldo Rivera as a war correspondent, irony is alive and well!"

For a dose of bitter raving, you can catch Lewis Black every Wednesday night on The Daily Show on Comedy

Central. Each week, Lewis has his own short segment called "Back in Black" in which he vents his frustrations about current events. He also has two Comedy Central specials which are in rotation every now and then. Plus, you can sometimes see his act on the Conan O'Brien Show.

There are also many opportunities to see Black at his very best: live. He spent a weekend in January cracking up four audiences at the Bananas Comedy Club here in Poughkeepsie, as well as other A-list comedy clubs across America. If you missed him last month, make sure to check Lewis out in Scarsdale, NY at the Bendhelm Performing Arts Center on March 2nd. Why not



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Lewis Black made an appearance here at Marist, entertaining the crowd with his witty comedy.

visit [www.lewisblack.net](http://www.lewisblack.net) for more spite-filled details, and get angry with Lewis, too?

### Marist College students receive national award

by MEGAN LIZOTTE  
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Some people use the drug. Others write about it. Ecstasy surrounds us all.

For Jeff Kuznekoff, Kristin Frye, Brian Campe, Caitlyn Hood and Mike Parsons, their Ecstasy inquisition earned them an award from the National Communication Association (NCA) for the top student-written paper in the nation.

Under the supervision of their professor, Dr. Daniel Cochece

Davis, the group conducted research on the Correlation Between the Communication of the Health Risks of Ecstasy (MDMA) and the Drug's Use Among College Students, for their Communication 200 Research class in fall of 2000.

According to Dr. Davis, this award was the highest scholarly academic award that the Communication program has ever received.

The students compiled their research by distributing surveys on campus to college-aged individuals. In addition to their extensive

research paper, they made a video addressing the dangers of Ecstasy usage along with an informative pamphlet, also illustrating the issue.

Kuznekoff states, "This was a fresh, new topic at the time. It was a great topic because no one had done it before and no one knew that much about the drug."

Founded in 1914, The National Communication Association (NCA) is primarily a scholarly society of professionals. The 7,100 educators, practitioners, and student work enhance the research, teaching and service produced on topics of social and intellectual significance. Staff at the NCA

National Office in Washington D.C. work hard to represent the academic importance of research and communication nationally. NCA sponsors an annual convention, which is the leading channel for the organization's recognition. The conference brings together scholars researching an area of interest to exchange their knowledge.

The group attended this very conference in Atlanta last fall. Total, there were 23 Marist students selected to present their findings at the annual conference. The students' accomplishment was

amazing, considering there were only 40 undergraduate presenters at the conference, out of 4,000! That's quite impressive. Kuznekoff states, "The people with Ph.D's were shocked that there was undergraduate work of such substance."

Recruiters from Graduate Programs all over the country approached the group, astonished by their comprehensive research project. Who knows, they may

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### Billy Joel and Elton John rock on

by **ROB MCGUINNESS**  
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Tearing through an exhaustive, 3 1/2 hour, 33-song set Monday evening at the Hartford Civic Center, Billy Joel and Elton John certainly did not disappoint the sold out crowd of more than 16,000 on the first of their four nights in Hartford.

Opening the show with John's "Your Song," Joel clearly demonstrated that a recent illness, which forced the cancellation of a concert in Boston last week, would not hinder his performance in Hartford. The middle-aged piano men traded verses on "Your Song," Joel's "Just The Way You Are" and on John's "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me," bringing the audience to its feet.

With the initial duets aside, Joel left the stage and John began an 11-song set with his band, which included such highlights as the 13 minute epic-length "Funeral For a Friend/Love Lies Bleeding" and enduring hits such as "Rocket

Man" and "Crocodile Rock." John also included two songs from his most recent album, "Songs from the West Coast," which seemed to draw only polite applause from the 'greatest hits only' audience. In fact, while John played his newest single, "This Train Don't Stop There Anymore," it was obvious that a large number of audience members took the opportunity to visit the concession stand.

