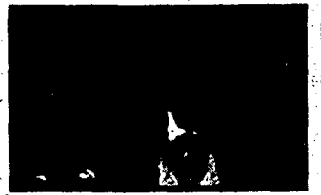


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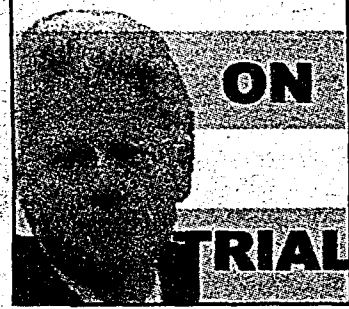
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Campus reacts to White House scandal

by KATHLEEN MOYLAN
Staff Writer

Since the Clinton scandal broke last January, opinions on whether President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office or not, have contrasted drastically from one individual to the next.

More than a year later, the questions at hand still lack an-

swers and public interest in the issue has dwindled considerably.

A recent CBS News/ New York Times Poll said American citizens are tired of hearing about the impeachment hearings and feel that removing the President from office is unnecessary.

The situation at Marist is no different than that of the rest of the country.

Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist Institute of Public Opinion, confirmed the public's growing disinterest with the issue.

"The public clearly thinks President Clinton acted illegally, but they also feel this is not something he should be removed from office for," he said.

Sophomore Lynne Gilfeather is in favor of keeping the President in office.

"I feel he has been doing a good job with his position," Gilfeather said.

Fellow sophomore John Wells agreed with Gilfeather.

"By impeaching Clinton you're punishing the country," he said. "He's done a tremendous job politically."

Martin Shaffer, assistant professor of political science, said ... please see **IMPEACH**, pg. 4

College expansion is only just beginning

by TARA QUINN
Staff Writer

Construction on the Marist campus will continue into the beginning of the next century.

The extent of Marist's construction plans goes beyond the visible benchmarks of the new library and humanities building. Marist also plans to build more housing along with tennis courts and a student center on West Cedar Street. The prospective site is at 35 West Cedar Street, located 500 feet up the road from the newest housing.

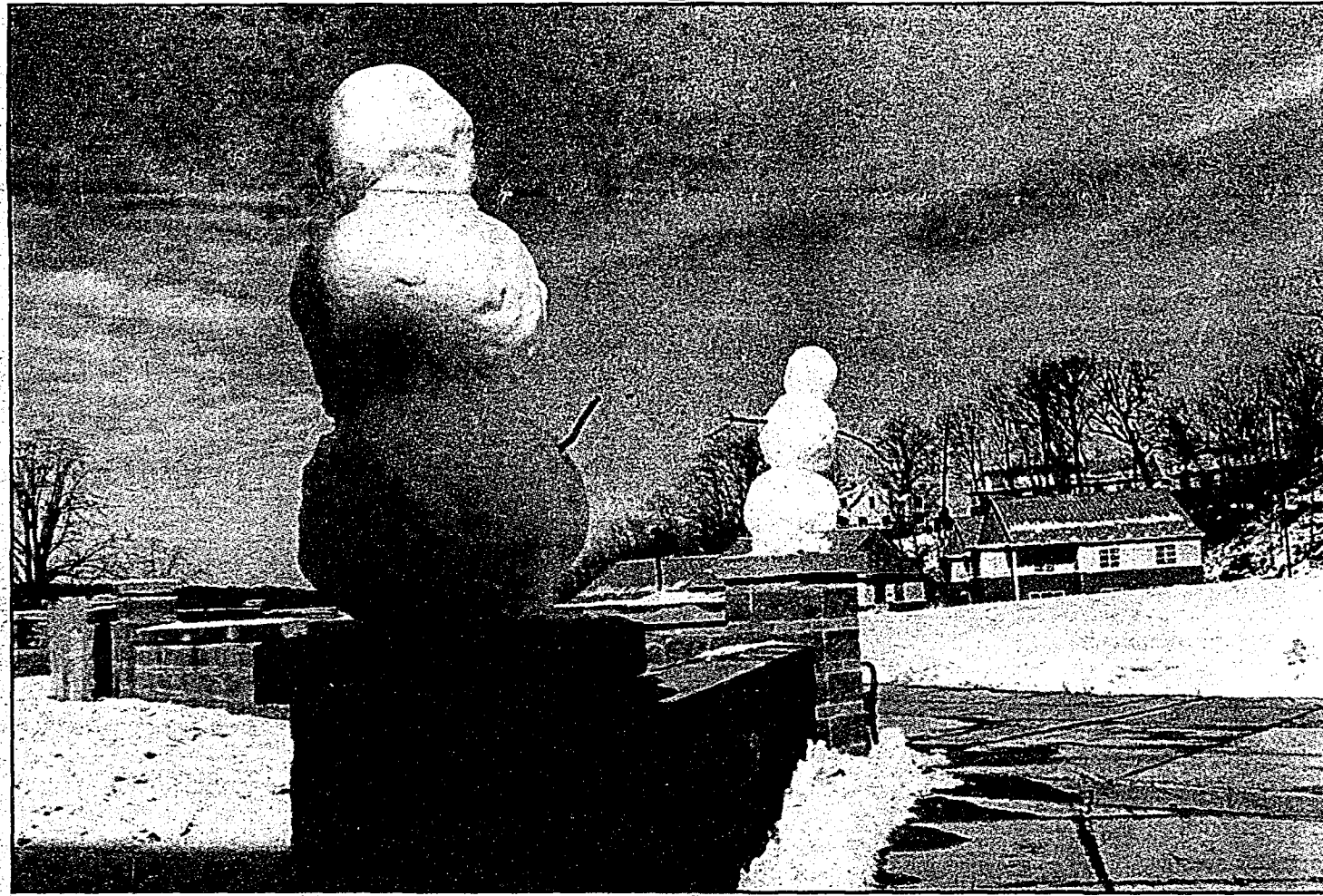
Tom Daly, director of physical plant, said the new housing will be a major undertaking.

"There would be six buildings with two hundred parking spaces and six tennis courts, one of which will be a championship court with bleachers to host games," he said.

The six buildings will house 230 students, with 10 beds for RAs and RDs. One of the dorms will house a student center,

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Snow removal gets complaints



Circle photo/Joe Scott

These snowmen have a great view of the Hudson from where they are perched. Snow storms hindered college activities over winter intercession. Many students were hoping this past storm would delay classes, but it was business as usual.

by THEA CIMMINO
Staff Writer

The fresh glistening snow complemented Marist's country style campus, but proved to be a hassle for staff and students.

Two severe winter storms plagued the Poughkeepsie area over semester break accumulating approximately six inches of snow within ten days. The college shut down twice due to the hazardous snow and ice conditions.

Some students on campus during winter intercession had difficulty getting around.

Former Marian Hall resident assistant, Gene Antico, said

some walkways were not sufficiently cleared.

"They didn't plow the walkway between Champagnat and Leo," he said. "The fact that I had to go on rounds and trudge through the snow didn't make life easy."

Graduate student, X. Jeffery Sanford, said some locations were slippery.

"During break, the sidewalks behind the buildings, like Champagnat, were not clean," he said. "It was very icy."

Tom Daly, director of physical plant, was unavailable for comment.

Ralph Short, grounds supervisor, said these were severe ice

storms.

"An ice storm is ten times worse than a snow storm," he said. "There were one to two and a half inches of ice in some spots around campus."

According to Short, the snow that fell during these storms was almost impossible to clear due to the icy base it fell on.

Short said clearing procedures vary.

"It all depends on each storm," Short said. "If the guys are on campus, they start plowing right away. If not, Security will call when they feel it becomes dangerous."

Almost one month later, remnants of the storms continue to

inconvenience campus residents.

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Do you plan on voting in the coming Student government elections?

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This is an unscientific survey taken from 100 Marist students.

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Events In The Area

Unison Arts and Learning Center

Unison Arts and Learning Center is offering Advanced Beginner Swing Dance Classes with Eric Hollman. Lessons will take place Thursday evenings from Feb. 18th through March 11th, from 7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. The cost is \$40 for non-members. Call Unison at 255-1559 to pre-register and for more information. Unison is a non-profit, multi-arts center located at 68 Mountain Rest Road in New Paltz.

Defensive Driving is being offered with Patrick Paul on Sunday Feb. 14th, Sunday April 25th, and Saturday June 5th. Lessons will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$37 for non-members who pre-register and \$42 at the door. This NYS Point and Insurance Reduction Program is a course given for safety and savings approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles. The course is a driving knowledge refresher that can save drivers 10% off Collision and Liability insurance for three years and reduce four points off your driving record.

An on-going Yoga class for beginners is being offered Tuesday evenings from Jan. 5th to June 29th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The class is being taught by Deborah Medenbach, a certified teacher through The Yoga Institute in Houston. The cost is \$12 for non-members in individual classes and \$45 for each monthly series.

Dutchess County Happenings

"Lost in Yonkers" will be on stage at the County Players in Wappingers Falls, Feb. 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20. More information, call 298-1491.

Student Programming Council

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and 1986 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, will speak at Marist College next month. "An Evening with Elie Wiesel" will take place Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the James J. McCann Recreation Center on the Marist campus. It is open to the public.

The Marist Student Programming Council is sponsoring Wiesel's appearance as part of its ongoing Peace and Social Justice Series.

Wiesel, a native of Sighet, Transylvania (Romania), was deported by the Nazis to Auschwitz at the age of 15. In 1958, he broke the silence about his trials and tribulations he encountered in the death camps through the book *Night*. Since then, *Night* has been translated into 25 languages and millions of copies have been sold. Mr. Wiesel has spent much of his adult life working on behalf of the oppressed, defending human rights, and promoting peace throughout the world.

Tickets go on sale Feb. 16. Ticket prices are \$4 for Marist students, \$8 for students from other colleges and area schools, and \$10 for the general public. All tickets are general admission and there will be no refunds or exchanges. Tickets can be purchased at the College Activities Office on the third floor of the Marist Student Center. Parking is limited and carpooling is recommended.

For further information, call the Marist College Activities Office at (914) 575-3279.

Security Briefs

—compiled by Scott Neville

A 1999 Toyota was "keyed" while parked in the West Cedar Parking Lot Wednesday, Feb. 3. The vandalism was reported the following day.