John deserves credit, however, for trying to win over an audience that definitely favored his Face-to-Face counterpart. Joel happens to be the most popular indoor performing artist in Connecticut history.

Between songs, John signed numerous autographs and spent substantial amounts of time shaking hands and interacting with those who had the best of the \$146.50 seats.

At the conclusion of John's set, Joel took the stage again and earned an immediate standing ovation, beginning his set with "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant." Joel moved through his own

11-song set, trimming only one song from his usual set ("Miami 2017," probably because it was too high for him to sing), bringing the crowd to its feet after nearly every song. While Joel's voice seemed hoarse and raspy on songs, which included higher notes, such as "Lullabye," the audience didn't seem to care. Joel even played a portion of one of his new classical songs, prior to hammering out the opening notes to "Prelude/Angry Young Man," much to the delight of the crowd.

Both performers were at their best when onstage together, however. John rejoined Joel on stage for an eight-song finale, which included "My Life" and "The B\*\*\*\* is Back." The duo also covered songs written by other artists, namely Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire" and George Harrison's "Here Comes The Sun." The duets were definitely the strongest and most entertaining portions of the evening, and the audience seemed most appreciative when both stars were on stage.

Joel struggled vocally on the first



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Billy Joel and Elton John performed at the Hartford Civic Center last weekend in their sold out performance.

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just have a shot at a fully covered Graduate education!

President Murray held a reception for the scholars. Kuznekoff states, "It was wonderful of him to have something like this for us. It was obvious that he was extremely proud of us."

The group wishes to re-work their video, conduct more research, and collect additional data from student surveys. They are planning to send their paper to the International Communication Association (ICA), and will hopefully be able to present their masterpiece once again, but in San Diego, California.

In closing, Davis states, "This was not only a scholarly accomplishment, but also makes a significant contribution about a problem that has a lot of social importance."

### Slackers offers perfect college humor

by **PAUL LUKASON**  
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Slackers is a surprise treat for the typical college kid. It is by no means an award-worthy movie, but it's very entertaining and funny nonetheless.

Slackers is written by David Steinberg, the guy who wrote the story for the enjoyable American Pie 2. This is also the directorial debut for Dewey Nicks. It shows that he is a newcomer, but this is an admirable first effort into the ever-trashy genre of teen comedy.

The promotional material being used for this movie is very misleading, though. The theatrical trailers along with the television spots do not reveal any plot ideas, and it makes the movie out to be stupid and uninspired. The movie may be stupid and silly, but it did manage to make me laugh and enjoy myself for the time being.

With all the movies out there, one would think that this would be an easy task, but



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Slackers debuted this past weekend.

o contraire.

The movie stars Devon Sawa (Final Destination), Jason Segal (Dead Man on Campus) and Michael Marona (The Adventures of Pete & Pete) as Dave, Sam, and Jeff respectively. These three are the "heroes" of the movie. The three of them are seniors in college who will be graduating soon. They have

where they are is because of their manipulative ways.

The boys staged several events to allow them to do so well in school. All is hunky dory when Dave is seen cheating by Ethan, (Jason Schwartzman of Rushmore). Ethan blackmails Dave, Sam and Jeff, and he proposes that the three of them have to help Ethan get his dream girl. If they refuse, Ethan will tell the ap-

propriate authorities of the cheating scandal. Unwillingly, the three agree, and our beautiful heroine Angela enters (James King of Pearl Harbor).

The story unfolds, and I'm sure some of you can predict what happens. Typical humor, along with some innovative jokes, were used throughout to entertain and stimulate the audience.

Slackers may not be worth the \$8.75, but it's definitely worth a rental at the very least, especially since its target audience is the ever-important 18-25 year olds, or us college kids. If you are in the mood for a good laugh and just a good time, go see Slackers. The humor and enjoyment of watching James King make this film worth your time. If you are just plain sick of teen comedies, wait for Marist TV. I'm hoping that word of mouth helps this movie get into college movie collections around the country.

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We are pleased to announce the winners in the drawing held in December.

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Kate Hyde

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Jennifer Stewart

Special Thanks to Leo Hall, which had 100 percent of their surveys returned.

The Office of Housing & Residential Life will share results of the survey later in the semester.

A look back at a year's worth of great New York sports moments

by SCOTT DESIERE

Ok, so its already February, and the whole looking back at the past year before turning forward to the new year routine is long over with. Tough.

2001 will be remembered for the tragedy of September 11 and the people whose lives it took, and for the heroism showed by members of this country in the face of that tragedy.

The role of sports in 2001 ranged from inconsequential to vital. Inconsequential when compared with the magnitude of destruction and the loss of human life, but vital in the way it gave refuge and release and allowed Americans to cheer, hug, and feel happy, and just as importantly, normal, once again.

For the purpose of sports discussion, particularly in New York, 2001 was filled with incredible moments and intriguing stories. Here are what I deem to be the top ten.

10. Jeff Van Gundy resigns - The Knicks, and New York, lost a great warrior of the coaching ranks. He was never appreciated by his

bosses and never given much of a chance by his peers. All he did in response, was win.

9. Lindros is concussed again - The health of Eric Lindros will dominate the hockey columns in this town for years to come, but, more importantly, it will dictate the place of the Rangers in the standings. Since that concussion, Lindros's play has not been the same and neither has his teams'.

8. World Series, Game 3 - This choice has nothing at all to do with the game itself. It was what happened before the game that made that night special. There, standing on the pitchers mound in the house that Ruth built, was the leader of the free world, George W. Bush, throwing out the first pitch, and by doing so, sending a message to the of the world that was loud and clear, and that message was that you do not mess the United States. You do not mess with freedom. You do not mess with a country whose commander and chief can paint the outside corner

with his fastball.

7. Giants win the NFC Championship - It seems all but forgotten now, but in January of 2001, the Giants did what people all year had been saying they could not. It was not just that they won, but that they completely pummeled Minnesota in a blowout that nobody saw coming. Especially not the Vikings, who clearly have yet to recover.

6. Derek Jeter's Flip - What the shortstop that Mets fans love to hate was doing in no-man's land where Shane Spencer's throw ended up, I will never know. But if it were not for Jeter's phenomenal, purely instinctive play to nail Jeremy Giambi at the plate, New York would have been deprived of some of the greatest World Series games ever.

5. Nets trade for the Kidd who does it all - Prior to the day last summer when the Nets sent Stephon Marbury to the Suns for Jason Kidd, they were nothing. Now that they have this Kidd, they

are a fast breaking, high-flying, scoring machine. Now that they have this Kidd, they are winners. How far they will go remains to be seen, but with this Kidd on-board, anything is possible.

4. World Series, Game 5 - Scott Brosious did the absolutely improbable with his de-ja-vu, two-out game-tying homer off of Byung-Hung Kim. The Yankee Stadium crowd did the absolutely inspirational with its chant of "Paul O'Neil", thanking the man for his all-out effort.

3. World Series, Game 7 - The climax to what may have been the greatest World Series ever, Luis Gonzalez's bloop-hit ended the series in a way many thought unthinkable, with a game-winning rally off of Mariano Rivera.

2. World Series, Game 4 - The greatest game in the world strutted its stuff that night. The gamble to start Schilling, the dramatic two-out, ninth inning homer by Tino Martinez, and the game-winning homerun off of the bat of Derek

Jeter, whom the back pages dubbed Mr. November. It was baseball at its best.

1. Sports Returns to NY for the first time after September 11 - In the first game in NY since the most devastating attack in the history of our country, the Mets and Braves came together and embraced before the game, a gesture that showed us how meaningless sporting events are when weighted against the real emotions of live. Then Mike Piazza's two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth showed us all why we need sports. When Piazza connected and the Mets took the lead, for that moment, we were not victims of a tragedy. We were not grieving. We were cheering. We were baseball fans. We were normal.