Gartland "E" Block residents evacuated Thursday, Feb. 4 because of another case of burnt food.

Friday, Feb. 5, a smoky aroma was reported on Champagnat's 7th floor. Security was alerted and found the source of the scent in a resident's room, where she was burning pictures and memorabilia of a former male friend. No damage was reported and the fire alarms were not triggered.

A female Marist Hall resident passed her card to an unauthorized guest after swiping into the building Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2:18 a.m. The entry officer caught the two and they were reported to the RD on duty. Security escorted the guest off campus, accompanied by the resident.

A Mid-Rise resident verbally abused the RD on duty while in the Marian Hall entryway, after being told his friend could not be issued a guest pass at 11:04 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6. Marian Hall's entry officer asked the student to apologize, and the RD acquired his identification when he proceeded to be rude. Security was notified and escorted the guest off campus.

A red substance resembling Jell-O was smeared on the walls of Champagnat's 9th Floor Sunday Feb. 7. The vandalism was reported at 4:10 a.m.

Three large bulbs, including their globular encasements, were smashed in the first stair-

well leading to Mid-Rise's ground floor. The vandalism was reported in the evening of Saturday, Feb. 7.

Leo Hall residents were caught doing "doughnuts" in a green Volkswagen Jetta in the snow-coated McCann Center Parking Lot Monday, Feb. 8 at 1:08 a.m.

Clubs interested in publicizing meetings and events may submit to our club bulletin board. Please drop off submissions in the envelope on our door, LT 211B. Thanks!!

Internships available in Congressman's office

U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is currently seeking interns for his Kingston office for the spring and summer semesters. While the positions are unpaid, they should provide valuable work experience and give participants a first-hand look at the inner workings of government. Interns must be enrolled in an educational program and may be able to receive academic credit for the work.

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Hinchey

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World Briefs

New King for Jordan

Just having gotten over the shock of his father's death, King Abdullah II was sworn in Sunday, before the Jordanian parliament. After the brief ceremony, in which Abdullah pledged his allegiance to Jordan's constitution, he greeted each of his new parliamentary leaders individually.

Later on in the day, in a royal decree, Abdullah named his half brother Prince Hamza as Jordan's Crown Prince.

His father, King Hussein was laid to rest on Monday, after a long bout with cancer. His body was wrapped in a white shroud and lifted to his grave by his sons.

Pope questions birth rate

Dismayed by low birth rates, Pope John Paul on Sunday blamed selfishness by couples and scarce jobs and housing for the widespread reluctance to have children.

John Paul said he hoped that the advent of the new millennium would awaken in couples the "great vocation of fatherhood and motherhood" and would push public authorities to "create an environment ever more favorable to the birth of new lives."

Survivors may settle

A senior German official and the chief of that country's biggest bank met with Holocaust survivors and U.S. officials on Monday to discuss a reparations plan that would settle all outstanding Holocaust and slave labor claims.

German chancellor minister Bodo Hombach met with Israel Singer, Secretary-General of the World Jewish Congress, and other survivors' groups at 11 a.m. Monday, followed by a 4 p.m. meeting with U.S. Under Secretary of State Stuart Eizenstat. German embassy officials said.

Peace efforts tough

Each side at the Kosovo peace talks on Monday presented demands that would be impossible for the other to meet without substantial changes in their basic principles in the ongoing dispute over the troubled Serbian province.

Serb and ethnic Albanian negotiators pressed their demands Monday, as talks aimed at bringing peace to Kosovo entered their second full day in France.

—compiled by Patrick Kempf

Alarm installation limits Mid-Rise door usage

by JESSICA SMITH
Staff Writer

A slight change has gone into effect concerning the first floor doors in Mid-Rise hall recently.

An alarm system has been installed to increase security and aid in fire safety, said Al Hammell, Mid-Rise resident director.

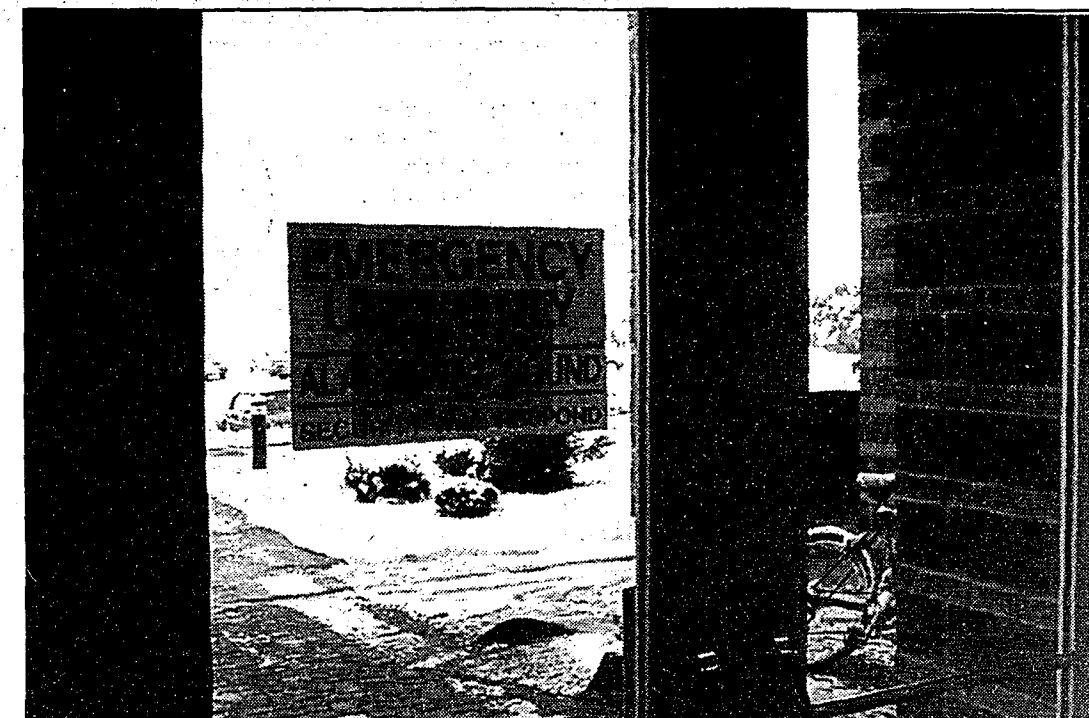
"There are not really any changes," he said. "Students have the same access as before."

The situation with the doors is basically the same as it has been. Between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. students can enter or exit the building through the doors by swiping their Marist ID card. Now, with the revisions, the swiping causes a delay on the door that disables the alarm system.

Before 3 p.m., anyone who attempts to use the doors without swiping an ID will cause the alarm to sound, Hammell said.

After 3 p.m., the alarm will be set off regardless of an ID being used or not.

The doors are now considered fire doors. The mag locks are not activated from the inside. In the event of a fire, residents will exit the building in the same way



Circle file photo

An alarm system added to the Mid-Rise first floor door is to increase security and fire safety.

as before. The doors are fire safety equipped.

Hammell said he doesn't foresee any problems because of the addition of the alarm on the doors. On move-in and move-out days, the doors will probably remain propped open as they have in the past.

Anne Morales, sophomore

Mid-Rise resident, said that she also doesn't think it will cause any major problems.

"At first I misunderstood and thought that we couldn't use the doors at all and it would be a big inconvenience," she said. "But now that I know we can use them, it really isn't a big deal."

Lauren Montemurro, also a sophomore resident, said that while she did not see any particular problems arising, she felt that the alarm really wasn't necessary.

"I don't think that there should be an alarm, none of the other buildings, like Champagnat, have alarms on them," she said.

Player expected to return to court after suspension

by JEFF DAHNCKE
Staff Writer

After nearly four weeks of uncertainty, the Marist mens basketball team finally knows when junior forward Tomasz Cielebak will return to action.

Last Wednesday the NCAA penalized Cielebak, suspending him for 11 games for violating his amateur status by playing for a Polish club team.

Since he already missed six games after being ruled ineligible by Marist athletic officials, the NCAA decision will force him to miss five more games. He will return for the final contest of the regular season against Fairfield on Feb. 20.

When asked to comment on the decision, Cielebak said that he has been instructed by athletic officials not to talk about the case.

Head coach Dave Magarity said Cielebak was upset with the penalty.

"His first reaction was very, very disappointed," Magarity told the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. "I think he had hoped that maybe it would have been over and they would have let it go at six."

Although it did not go at six, the penalty was a lot less severe than it could have been. The original punishment that the NCAA was prepared to issue was a 27 game suspension, which was reduced after an appeal.

Sean Morrison, assistant athletic director for external affairs, said that, although the athletic department hoped for a penalty of time already served, there was a sense of accomplishment

in the appeal.

"There was confidence that we would (get the suspension reduced)," he said. "You would rather have him back in 11 games than 27. The penalty assessed is certainly better (than the original penalty)."

It is not known exactly how many games he played for Zepher Slask, the club team Cielebak played for in Poland. But in past cases similar to these, a player was suspended one game for each game he played in violation of NCAA regulations.

Marist learned of the penalty last Wednesday during a conference call with the NCAA Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee. Participants in the call included athletic director Tim Murray and Cielebak, who answered questions for the committee.

The call lasted about an hour, and then the reinstatement committee met to reach a decision.

Murray told the *Poughkeepsie Journal* that he was a little upset with the decision. Athletic officials had hoped that the six games Cielebak sat out before the NCAA ruling would be a sufficient sanction.

As to why this problem arose in the first place, Murray said that the athletic department accepts full responsibility.

"I think it was just a

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he agrees with the majority of the public's feelings on the issue.

"I do not think the crimes the President is charged with warrant impeachment or removal from office," he said.

The charges against the President, which are being argued by the Senate, include perjury and obstruction of justice.

Along with differing opinions on whether the President should be removed from office or not, there are also contrasting opinions as to what exactly the President is on trial for.

Gilfeather said she does not agree with how the trial is progressing.

"Right now I feel that the President is on trial for perjury," she said. "However, I feel that calling Lewinsky, Jordan and Blumenthal as witnesses will make it appear that the President is on trial for having an affair."