Swimming and diving teams fall to Lehigh

by MIKE BENISCHEK  
Staff Writer

In the 1999-00 Season the Marist College men's swimming and diving team lost a match to Lehigh by a count of 159-136. That was the last time it would lose for twenty-one straight matches. That is, however, until they met with Lehigh once again in the team's final regular season match of the 2001-02 Season.

In Bethlehem, Pa., Lehigh de-

feated both the men's and the women's swimming and diving teams by scores of 125.5-117.5 and 151-86, respectively. For the men, it was their first loss of the season, dropping their record to 10-1, while the women sunk to 7-5.

David Dobbins led the way with wins in both the 200 and 500-yard freestyle, setting the Lehigh pool record for the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:41:57. Mathew Castillo took first place in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-

yard butterfly.

Michael Guman, who last year was named ECAC Diver of the Week, took first on both boards winning the one-meter and three-meter dives. For Lehigh, Bing Padmasankha paved the way to victory with wins in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle, and was a part of the first place 400-medley relay team.

Although the women also lost, there were some positives to take out of the meet. Jennifer Meyer,

who was previously named ECAC Swimmer of the Week, won the 50-yard freestyle. Jennifer Gelsomino was victorious in the 200-yard individual medley, and Emily Heslin took first in the 200-yard backstroke. Also, Amber Van De Carr won two diving events, from both the one-meter and the three-meter heights.

Leading the way to victory for Lehigh was Tara Ho, who had first place finishes in both the 200-yard and the 500-yard freestyle, and Lauren Ayres winning the 200-yard butterfly. The loss to Lehigh was their worst of the season, sixty-five points and capped a season ending slide of three games, which has turned a good 7-2 start to the season into a 7-5 final mark.

The next challenge for both the men and women's teams is the Metro Atlantic Athletic League Championships (MAAC), which are set to be held on February 21-23 in Baltimore. The men will be looking to win their seventh straight MAAC Championship in as many years in the league, while the women will be looking to return to the pinnacle of the league after Rider stopped their streak of four straight titles last season.

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winners of its last five games and nine of its last 10.

Felicia Harris is fifth in the league in scoring, averaging over 17 points per game. The Peahens also boast the best scoring defense in the league, allowing a mere 61.4 points per contest.

Marist is in seventh place in the MAAC, but within striking distance of the top of the league.

Top competition prepares men's tennis team for conference play

by PAUL SEACH  
Staff Writer

The Marist College tennis team is starting off the spring semester with high expectations, looking to capture its fourth consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title.

On January 26, the team competed in the Harvard Winter Classic. The Tournament hosted eight schools, including Ivy Leaguers Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, and Brown. Top players Pat Hofer, Mike Sowter, Martin Aldorsson, and David Slater represented the Red Foxes. The meet was a challenging one for the team, with David Slater and Martin Aldorsson taking the competitive teams of the Ivy League to 3 set matches.

Head Coach Tim Smith was pleased with the opportunity his players had in the Classic.

"(It allowed) us to expose our players to top flight competition to get ready for the upcoming season," he said. "These matches were a good tune-up for our meet coming up this weekend at the Cornell Invitational."

At Cornell, Marist will be facing off against host Cornell University, the University of Massachusetts, St. Bonaventure, and Binghamton.

After the Cornell meet on February 9, the Red Foxes will play at the University of Vermont the following weekend. Other matches include a meet at Boston College and a match against MAAC foe St. Peters.

Following the St. Peter's match, the team will head off to Scottsdale, Az. for 9 days training to get them ready for big matches in Arizona and California, according to Smith.

"The combination of talent, training and competitive schedule

places us in a much higher bracket than other MAAC schools," says Smith. "We train harder, drill harder and we travel to competitive matches culminating in a major trip to Arizona and California."