Gilfeather also said she does

not believe that by calling them as witnesses any new information will be uncovered.

Miringoff agreed with Gilfeather and went on to say that he does not believe the witnesses will in fact be called to testify.

Wells disagreed on this particular aspect of the story. Wells said he felt that calling Lewinsky, Jordan and Blumenthal would be harmful to the President.

"I'm sure that if they call them as witnesses the Republicans will be able to dig something else up to hurt the President's case," he said.

Opinions at Marist as to whether or not the Senate actually will remove the President from office remain split right down the middle.

Miringoff commented that even if all of the Republicans vote in favor of his removal from office, they would still need 12 votes from the Democrats.

"It just doesn't seem likely that he will be removed," he said.

S N O W :
New storm adds to piles

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Director of security, Joe Leary, said some areas on campus are still snow ridden.

"The fact that there are snow piles around campus is hard to deny," Leary said.

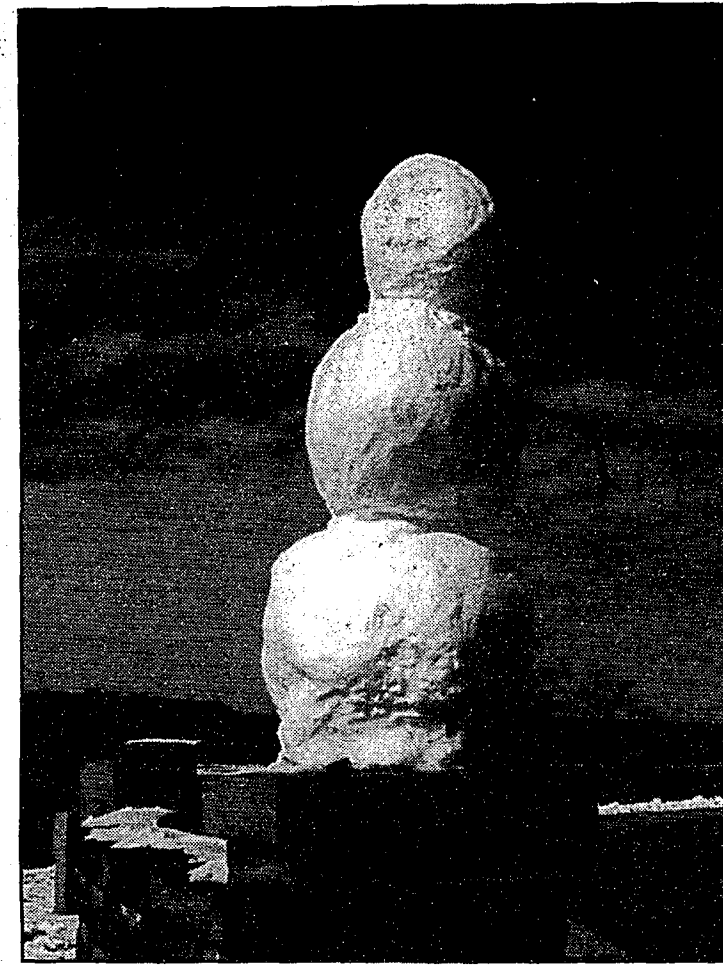
Most of the snow piles are located in and around campus parking areas. In some lots, such as the River View parking area, the snow mounds overflow off the islands making it impossible to park in the spaces adjacent to the islands.

This situation creates the problem of insufficient parking accommodations. Several students possessing parking permits for specific lots find it difficult to attain an available designated parking space.

Leary said there is limited parking available in these situations.

"Alternate parking lots; we don't have that luxury," he said. Short said they have used alternate means of clearing lots in previous years.

"In past years when we've had



Circle photo/Joe Scott

Recent snow storms further complicate icy conditions.

severe winters, Security and I have worked together to close lots and then clear them," he

said. That procedure has not yet been used this year.

CIELEBAK: Department to reevaluate procedures

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combination of things that just didn't work the way they should have," he said. "The committee found that at no time did Tomasz or the basketball staff or athletic staff willingly withhold or mislead with information."

This is not the first time the

Marist basketball program has been investigated by the NCAA. In 1986, the NCAA suspended three players, including current Indiana Pacer Rik Smits, for 6-7 games.

That penalty stemmed from alleged recruiting violations. As a result, the Foxes were banned

from postseason play for the 1988 and 1989 seasons.

This is the first violation that occurred while Magarity was the head coach.

Morrison said the athletic department is reevaluating its current procedures regarding foreign players to keep such a violation from occurring again.

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Valentine's
Day not just
a day of giftsby CHRISTY BARR
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day will once again be celebrated on Feb. 14, a tradition which has gone on for centuries.

While there are varying stories on exactly how Valentine's Day began, all of the stories hold St. Valentine as the creator.

Some say that Valentine's Day originated when St. Valentine was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. It is said that on the day he died, Feb. 14, AD 269, he left a farewell note for his friend and signed it "From your Valentine."

Others say that St. Valentine served as a priest at a temple during the reign of Emperor Claudis, and Claudis had him jailed for defiance. In AD 496

Pope Gelasius set aside Feb. 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, Feb. 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.

Here in the United States, it is Miss Esther Howland who is given credit for sending the first valentines in the 1800s, and today the date is very commercialized.

However it originated, Valentine's day is a popular day for couples everywhere.

The day is often marked with couples exchanging gifts such as flowers and candy. It also includes children sending cards to each other in schools everywhere.

Here at Marist, many students have stories of Valentine's Day that were memorable.

Sophomore Dennis McManis said he bought his old girlfriend of one year a dozen roses and took her to a romantic candlelit dinner on the river. "I took her out to dinner at this

nice restaurant that overlooked the river; we had a great time," he said. Kimberly Davis, also a sophomore, said her best Valentine's Day was when her now ex-boy-

friend first asked her out. "We were seniors in high school and it was on Valentine's Day when he brought me a single red rose and asked me out," she said.



Unique gift ideas for Valentine's Day

by JILL GIOCONDO
Staff Writer

The appearance of candy hearts and red and pink decorations in store windows fill many with the feelings of Valentines Day.

For others, the appearance of these displays is the start of the anxiety of finding that perfect present.

Many avoid the whole search for the perfect gift by going with the traditional, others are looking for something unique, and many are just looking for something they can afford on a college budget.

Almost 1 million pounds of candy were sold in 1998 for Valentine's Day making it one of the most popular traditional gifts. Other traditional gifts given were flowers, jewelry, stuffed animals, and lingerie.

Donna Protuse, sales person at Gertrude Hawk in the Galleria Mall, said many people have been coming in to buy chocolate for Valentine's Day.

"The one pound box of chocolates and the filled hearts are the most popular items," she said.

While many of the traditional gifts work as ideas for guys to give their girlfriends, many girls are also often stumped.

One suggestion is to think of his favorite sports team, hobby, or movie and come up with a gift idea from there. Another possibility is buying him that new video or computer game that he keeps talking about.

Paula Parker, sales person at

Cecilia's Hallmark in South Hills Mall, said the traditional items are usually the most popular.

"We have sold a lot of plush, cards and candy," she said. "Everybody has been sticking to the traditional and no one seems to really deviate from those items."

For those looking to be more creative, try recreating your first date. Rent the first movie you ever saw together and curl up together for a night in, or do something that the two of you have always meant to do or something that has always been a unique part of your relationship.

After another semester of paying tuition and buying books many students are in need of creative inexpensive ideas for Valentine's Day. Cook dinner for your boyfriend or girlfriend. It doesn't have to be a Martha Stewart dinner either; even "mac and cheese" can be romantic by candlelight.

Another idea is to combine your creative energies with your college budget and create Love Coupons, IOUs for dinners out, walks, etc., or Romance Labels in a Jar.

For those less creative www.happyvalentinesday.com has a great web page with these ideas and how to create them.

Another inexpensive idea is to gather up favorite pictures of the two of you and create a scrapbook or put your favorite picture in a frame.

People in long distance relationships are also searching for a perfect present. Many are able

to see their significant others but some spend the day apart.

If you are spending Valentine's Day in a separate place, make cute care packages for each other with various items such as mix tapes, candy, letters, phone cards (long distance phone calls aren't cheap)

and whatever else you wish to send to them.

Decorate the boxes with drawings or stickers and then send them to each other and agree to open them on Valentine's Day when you call each other.

The most important thing to remember in choosing a

Valentine's Day present is choose something not for how much it is worth but for what it will mean to your valentine.

Keep Valentine's Day in perspective. It is one day a year and there are 364 other days of the year to express how much that person means to you.

Advice for long distance relationships

by SARAH DYKEMAN
Staff Writer

True or False: Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

Some couples are up against one of the biggest problems relationships face - distance. Maybe you find yourself in a long distance relationship, where you are finding it to be one of the toughest situations in your life.

Distance becomes a battle, leaving you and your sweetheart standing with shields. Soon you start running up huge phone bills and travelling to meet. Of course, when you do see each other, it's moments of elation, followed by missing as soon as you are apart.

Living far apart is ideal for creating the in-love feeling. Being in love is filled with yearning for the loved one, missing him or her, and fantasizing about where they are and what they are doing.

So, unfortunately, the situation is perfect for encouraging

you to feel in love, but terrible for really finding out if you and your loved one are meant to be together forever.

Essentially, relationships need to be capable of surviving separations. If the relationship is strong, it will survive, leaving absence only to make the heart grow fonder.

Two important factors in keeping a long distance relationship alive are trust and communication.

Learn to trust each other and communicate any way possible. As college students, you may find it almost impossible to keep up on phone bills and transportation to keep in touch with the one you love.

Although, there are ways to cope with the empty wallet blues. Phone cards are a great way to lay off on your phone bills.

Instead of that new sweater or playstation game that you wanted for your birthday, ask for phone cards instead.

Stack up on stationary, and of course there is always the con-

venient email. Meeting each other half way when travelling to see one another, is also an idea.

Above all, when communicating with the one you love, let them know you care. It is hard enough being separated by distance, but even harder if separated by heart. Long distance relationships are not one-sided; it takes two hearts and two souls to function.

This Valentine's Day may be one of the hardest days of the year to be away from the one you love.