As for the upcoming season, Smith is very excited, but also expects a lot from his team, and they expect a lot out of themselves.

"We would be extremely disappointed if we did not win our fourth consecutive MAAC title and stomp into the NCAA."

Besides winning the MAAC, the team also strives to maintain one goal they have achieved, the highest combined GPA in the MAAC. Smith was elated over the fact that his team's GPA is the highest in the conference. Having a collective GPA of just under a 3.5 the team has a chance at being selected for the Verizon All Academic Team needing a GPA of 3.2 to be eligible.

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men have qualified for any IC4A event.

"It was nice getting those qualifying marks out of the way early in the season so the guys can chase other individual goals," Colaizzo said.

Senior Liza Grudzinski's 5,000-meter performance of 17:36.12 met the ECAC qualifying standards.

The men and women's teams travel to Boston this weekend for the St. Valentine's Invitational.

Crew teams win MAAC Championship

For the fourth time since joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, the men and women's crew teams captured the 2001 MAAC Rowing Championship.

Both teams were honored at half-time of the Marist/Fairfield basketball game on January 26. As part of the ceremony, a new crew shell was dedicated to the program. The shell is dedicated in the memory of Eileen Hickey, a 1994 alumna of Marist College an integral part of the rowing heritage in the Hudson Valley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/9--Men's Tennis

Cornell Invitational  
@Ithaca, NY

2/10--Women's Basketball  
vs. St. Peters, 2p.m.

2/11--Men's Basketball  
vs. Canisius, 7:30p.m.

2/14--Women's Basketball  
@Loyola, 7p.m.

2/14--Men's Basketball  
@Fairfield, 8p.m.

## Athletes of the Week

Brandon Ellerbee was named MAAC Co-Rookie of the Week. Ellerbee averaged 11.5 points.

Mike Nehr broke the school record for the mile at 4:15.23, breaking the previous record by almost three seconds

## Stat of the Week

Marist is third in the MAAC in average home attendance, with an average of 2453 fans per game behind only Siena and Fairfield who play in arenas

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## Men's basketball leads MAAC after Loyola sweep

by SCOTT MONTESANO  
Staff Writer

The Marist College men's basketball team used a 14-0 run in the first half, and a game-high 17 points from senior Sean Kennedy to route Loyola (Md.) College 85-50 February 3 at the Reitz Arena.

Marist's win completed a two game sweep of the Greyhounds. The Foxes struggled, but held on to beat Loyola at the McCann Center January 30.

However, unlike the first meeting, Marist had little trouble against the young Greyhounds this time around.

After Loyola jumped out to an early 9-5 lead, Marist went on a 14-0 run and never looked back. Loyola cut the deficit to 24-18 late in the half, but the Foxes outscored the Greyhounds 12-4 over the last 6:27 to build a 14-point halftime lead.

Marist iced the game with a 15-0 run in the second half with seven of the points coming from Kennedy.

In addition to his 17 points, Kennedy added six assists in 35 minutes. Kennedy leads the MAAC in assists, averaging 7.11 per game. As a team, Marist leads the MAAC in assists with 15 per game.

The victory over Loyola was typical of many of the Foxes' games all

season, with most the team contributing.

Junior Nick Eppheimer, who has put a shooting slump in December behind him, finished with 16 points. Sophomore Dennis Young continued his maturation into an everyday player with eight rebounds.

Senior Matt Tullis added four blocked shots and ten points after coming off the bench. This was the third game in a row that Tullis was not in the center position, as sophomore Steve Castleberry has apparently taken over that role.

Handicapped with foul trouble, Castleberry scored eight points in ten minutes.

Every Marist player that dressed for the contest scored. Walk-on reserves, sophomore Eric Sosler and junior Brendan Copes, each scored two points in the final three minutes.

Marist entered the game as the league's worst three-point defending team, but that did not help Loyola, which went 0-13 behind the arc.