If you and your sweetheart are not able to spend this day together, know that this is not the end of the world. Make your sweetheart know that he or she is loved, even in distance. Send flowers, cards or perhaps a poem declaring how you feel about the person. Something from the heart will cure the feeling of absence and misery of being apart.

"Absence is to love, what wind is to fire; it extinguishes the small and enkindles the great." - Unknown

Getting to know Crissy Esposito



Esposito, junior accounting major from Valley Cottage, N.Y. and president of Alpha Sigma Tau.

How would you describe yourself? Laid-back, very idealistic and optimistic, truthful, and genuine. I have a lot of faith in myself and good self-esteem. It may be bold of me, but I know I'm a cool person. I always look for the brighter side and try to help everyone see it too.

What makes you happy? Simple things make me happy, like the Marist sky—the colors are always amazing. Also, just sitting around, laughing and having a great conversation could put me in a phenomenal mood.

What do you fear? I fear not having faith in myself and not having faith in my decisions. I am comfortable being alone with myself, but I fear being lonely. Another fear is having to pretend I'm something else to please somebody else.

What would be your perfect day? Waking up when I want to and actually being refreshed, then having something I am excited about to look forward to. Anything with my friends and sisters where we are all in the greatest moods would be perfect.

What would be your dream job? Working at a place where I have faith in my competency and enjoy the atmosphere. Preferably in the city, being one of those people that has "places to go and people to see," and not to be bored with my job.

What things are the most important to you in life? My friends and my sisters, of course. Keeping my imagination for the rest of my life, and not to become bland and bored. I try to keep my life filled with as little stress as possible, so knowing what I need and what works for me and what doesn't is very important. The faith I have in myself and the faith that other people have in me also means so much.

What are your goals? To be able to fulfill my own needs; if I know that I can support myself with my skills and talents, everything else is an added bonus. Also, to lead an optimistic, happy life. I don't care where in society I end up, but as long as I'm surrounded by people who love me and who I love and can be myself with, I'll be complete.

Clarke visits Uganda

by RICH SHUTKIN
Staff Writer

Uganda exists not only as a country without accessories, but also as a nation with a low supply of necessities that allow its inhabitants to survive.

Modele Clarke, communications professor and minister of a church in Kingston, N.Y., visited Uganda over the winter vacation to teach its pastors about Evangelism.

Clarke said he was surprised by many of the sights and conditions he observed in Uganda. "I was shocked by the level of poverty there," he said. "It had terrible streets and bombed out buildings."

Clarke also said Americans would sneer at many of the churches in Uganda.

"By American standards, the churches in Uganda were shabby, having dirt floors," he said. "Many of them didn't even have ceilings."

He said the origins of some of the churches were unusual. "I met a man who started his congregation under a tree," he said. "Others were started in police stations."

Clarke said he encountered the horrific AIDS epidemic faced by the people in Uganda.

"There were AIDS infected children whose parents died of the disease," Clarke said. "Some of them stayed in orphanages, and others were adopted by church congregations."

Clarke said there is a lack of necessities in Uganda.

"Uganda doesn't have a lot of

running water and the power goes out easily there," he said. Clarke said there is also an education crisis in Uganda. "There is no free public education in Uganda, and because many people cannot afford it, many children have missed the

boat with education," he said. Clarke, however, said he has the utmost respect for the residents of Uganda. "Despite the depravity in Uganda, the people are still determined that they are going to survive," he said.

Clarke said his congregation tries to help the people in Uganda. "While we can't change the entire country, we still would like to make a difference in the lives of a few children there," said Clarke.

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Searching the Sites

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This site even allows you to make your own date. Just click on the qualities you want and it will show the result of your dream date at the end.

There is also a "Love & Learn" section which gives great advice on relationships.

So, if you love Valentine's Day unlike a lot of other people, go to <http://valentine.infospace.com/>.

If you have any suggestions for this column, or would like to write a column, contact Katrina at extension 2429 or email HZAL. Features Editor Katrina Fuchsenger wrote this Searching the sites column.

Horoscopes



ARIES: Something you learned in the past is going to be very useful today. It could make all the difference between whether you can achieve your goals or not. You don't want to make the same mistakes you did before, obviously, but it's a little bit harder to remember your strengths. It's quite likely that a situation will come up that you've seen before. Go back to the previous time. Look at how it worked out then. If you did botch the job, then put in the correction. This is how true learning occurs.



TAURUS: You could start out the day in a rather cranky mood. You're worried about money again, and it doesn't really have to do with whether or not you have enough. It might have something to do with a friend. Perhaps you'd like to give more to a friend, or a friend owes you, or you want to provide something that a friend needs but you can't quite afford to do it. The anxiety you're experiencing is actually getting in the way of having the problems dissolve. Isn't it funny how this happens? Sometimes worrying about a thing makes it stick in place so we can't even get past it.



GEMINI: A bold move today could be disastrous. Advise your partner not to do it. It's important to have all the facts you can gather, but don't broadcast them yet. Keep them to yourself. You don't need to tell the other people what you know quite yet. Somebody once said that discretion is the better part of valor, and today that's certainly true. Be discreet about what you learn, and advise your partner to do the same.



CANCER: If you notice your job is no fun any more, maybe that's because you've taken on too much. There are no extra points to be gained for working yourself to death. It's much more sensible to do the things you're good at and delegate the rest to somebody else. Today, that perfect person could show up just in the nick of time, especially if you make a call and set things up that way.



LEO: Don't take a big risk today. It looks like you might be tempted to do that. You've got a great opportunity there, and you feel like you're really lucky. Everything seems to be pointing toward taking that risk, except for one little consequence you hadn't considered. You might not



have even known about this possibility. But at any rate, it looks like something that seems abundant will be scarce. It will dry up. It won't be there at all. So, if you're betting on there being more of it, you'll lose.



VIRGO: Beware of a deal today that looks too good to be true. It is. Although there seems to be plenty of whatever it is that you want, it's not going to get to you. There's some sort of block in the way, a barrier. Strangely enough, this could also apply to a clog in your plumbing, or to your partner not doing something he or she said would be done around the house. If any of the above transpires today, be a good sport.



LIBRA: It looks like you've just about learned enough to put new skills to work on a household project. Something needs to be ripped out, torn down, discarded or replaced. The work can be fun, especially if you've got a partner with a little bit more experience. You'll be changing things to get them just right while you're learning at the same time. Don't think you have to finish the whole thing today, though.



SCORPIO: Your losses today could be even greater than yesterday, so take



care. Concentrate on bringing money in rather than spending it. One thing you'll gain plenty of today is experience. You don't have to learn everything the hard way. By paying close attention to what's going on around you, you can learn from other people's mistakes. You'd prefer to do that all the time, and you have a knack for it, too.



SAGITTARIUS: You could be starting to wonder where you'll get the money to take the vacation you're planning. It's a safe bet that you are planning a vacation. If you're like most Sagittarians, you're always planning a vacation, even when you're on one. The conditions in effect right now are most likely keeping you stuck at home for a while. Instead of being frustrated, you could use this to your advantage. A home business could help you generate the cash you want. Talk it over with your roommates tonight.



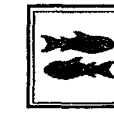
CAPRICORN: You should be starting to feel more powerful by now. If you're not, just hold on. It'll be happening soon. The Moon is coming into your sign. Today, you're going to go through a bit of a cleanup phase. Get rid of whatever you don't need anymore so by tomorrow you



can go out and get a lot of new stuff. If it's emotional baggage you're carrying around, just dump it. You don't need any more of that. You'll be amazed to see how much fun it is to live life without it. For example, you could give up suspicions and start to trust.



AQUARIUS: Be careful with your money today. It might seem like you've got plenty to go around, but actually you could be surprised at how fast you wind up going through it. While once there was a plethora, soon there could be a dearth. That means that when once there was way too much, suddenly there was not enough. That's exactly what will happen to you today if you follow your impulses instead of your common sense.



PISCES: Remember to be respectful today, even when you don't feel like it. That's kind of important, because it'll get you points. Your friends understand where you're coming from, and that's good, because somebody else doesn't. Don't let that bother you, though. Some people just have a little longer learning curve than others.

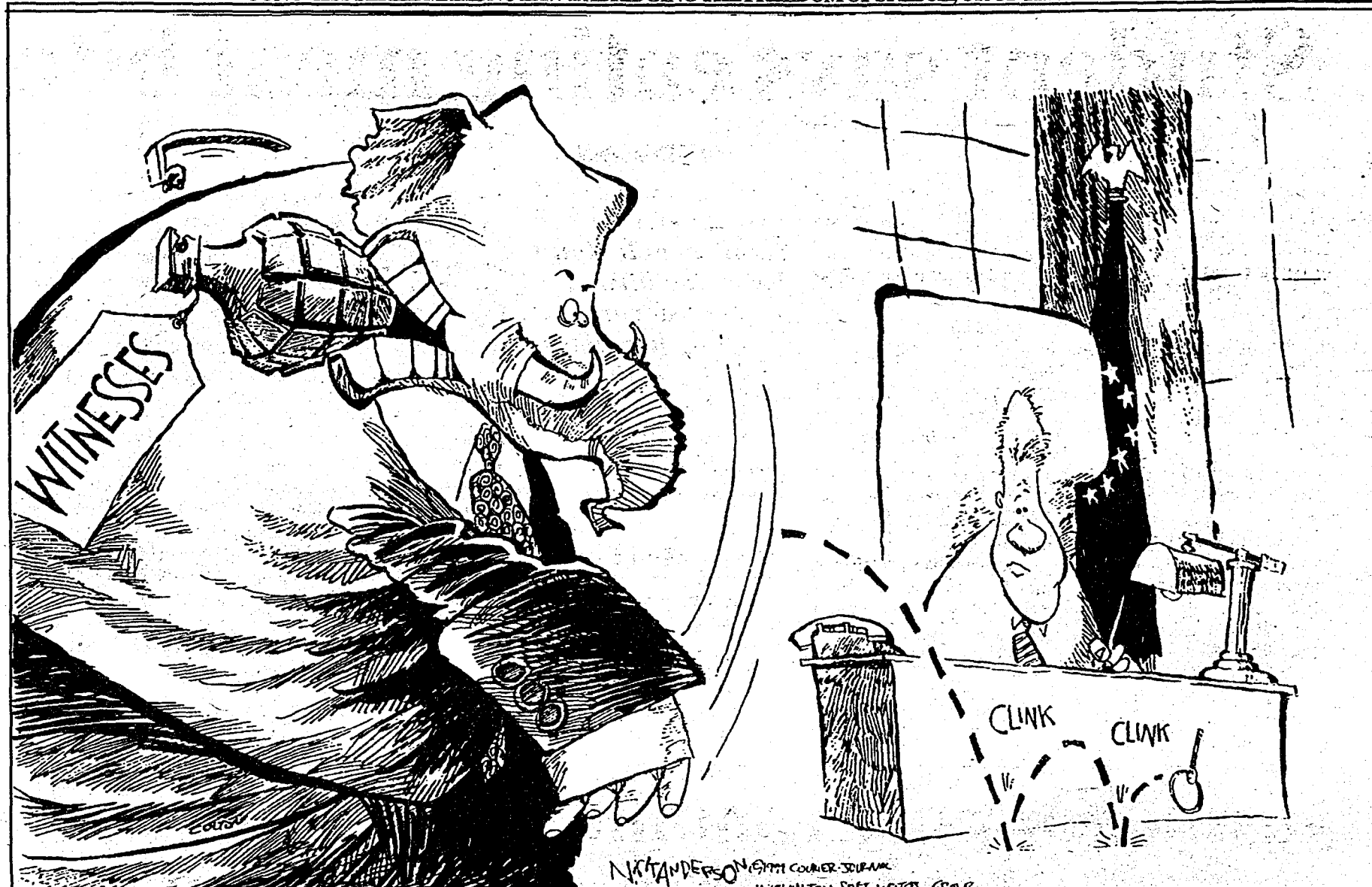
Katrina's Recipe of the Week

Quesadillas

Flour tortillas
Cheddar cheese, sliced or shredded
Butter or margarine

Optional Fillings:
Salsa
Barbecue sauce
Thin sliced ham
Thin sliced cooked chicken
Mild chili peppers
Thin sliced onions

Butter tortilla and lay on paper towel. Cover with cheese and top with whatever else appeals to you. Butter second tortilla and lay over fillings with butter side facing fillings. Place quesadilla on paper towel and place in microwave. Microwave on HIGH 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Remove to plate and let cool a few minutes before cutting into triangles (pizza style).



EDITORIALS

The Circle's new look applauded

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to your organization for your recent publication of the school newspaper. I am glad to see the first issue of the semester is in circulation and your organization is off to a good start.

This particular issue has brought a new sense of life to the campus through the use of colored images. Over the past day or so, I have spoken with several students and administrators who have commented on the recent publication. They too, are excited about this revolutionary addition to our school newspaper and anticipate future issues.

Keep up the good work and I look forward to the next issue.

Jason Sponzilli
Vice President for Club Affairs

QUOTE OF THE WEEK
"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

---- Nelson Mandela

Editor questions reader passivity

As Editors who predate me have done and those who will follow me will do, I am going to address the lack of student participation here at Marist.

I am talking about how each week the editorial staff of *The Circle* must struggle to fill the endless void of our opinion pages. I believe in the First Amendment. I also believe that change comes when your voices are heard. What I cannot believe is that no one ever feels the need to use our editorial pages to convey a message to our readership. Week after week I wonder, does no one have anything they would like changed or would like others to know?

A letter to the editor last semester questioned our allowing staff writers to contribute to the opinion section. Well, they appear to be the only ones with anything to say.

I would like to extend an invitation to our readers to contribute to our editorial pages. You have a voice that deserves to be heard and we welcome your opinions. You cannot continue on in such a passive manner.

We have all been given a right to voice our opinions and if you do not use this privilege, you are missing out and so are those readers who you may have influenced.

Amanda Bradley, Editor-in-chief

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the entire Circle staff on their great work. Especially Toni for raising the money so we can make our new look possible. Keep up the good work!!

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Student says eating meat bites

by KRISTINE HAVRY

Ever consider becoming a vegetarian? You soon will. More and more gruesome facts are being released for public knowledge, and people are starting to realize what has been going on at meatpacking plants all over the United States. We were in the dark for quite some time concerning animal abuse and contaminated meat; however, more people are becoming educated... and turning vegetarian.

Many Americans today eat meat, as they have for many years. With the demand for meat come industries that must package it for human consumption. Many people choose to exclude it from their diets for health benefits. Some, however, are choosing to go vegetarian because they are appalled by how the animals were treated before even getting slaugh-

tered.

Have you ever thought about what meat is? Say some typical meat products out loud. Now think of what you just said. Chicken leg. Leg of lamb. Spare ribs. Hot wings. These are all pieces of animals. Some chicken, cow, or pig has been dismembered, just so that you could eat its fat, muscle, tendons, and skin.

You eat intestines... sausage. You also eat hooves and tails (among other things)... hot dogs. People love the salty sweatpores and hair follicles... chicken skin.

You have probably eaten other animals and never realized it. "You mix horsemeat with beef, cook it right, people don't know the difference. I could decorate a piece of horsemeat and you'd think it was roast beef. In restaurants, people eat what you put in front of them."

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Gail Elnitz

Animal flesh is not the only thing being consumed. "One employee told a USDA inspector that hundreds of maggots were in the clothes hampers where smocks were kept. Another worker reported that

bones that were ground up in franks or bologna had a foul odor, and there were often maggots on them. These bones were never cleaned off, so the maggots were ground up with everything else and remained in the final product."

There are even worse, sometimes deadly things that happen to the meat before you consume it. Thousands of people every year come down with food poisoning... usually from meat. Many diseases can be contracted from meat. "Every week, millions of chickens leaking yellow pus, stained by green feces, contaminated by harmful bacteria, or marred by heart and lung infections, cancerous tumors, or skin conditions, are shipped for sale to consumers."

Much of the meat that is consumed seems to be in the favored form of hamburgers. They are really not much better than

hot dogs, and turkey or chicken burgers are no better. "When a Nebraska inspector smuggled head meat out of a plant to run an unauthorized check, he found that 24 percent of the heads reaching the head-boning table for boxing were contaminated with hair, dirt, hide, and ingesta. The types of heads getting through, known in the industry as "pukeheads," are so filled with partially digested food that contamination oozed into the outer surface of the head and cross contaminated others. Head meat usually ends up in burgers."

(Quotes from the book *Slaughterhouse*, by Gail Elnitz)

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Just a random rambling

The Jersey side



When I was younger and had no expenses, I used to collect junk. I collected anything from toys, to records, to old comics, I used to say that I collected stuff because I was nostalgic for something that never existed. After all, those old jazz and fox trots sound great, but half the band members could not even use the same toilets or sleep in the same hotels as the other half, simply based on skin color.

The margin of change from then to now is negotiable. Granted, technology has improved. What about popular culture? Why is everything "retro-cool"? Why do so many people listen to the mu-

sic that their parents and grandparents listen to? This seems to be the first time that a new generation has embraced the music of their elders in the twentieth century.

Think about what popular culture of the 1990's will leave for future generations. Television reruns will show skinny pretty people running around various metropolises. Despite the various dilemmas which they encounter, they still maintain perfect hairstyles.

Most music will be forgotten and tossed into "The Nice Place" bins at Tower Records along with Pat Boone, Paul Anka, and the Monkees, only to resurface on the occasional Dick Clark countdown. Though I must admit, I really do like the Monkees.

Anyway, I like collecting things that are too old to be new and too new to be antique. Or, in more blunt terms, I like junk. Recently, a friend asked where I purchased an old coat. I explained that I did not recall the exact location of the store. I ex-

plained that I knew it was one of those "Everything is \$10" stores, and I could probably find it on foot.

The best thing about living in New Jersey is its proximity to New York. So, we hopped on a bus and wandered around Downtown New York. Instead of finding the particular store, we ended up at two Tibetan souvenir shops. We never got to the ten-dollar store. So, I explained to my friend that the Dali Lama was summoning me and it was intercepting with my sense of direction. She nodded and we headed home.

I could have noted that we also passed several Chinese laundries. After all, it was just as likely that I was receiving signals from my dirty wash.

Tara Quinn is the Opinion Editor of *The Circle*. She is a junior, Communications Major with a minor in English.

The Spindoctor returns...

by DOUG GUARINO

Though there are few things that irritate me more than cheesy rap music, perhaps Marist College administrators should heed the advice of Puff Daddy: More money, more problems.

I come to this conclusion after recently reading a letter that was sent to my parents on behalf of the Office of College Advancement. The letter requested donations to the "Marist Fund." It explains that the over \$20,000 per year that families already pay is not enough to support "a wealth of extracurricular activities and the close-knit atmosphere and caring evident in every facet of campus life."

"Caring," however, was not a significant factor mentioned in a recent MCTV news report regarding plans to remedy the Route 9 crossing problem. MCTV reported that Marist is more likely to choose the most inexpensive method to fix the problem, rather than the one that Poughkeepsie traffic officials determine to be the most effective. That's ok, we students enjoy dodging automobiles on

the way to the library. Nothing relieves the stress of research like a face to face encounter with Mack truck at 60 miles per hour.

As far as a "wealth of extracurricular activities" are concerned, WMCN (88.1 FM), the campus radio station (huh, Marist has a radio station?!?), is far from wealthy. Since Marist is unwilling to shell out the money required to purchase a

Since Marist has the capability to broadcast on the Internet via Real Audio. Many Marist sporting events are covered this way; why not make WMCN available on the web?

FCC license, the station can only legally broadcast with 1/10th of a watt, despite the fact that it owns a 100 watt transmitter. The result? The fox barely rocks to the far end of campus, (never mind the rest of the

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Tara's Trivia:

Where was the new prequel to the *Star Wars* Trilogy filmed?

(see page 10 for answer)

The following is a public service announcement brought to you by the editor of the Opinion Section:

She feels like she is standing on top of a gigantic float in the Rose Bowl Parade, just smiling and waving. Deep down inside she knows there really is no float, but she has that smile and cute little wave that might put Vanna White to shame if Vanna was not so busy with that wave and smile herself. She smiles harder in order to enhance the illusion, but instead she becomes a grinning mockery of herself. Her mother calls and says she sees her on TV and says she looks just like a princess. She hangs up the phone and cries.