Overall, the Greyhounds shot just .310 from the field.

The 35-point victory margin was the largest of the season for the Foxes. On the other hand, the loss was the worst in seven years for Loyola.

Marist has now won seven straight over Loyola College.

The win improved the Foxes' record to 15-6 overall and 9-3 in

MAAC play. Marist was tied with Rider for first place as of February 5.

In Sunday's win, freshman guard Brandon Ellerbee tied a career-high with 14 points. This performance, along with a nine-point effort in the first meeting with Loyola earned the Plano, TX native co-rookie of the week honors in the MAAC.

After missing the first game of the season due to an undisclosed team violation, Ellerbee has turned into an apprentice to senior point guard Sean Kennedy. Ellerbee is averaging 5.7 points in 16 minutes of play per game. From the floor he is shooting .480, including .370 from beyond the three-point arc.

Ellerbee's hot shooting from three-point territory is the norm on a team that has lived and died by the perimeter shot all season. Marist leads the league in three-pointers made, averaging 7.33 per game.

The three-point shooting helps to cover up a glaring weakness at the post positions. The Foxes' Achilles heel remains rebounding, where Marist is towards the bottom in the MAAC in rebounding margin.

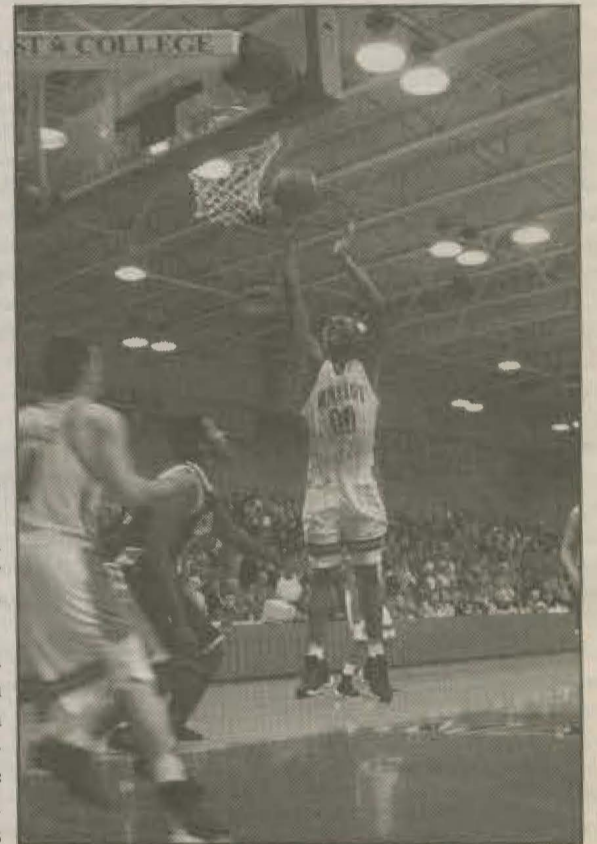
However, Marist was able to handle larger teams such as Fairfield and Iona in January.

Marist returns home on February 11 versus Canisius at 7:30pm.

At the time the newspaper went to press, Marist was tied with Rider

for first place in the MAAC, but the Red Foxes hold the advantage in head-to-head competition.

The Red Foxes are currently third in the MAAC in attendance. Marist is averaging 2,404 at the 3,000-seat McCann Center through 10 home dates. Fairfield and Siena, which each play in sizeable arenas, lead the Red Foxes. St. Peter's is drawing a league low 526 per game.



PHOTOCREDIT/Taylor Rogers  
Dennis Young grabs a rebound against Loyola. Young grabbed 13 rebounds and added 13 points in the Red Foxes home victory.

## Marist track teams impressive at Metropolitan Championships

by ROB MCGUINNESS  
Staff Writer

The Marist men's and women's track teams made a strong debut in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track and Field Championships Sunday, setting a total of six school records at the Armory Track and Field Center in Manhattan.