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Hudson Valley,) leaving listeners in Sheehan and Gartland sticking their stereo antennas out their windows in a desperate attempt to establish reception.

Ambitious members of the WMCR staff suggested a money-saving alternative solution to this problem. Marist has the capability to broadcast on the Internet via Real Audio. Many Marist sporting events are covered this way; why not make WMCR available on the web? Marist officials responded to this proposal by stating that "the opinions of Marist students" should not be

broadcast outside campus. Translation: "We don't want to risk the possibility of MCR DJs negatively portraying the college to our potential customers."

Such a situation, along with a substandard television news studio located in the student center basement, is nothing short of pathetic at an expensive, private college that boasts a so-called state-of-the-art communications program. Instead of putting money toward these areas, money is allocated for useless and counterproductive technology such as a big screen TV in the McCann Fitness Center (unless one considers the notion that couch potatoes can now feel better about themselves).

The above mentioned examples, along with others, are making it increasingly apparent that foremost on the Marist ad-

ministrative agenda is upholding a marketable image to families of potential students; because private education is a business, and it is those families who will provide the profit.

For there was no "landfill hour" (a term I have affectionately coined to represent the latter half of dinner in the cafeteria when students are given the opportunity to wrestle with their food using plastic utensils rather than cost efficient stainless steel) on open house weekend, and that antagonizing gravel walkway near the new library was mysteriously paved a few days prior.

In the land of the Red Fox, The Spinductor smells a rat. Do you?

Doug Guarino (a.k.a. The Spinductor) is a sophomore journalism major from East Islip, NY.

Tara's Trivia Answer:

The first prequel to the Star Wars Trilogy was filmed in the Op-Ed Section of The Circle. There was a lot of empty space available...

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Dave Matthews goes acoustic

by STEPHEN MERCIER
Staff Writer



Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds' new CD 'Live At Luther College' is an excellent effort from Marist's most popular band. The all-acoustic live performance is in stores now.

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds' new album, "Live At Luther College," takes the intricate and musically rich compositions of Matthews' band and successfully recreates the songs in a stripped and simpler manner.

Matthews and his band have been a very successful group in the 1990s, both artistically and financially. The Dave Matthews Band is able to combine catchy Pop music with Folk and World music to create something that people have really responded to. The major factor of why the group is so good is probably the immense talent of the five members. Matthews is a unique and talented singer and guitarist. In addition, the band includes an excellent rhythm section, a skilled violinist, and a great saxophone player. Sometimes the group's albums are not totally consistent, but they still always include many excellent songs.

When Matthews is not recording or touring with his band, he sometimes performs small, intimate concerts with another guitarist, Tim Reynolds. In "Live At Luther College" (Bama Rags/RCA), Matthews sings, and both he and Reynolds play acoustic guitar. The concert took place on February 6, 1996, so it is not too recent, nor too dated. The 23 song double live album also features at least one cut from each of the five albums of The Dave Matthews Band and includes three unreleased songs written by Matthews.

In the album, the two musicians try to do something very difficult: they attempt to perform songs that are usually played by five musicians. Sometimes

songs like *Crash Into Me* and *Satellite* lack what the originals captured, but during the majority of the time, it is really interesting to hear the two guitarists make new interpretations of older Matthews tunes. Out of the three unreleased Matthews songs on the discs, none are too spectacular. *Deed Is Done* and *Granny* are good, but are still some of the weaker compositions of the LP. There is also an unreleased instrumental song from Reynolds: *Stream* is an excellent solo acoustic guitar piece that really displays Reynolds' talent.

One of the best cuts on the album is *Typical Situation*, a song from Matthews' CD, "Under The Table And Dreaming." In the song, Matthews' vocals interact smoothly with the guitars. The singer's harmonies, as well as an interesting musical progression, makes it a really strong tune.

The guitar solo in the *Typical Situation* is also exceptional. It brings balance and fits in perfectly. In some other cuts on the album, the solos seem out of place, but the guitar solo in this one belongs.

Minarets is another impressive song. The guitarists play so well that sometimes it seems like there has to be more than just two musicians performing. The tune also features a cool eastern influence.

With *Seek Up*, just like the other best songs on the discs, Matthews and Reynolds find balance. The spirited song is one of the most melodic of the concert, but Matthews' vocals perfectly coexist with the guitars. *Seek Up* is a good example of the talent of the two performers.

Warehouse is a good example of how Reynolds and Matthews have the ability of making both interesting laid back songs and fast, high-energy pieces. In the song's fast paced beginning, there is a mesmerizing riff that progresses into a pleasant harmonic chorus. Then, towards the end, while *Warehouse* changes up and becomes slower, it still remains good. The many changes makes it a great song and also helps prevent *Warehouse* from becoming melodically repetitive; a problem that pops up throughout the record. With just two acoustic

guitars and no other instruments present, it is difficult for the two to create a music that is always constantly changing and evolving.

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds' "Live At Luther College" is a really good album, but is also a very challenging album. Unlike the music of The Dave Matthews Band, the songs on this album are not rewarding to its listener unless one really listens patiently and carefully. There are just two acoustic guitars, so sometimes the music can seem repetitive and sedative.

The double album also does not really feature much that a Matthews fan has not heard already. Sometimes it is hard to appreciate songs on this album that was produced and performed so well on past records. That is why this set may be a tough listen for people who are really into Matthews' band's elaborate musical arrangements or who have never been big fans of his. But, for people who enjoy acoustic music or who like Matthews and his guitar playing and vocals, this is a record worth trying.

'Felicity' and its fruitless flood of flattery foiled by furious faultfinder

by CARLITO
Staff Follower

There is presently a program on WB 11 that is making innumerable headlines in the entertainment industry. It is being hailed as the best drama to hit the prime time battlegrounds in the past decade. I have seen this celestially articulated program and all I have to say is this. It is unequivocal dog sh#!.

'Felicity' has invaded the prime time lineup in recent months and the show's ratings have topped the charts. Kerri Russell, who plays Felicity, has recently been crowned by the Golden Globe Committee as the best actress in dramatic television. Although she does dis-

play the awkward innocence of a small town girl thrust into the urbanic Mai Lai of the Manhattan collegiate scene, I do not think she is worthy of the immense glorification that she has been bombarded with.

Ask yourself what is so addicting about dramatic television and you should conclude that if the level of realism is high enough, it will succeed in evoking emotion and catalyzing a relation between television and real life. That is what makes 'ER' and 'Dawson's Creek' so successful. That was sarcasm. Did you ever see the episode in which Dawson rehearsed his first kiss on a mannequin? In the program, Dawson is seventeen years old. Have any of you

readers not gotten to first base before eleventh grade? I did not think so.

Anyway, the reason 'Felicity' forced me to regurgitate my spamburger was because the level of realism found in the hour of vomitus entertainment that I endured equaled that of WWF wrestling. There was not one scene in which I, as a college student, could actually relate to. The episode I unfortunately viewed was occurring during finals week. Although Felicity would like to concentrate on the academic task at hand, her attention is distracted by a young man named Noel. Is Noel her boyfriend? No. Noel is a boy who made out with her at a bar and left without saying

goodbye. Yet there is mass confusion surrounding where the two stand in their relationship. Felicity's friend was also a bit confused, and in search of clarification, she asked her if she had "boned" him. That would have been an appropriate question if it were two guys discussing sex in 1987, but in this situation I thought it was syntactically uncalled for.

Perhaps I am a little more promiscuous than Noel, because I have French kissed girls in bars without pondering where our relationship will escalate to. Does that make me a bad person? If that does not, every

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Focus on
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Theatre

by RACHAEL VOLLARO
Staff Writer

Eve Ensler has been around the United States asking women about their vaginas. She has asked women what their vaginas would say. She has asked women what their vaginas would wear. She has asked women to get in touch with their womanhood and she has asked them to take a stand against sexual violence.

Ensler is the author, director and performer of the award winning play, "The Vagina Monologues."

This weekend the Marist College Council on Theatre Arts with the Gender Equality Club presents Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." Performances are Feb. 13 at 8 PM and Feb. 14 at 2 PM in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. A donation of \$3 to \$5 is suggested. All proceeds will be donated to Grace Smith House, a shelter for victims of domestic violence.

This performance is part of a national campaign called "V-Day 1999: The College Initiative." The Initiative invites colleges and universities nationally and internationally to mount performances of "The Vagina Monologues." Marist is one of many colleges, including Princeton, Brown, NYU and Georgetown taking part in V-Day 1999.

V-Day is a campaign to end sexual violence against women and to proclaim Valentine's Day as the day to celebrate women and demand the end of abuse. The first V-Day was held in 1998 with a performance of the play by notable women from television and motion pictures including, Whoopi Goldberg, Winona Ryder, Lily Tomlin, and Calista Flockhart. Their goal was to raise awareness and money for women in abusive situations.

What exactly are "The Vagina Monologues?"

Based on interviews from over 200 women from all different walks of life "The Vagina Monologues" is the Obie-award winning play that looks at the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. The women interviewed range from a Long Island antiques dealer to a Bosnia refugee.

According to Bret Fetzer of Seattle Weekly, "When it's done, you won't be able to say it enough - vagina, vagina, vagina."

Perfect Thyroid put on the perfect show



Locals Perfect Thyroid showcase great music, bad hairdo's.

FELICITY: The WB reaches a new low.

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other facet of my persona probably does. So the two star-crossed lovers try to study together but their attempts prove to be futile. After three minutes of discussing a romance novel, the two agree to take a short break, relocate to the reference section of the library, and make out.

You heard me correctly, make out. I know necking was big in the seventies and I love tongue wrestling as much as the next guy, but in the 90s, it is well proven that getting to first base will not win the ball game. Stress reduction can only be achieved by hitting a grand slam or at least a solo in the parker.

During their G-rated love scene, they are discovered by another student who is shocked because Noel is Felicity's RA. The student is aghast at Noel's unprofessionalism and threatens to report him as an act of vengeance. The prior day, Noel wrote him up for barbecuing in his dorm room. In this dorm, students do not get in trouble for drinking or drugs; they are disciplined for overcooking the London Broil. I thought the average college kid lived on Cup O' Soups and popcorn, was I misinformed? Noel does not remind me of the RA's I have known throughout college. My RA used to give me rolling papers and I am friends with several who have been fired for drinking with their residents. And let us not forget the RA that was expelled last year when he was found in bed with both a resident and a yak.

Noel's roommate is reminiscent of the average college student. He is pressed for cash so instead of delivering Chinese food or dealing drugs like most students would, he chooses to cash in on the illustrious fruit vending industry. He is shocked to discover that selling fruit in the library was not as fruitful of a career as he anticipated. (Did anybody catch the verbal pun in my use of the term "fruitful"? Brilliant!!!)

During the finals season, students look for anything to give

them that little edge so they can keep on studying. I thought that snorting Ritalin was the most effective brain stimulant, but in the magical world of Felicityland, there is an herbal beverage capable of inducing hallucinatory side effects. Since Noel is a complete moron, unconvincedly hiding behind a witty script, he is looking for anything to jumpstart his cerebrum.

Unfortunately, this herbal cocktail contains radishes and apparently legumes make him behave as if he is in the second leg of a peyote trip. He begins a frantic search for Felicity, who he finds in the library with another man. Good God almighty, that two timing floozy was studying with another man! Justifiably so, Noel erupts into a maniacal monologue about her promiscuous studiousity. In reality, such a confrontation would result in fighting or a foul-mouthed exchange of some sort. But on channel eleven, the two sit down, share a cup of warm milk and bear their feelings despite the fact that they are complete strangers. My, the maturity level on the WB network is overwhelming.

Perhaps I am a little more critical than the average viewer, but I think it is fair to say that the hype emanating from this sub-par program is ill deserved. Drama is founded on realism and that is what reaps appeal. Forgive me for saying so, but this show is not even remotely realistic. The IQ level of most college students is approximately sixty points lower than what is portrayed in the program and the average college libido level is too high to be satisfied by a brief make-out session. In college, people cuss. Granted, swearing is outlawed on primetime, network television, but at least appease me with an occasional crap, hell or poopie. Is that too much to ask? Drama is perceived as dramatic because it extracts human emotion from the depths of the soul. 'Felicity' succeeded in evoking only one emotion from my floundering soul...and it was pure, unadulterated rage.

by DOUGLAS P. GUARINO
Staff Writer

Some say that heaven is a 24-hour Perfect Thyroid show. Damn those saints must be tired!

This past Friday night, Perfect Thyroid hosted one of their popular "Viva Diversity" shows at The Chance in Poughkeepsie. With a relentless, 90-minute set filled with elements of ska, funk, hard rock, and swing, Skunk and co. once again proved that they are the finest (and most energetic) in live musical entertainment that the Hudson Valley has to offer.

"Music is a celebration," said Chris 'Skunk' Hanson (lead vocals/trumpet). Stressing the importance of fan-band interaction, he adds, "We enjoy being with the fans as much as they enjoy seeing the show. I think a lot of bands lose sight of that."

Although the so-called "Family of the Gland" is an incredibly loyal and enthusiastic fanbase, some fans have become mildly frustrated over the many personnel changes that have come through out the course of Perfect Thyroid's seven-year existence. Their primary com-

plaint is that when a band member leaves, so does that particular member's trademark songs. While Skunk empathizes with their pleas he explains that, "Perfect Thyroid is like the sun, it doesn't have a hard edge on the outside of it. It has the core thing that you look at...the members that you always see on stage. But then there is the coronas that come out...the periphery members that come and play once in a while..."

One of these "coronas" is saxophonist/vocalist Shane Kirsh. Kirsh's guest appearance on The Chance stage Friday night enabled Perfect Thyroid to perform two fan favorites that have not been on the set list in nearly three years. Needless to say, renditions of *Thirsty* and *Lorraine* induced an explosion of euphoria on the dance floor.

Perfect Thyroid was not the only band to get the crowd moving however. Four other talented acts made up the Viva Diversity bill. The grooves of Viva Diversity vets *Who Cares* introduced the funk of *Red Hot Chili Peppers* to the fury of *Rage Against The Machine*. *The Schematics*, also familiar to

the scene, immediately caught the attention of Chance occupants with their entertaining ska/punk show. *Dragon Eddie* mixed things up a bit with a charismatic blend of blues and funk, while *What's Your Problem Brian* made a dance-friendly offering of ska and funk, enhanced by the soulful vocals of frontwoman Andrea Vitale.

With such a plethora of talent in the Hudson Valley, it is sometimes difficult to fathom how few bands are signed to a major record label. Perfect Thyroid has had some difficulty to this degree as Shanachie Records has ceased distributing the band's most recent release "Musical Barnacles." Skunk cites numerous legal, political, and personal conflicts on behalf of the label as the cause of this unfortunate occurrence that has frustrated band members and fans alike. As far as plans for a new album are concerned, Skunk states that the band is currently focusing on becoming "tight as a unit" again, before they head for the recording studio with their new material.

For more info check out www.perfectthyroid.com.

1998, the year in music

by NIK BONOPARTIS
Staff Writer

According to critics, labels, producers and promoters alike, 1998 was the year the rockers should hang up their Vans and Stratocasters, and put away their Metallica tee shirts for good. Trade them in for a wifebeater, some gold chains, and maybe even a Little Wu Wear; and they will have a new lease on musical life. 1998 was, after all, the year in which hip-hop ruled and rock music took a back seat to synthesizers, heavy bass beats, and Atlanta rappers with Bronx accents. But while the late *Tupac Shakur* released yet another album fresh from the grave, and newcomer *DMX* sweated his way to the top, some very interesting styles bubbled to the surface of mainstream music as well.

1998 saw the revival of swing everywhere from national television and MTV to small clubs, and bands like *The Cherry Poppin' Daddies*, *The Brian Setzer Orchestra*, and *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy* owned the dance floor. While most of the apathetic public embraced the swing revival, few realized the history of these bands. *The Cherry Poppin' Daddies* formed as a response to angst-driven grunge almost a decade ago, and Brian Setzer had made a name for himself with his Gretsch guitar and *The Stray Cats* long before MTV thought to go "swing." By Christmas, every radio station was jumping and jiving with him.

1998 also saw strong follow-ups from some of the more established artists in mainstream music. *The Smashing Pumpkins* released *Adore* to satiate the appetite of their fans who

are eagerly awaiting an all-new album. *Ava Adore* started off unimpressive, bogged down by terrible reviews from critics who crucified Billy Corgan in their reviews. Personally, I liked the song, and I am not even a Pumpkins fan. *Alanis Morissette*, another fan favorite among the masses, followed up with the eagerly awaited 'Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie.' Alanis once again scored big with fans, but not with critics. I can not resist, so I will join the ranks. Her first album sucked, and her second effort sucks even more. How is it acceptable in a professional music environment to sing out of tune and play your instrument like you learned it yesterday? Alanis claims she plays guitar and harmonica. But she does not. Go buy a harmonica, and a guitar. Breathe in and out of the harmonica, and learn 2.5 chords on the guitar. You can make some really bad music, and be a rock star too!

But since we are on the subject of singing out of tune, *Green Day* made a splash with their fifth release, 'Nimrod,' which even featured an acoustic number to go along with their trademark "punkness." As a special guest of MTV New Year's Eve, frontman Billy Joe nearly made Carson Daly's eyes pop out of his head when he drunkenly began cursing on live TV. Add that to the trashing of a few Tower Records locations at in-store performances, and *Green Day* are back to their old selves. At least some people are still rock stars.

But everyone knows hip-hop was the big story of 1998. *Tupac* has made sure we all know, "That's just the way it is..." and I can not seem to get that awful

Jay-Z song 'Hard Knock Life' out of my head. Perhaps the reason for the widespread success of rap goes beyond the music; though. Rappers are always leading active lifestyles away from the stage and studio. *Old Dirty Bastard*, as he is affectionately known to his fellow Wu Tang members, was recently arrested for shooting at two New York City cops. *Onyx* is in the midst of a lawsuit involving two civilians "attacking them with Chinese food" on a Bronx street, and *Puff Daddy* is out looking for a new song to rip off en route to making millions off of other people's music. *Will Smith* was hard at work in 1998, too, and following the success of the enormously popular *Men In Black* Smith released *Miami*, a fun song with a great video to go along with it. 1998 was also the advent of the PC politician becoming a "ghetto superstar" in *Bulworth*, which also featured a chart-topping soundtrack.

All said and done, 1998 was an interesting, if not so great year in music. Who can say what 1999 will bring? Maybe *Men At Work* will make a comeback, and Billy Joel will go punk. More than likely all of the aforementioned rappers will be forgotten six months from now, but only time will tell.

Patrick's words of wisdom
"Do or do not. There is no try."
-- Yoda

'Happiness'

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Staff Writer

Happiness in pedophilia and obesity, quite an interesting idea for an independent movie.

The movie has a plethora of disturbed characters, ranging from a confused and weak aspiring musician to a pedophilic psychiatrist. This is not a movie for the faint of heart. Surprisingly, only five or six people left the theatre before the end, I was expecting more to follow. This movie has caused enough controversy that the release had been postponed for about a year.

Joy is the confused woman entering her thirties, lacking a sense of true direction. Throughout the movie she tries to find a sense of meaning in her life and ends up sleeping with one of her students, a Russian cab driver.

Her two sisters, slightly more successful in life, deal with their own problems. The glamorous sister attempts to write another book on rape but realizes she is missing inspiration so she tries to convince a phone stalker to come after her.

The true hero of the movie in my opinion is the son of the pedophile. Throughout the movie he struggles with the fact that he has not truly mastered puberty yet and can not make himself reach sexual fulfillment (talk about a meaningless life). The movie is closed with the boy walking in front of his whole family at the dinner table with a wide smile on his face, announcing that he has finally performed a self-induced orgasm. I was proud of the boy.

Random Digression

by PATRICK WHITTLE
A & E Editor

Last week an amazing array of well-written, original news and feature stories beset the Arts and Entertainment section, and I was unable to provide the Marist College populous with what you truly deserve: a full column from your's truly. Obviously, with stories about perverse movies, lame shows on the WB, and a band called Perfect Thyroid (is that a rare form of cancer or a new brand of exercise bike?), that is not a problem this time around.