Running amidst a highly competitive field, senior Mike Nehr shattered the school record in the mile, finishing 11th with a time of 4:15.23. Nehr's performance was nearly three seconds faster than the previous record (4:18.21), set in 1998 by Ben Hefferon ('99).

Nehr would return later in the meet to run the third leg of the record setting 4x800-meter relay, which placed sixth in 7:55.43, a second faster than the previous record (7:56.44) set in 1984. Pat Driscoll, Brian Perrella and 1,000-meter school record holder Chris McCloskey were the other members of the relay.

McCloskey broke his own record in the 1,000, with a time of 2:30.02.

Men's coach Pete Colaizzo was impressed with the efforts of

McCloskey and Nehr, especially since both competed in more than one event.

"Mike and Chris showed a tremendous amount of poise and heart in doubling back in that relay and getting the school record for the team, especially after record runs earlier in the meet," Colaizzo said. "They really got the job done."

Also establishing a new school record was sophomore Eli Bisnett-Cobb, who placed fifth in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 7 inches. Bisnett-Cobb, Tim Murphy and Joe Parizo shared the previous record of 6 feet, 6 inches. Over the course of the last year, Bisnett-Cobb has broken school records in the 55-meter hurdles, 110-meter hurdles, and also holds the outdoor track high jump record.

"Eli has progressed steadily in his time here and he is truly one of the most valuable members of our team," Colaizzo said. "He works hard at his events and it shows."

In the women's events, freshman Alison Keller set a record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.22 seconds and junior Sue Golden broke her own school record in the

1000-meter run, finishing in 2:57.97.

**RED FOXES QUALIFY FOR IC4A/ECAC:** Strong performances at the Boston's Terrier Classic in January earned several Marist athletes the opportunity to compete at the IC4A/ECAC championships in March.

Competing against runners from Stanford University and the Nike Farm Team, Nehr met the qualifying standards for the 3,000-meter run, placing 14th overall with a school record time of 8:24.42. This marks the second straight year in which Nehr has qualified for the IC4A championships and broken the 3,000-meter school record.

"Mikey held his own against some of the best runners in the country," Colaizzo said. "He ran smart, he ran tough and he improved on his own very difficult school record."

Also among the qualifiers was the distance medley relay team of McCloskey, Perrella, Driscoll and Nehr, which finished sixth in 10:16.91. The Terrier Classic marked the earliest that any Marist

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## Women's hoops drops fifth straight MAAC contest

by PETER PALMIERI  
Sports Editor

For the third time this season, the Marist College women's basketball team lost to a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opponent that it had beaten in the first meeting of the season.

On Tuesday, the Red Foxes fell to Fairfield 75-68 in overtime. The teams first met in January with Marist winning by 14. The team defeated Niagara and Manhattan in the first meetings of the season, but later fell to the two opponents in the second contest.

Sophomore Stephanie Del Preore recorded a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds and senior Diesa Seidel added a game-high 21 points, but no other Red Fox reached double figures.

Marist took an eight-point lead into halftime, and increased that lead to 12 with 15:37 left to play, but Fairfield was able to tie that game at 57 with just over four min-

utes left to play in the contest.

Ayanna Brown led the Stags with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Schrene Isidora added 16 points, including her 1,000th career point.

Fairfield shot over .438 from the floor in the second half compared to only .333 from Marist. Fairfield outscored Marist 14-7 in overtime.

The loss was the fifth MAAC loss in a row for Marist and seventh in the last eight games and dropped the team to 5-8 in the MAAC (9-13 overall).

Marist will square off against St. Peter's on Sunday at the McCann Center. In the previous meeting between the two teams the Peahens won by 27 points. Seidel was the only Marist player to record double digits with eleven points. Marist also turned the ball over 20 times compared to only six by St. Peter's.

St. Peter's comes into the game with an 11-2 MAAC record and See...Hoops, 11

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