Valentine's Day Is Here Again

The first order of business this week is to state the obvious. Valentine's Day is a holiday in the same sense that cotton candy is a food. However, so many people get so much enjoyment from the one day a year when love reigns supreme that I suppose it can not be all bad. So buy her that box of chocolates, send her those flowers and mail her that love-letter, not because it is customary but because she will probably slap you if you do not. In the mean time, here is a list of 5 CD's that are perfect to listen to after you get dumped (or, if you are pathetic enough not to have a significant other, after you get "just-friendied.")

Shift, 'Pathos' - My personal favorite. Every song on this record is about getting your heart torn out and tossed into the Hudson River. Well, that might be a bit of a hyperbole, but still some great tunes. *U2*, 'The Joshua Tree' - You can not lose for sheer sad-sack love

songs on this one. *With Or Without You* pretty much says it all. Get a boyfriend or you will end up *Where The Streets Have No Name*.

Simon & Garfunkle, 'Greatest Hits' - They wore cheesy sweaters and had godawful haircuts, but then again this has *I Am A Rock* on it.

Dag Nasty, 'Can I Say/Wig Out At Denko's' - None of these songs are about getting dumped, but these are good records to sort out your thoughts to. Guaranteed to pick you up when you are feeling blue.

Loud Reed, 'Rock & Roll Diary' - The vast majority of these songs are more about addiction than love, but the song *Pale Blue Eyes* more than makes up for it, even if it is about infidelity. Honorable mention to the band *Converge* simply for having a song entitled *Love As Arson*. A novel concept indeed.

Another Wasted Night on FOX

On Saturday night I had the misfortune of viewing FOX's two-hour bastion for white-trash television junkies. In other words, I watched 'COPS' and 'America's Most Wanted' back to back. Perhaps this is what I get for staying in on a weekend night. 'COPS' featured a story about a small-town woman whose home was under attack from a rather large serpentine assailant. It took three police officers to subdue the purely harmless snake with mace and a billyclub. My two housemates and I were simply horrified by this shocking display of authoritative negligence (in other words, we were doubled over laughing as Of-

ficer LeRoy McCovey was quoted saying, "Ain't not trick ta' killin' a snake. Ya just gotta hit that sucker in th' head!")

Then came the real travesty of primetime entertainment. 'America's Most Wanted' ran a story on a militant Salt Lake City, Utah, straight-edge "gang." I hate it when kids who abjure drugs and alcohol take over my neighborhood, don't you? These kids were wanted for, among other things, carving a huge "X" into the back of a pot-smoking vagrant, and fire-bombing a mink fur-farm. The producers of the show felt it would strengthen their case if they interviewed some "straight-edge hardcore" bands, namely *Battery*, *In My Eyes*, and *Earth Crisis*. *Battery* and *In My Eyes* members had nothing but positive and anti-violence oriented things to say, and were interviewed sparingly. *Earth Crisis* singer Karl Buechner on the other hand was given more camera time than David Hasselhoff on a good hair-day. Perhaps this is because Buechner is a vegan militant and had things to say like, "these liberators should be recognized as the heroes they really are." FOX has every right in the world to inundate their audience with the drivel of shows like 'That Seventies Show' and 'Party of Five.' Portraying a youth movement made up of individuals who see a purpose in living drug- and alcohol-free as some sort of saber-rattling revolution is uncalled for.

I believe that is all I have on my mind this week. Thank you so much for actually reading this tirade. I hope it was as good for you as it was for me.

'Velvet Goldmine' Soundtrack (Innerstate/London) - I enjoyed this CD more than the movie itself. There are some originals on here by *Lou Reed*, *Shudder To Think*, and *The Venus In Furs* that are really good, as well as a song featuring Ewan McGregor (he played the lead in the movie) on vocals. Trust me, it is not as horrific as it sounds.

New Releases on CD

I suppose I should work something at least a little informative side into this week's

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SWIMMING: Could be a sweep for Marist

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team is successful without experience, and Marist has plenty of it. Sophomores Erin McGrath, conference champion in the 100 and 200 butterfly and anchor of almost every relay, and Sandra Mastrodonato, butterfly and middle distance freestyle, have a great combination of talent and experience that will undoubtedly help them put on some great performances. In terms of upperclassmen, junior Jenn Nafus is the conference champ in the 200 yard breaststroke. Senior Kenna Moran, the nine time conference champion in long distance freestyle and 400 individual medley, will be looking to set the tone for the weekend both in and out of the water with their leadership and ability.

"The fact that we are favored to win makes us a little nervous since we have everything to lose and everyone is focused on us," said Coach Honig. "We are however, physically and men-

tally ready and determined to continue our rein."

On the men's side, success is also a disease the team just can not seem to shake. With an overall record of 9-2 and an undefeated MAAC conference record of 6-0, coach Larry VanWagner had a lot to be happy about. Now comes the task of sealing the season with an unprecedented fourth straight MAAC title.

Leading the way for the men is MAAC Swimmer of the Year Dave Dobbins. Dobbins had a tremendous season and will be defending his championships in the 100, 200, and 1500-yard freestyles. Alongside Dobbins are two other standout sophomores in Andrew Knutton, the 200-yard breaststroke champion, and Keith Nichols who is seeded number one in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. Adding some fuel to the fire is freshman Justin Burkhardt who goes into the tournament seeded number one in the 1650 yard freestyle.

Women's track finishes first at Wesleyan

by TOM HENRY
Staff Writer

The Marist College Women's Indoor Track team led 11 other teams and ran to a first place finish at the Wesleyan Invitational in Connecticut.

The team finished first with 99 points surpassing host team Wesleyan by 4 points. Strong relay races and a deep squad of distance runners gave the Red Foxes a positive look to what the season will bring.

Junior captain Debby Flanigan said the meet was a good indication of what the spring season will exemplify.

"Everyone has been running really strong recently and practices have been intense. I have a good feeling about this team and how we will run at the MAAC meet," said Flanigan.

The Marist women dominated the meet with their relays. The team of Amy Young, Beth Cimino, Dominique Pino, and Kate Pieper combined to take first in the 4x200m relay. Young, Cimino, and Pieper doubled back to combine with Stephanie Thombs to once again claim first in the 4x400m relay.

Sophomore Heather Perrine contributed to two major races to insure the win. Perrine set

With a potent and talented team behind him, coach VanWagner sees the dedication of the team as their defining attribute.

"Work ethic is a key adjective that defines the men's swimmers and sets us apart from other teams in the MAAC. We have athletes who have consciously held a higher commitment to sport," said VanWagner. "Nobody trains longer, harder, or faster than Marist."

With nine schools and over 270 athletes competing in the MAAC Championships, a win is never a given. Just like every other team, Marist has to earn the victory, and rest assured every school in the competition wants to be the team that takes the championship away from the Red Foxes.

With that in mind, this year's MAAC championships just might one of the most exciting sporting events for Marist this year.

One thing is for sure, both the swimming and diving teams have the talent and desire to win, and by the looks of both teams in practice, have put in the time and effort needed to defend their title as MAAC champions.

two school records while placing second in the 1500m and first in the 3000m.

Perrine's second place finish marked the breaking of a seven year-old record as well as a personal best for the distance runner. She then came back to take first in the 3000m with a time of 10:37.1 while beating her own school record.

Coach Phil Kelly, obviously proud of the women's accomplishments, stacked the 3000m with the same girls who led Marist to a MAAC Cross Country Championship this fall. The result of the 3000m was a 1-2-4-5 sweep that show-cased the

Men's indoor captures two top five finishes

by PATRICK KEMPF
Staff Writer

The Marist Men's Indoor Track and field team has made steady progress over the last couple of weeks at the Wesleyan Invitational and Colgate Invitational, respectively.

Head Coach Pete Colaizzo, now in his eighth year at Marist, says he believes his team is making steady improvements but still has a way to go.

"We are definitely headed in the right direction," Colaizzo continued "But we still have a long way to go to our ultimate goal."

On Friday, January 29th the team captured first place at the Wesleyan College Invitational Meet with a total of 97 points, beating the closest competitor, RPI, by seven points. The meet was highlighted by several first

place finishers for the Red Foxes including the 4x800m and 4x400m teams. Individual winners were Greg Salamone in the 3000m, Ben Heffernon in the 800m, and Dennis McManus in the Triple Jump.

The 4x400 team came in with a time of 3:33.90 while the 4x800 team finished in 8:18.10. Salamone and Heffernon crossed the line with times of 8:57.7 and 1:58.64 while McManus jumped 12.95m.

Coach Colaizzo had high praise for McManus, who in addition to his first place finish in the Triple Jump had a solid showing in the long jump.

McManus said he is just happy to contribute to the overall success of the team.

"I'm just happy that the team did great, I mean I'm definitely happy with the way I performed but the team is more important," the sophomore said. "Everyone really stepped up at the end."

The team's overall progression continued the next week at the Colgate Class of '32 Invitational even though they slipped to 4th place with 82 points.

The highlight of this meet had to be the record school record setting performance of the 4x400m relay team comprised of Mike McCarthy, Kareem Wallace, Glenn Molyneaux, and Dan Hagendorn. The team recorded a time of 3:30.67.

This recent success could not come at a better time with the fast approaching MAAC tournament right around the corner.

"Marist track is getting bigger and better. Who knows where we could go," McManus said.

Red Foxes' strengths. Closely in second behind Perrine, was freshman Liza Grudzinski with a time of 10:37.0. In fourth and fifth respectively were juniors Erin Minor and Jen Glover.

Junior captain Flanigan ran to a strong second place finish in the 1000m, followed by teammates Leanne Bolingbroke in fourth and sophomore Megan Bruno in sixth.

The third and fifth place finishes in the 800m by juniors Beth Johnson and Tara Quinn respectively, was another grinding middle-distance event where the tandem added some key points to the team.

Off Campus Report

by Jan Beighley, Jr.

In 1993, Wu-Tang Clan released their debut album, Enter the Wu-Tang: 36 Chambers. It was on Enter the Wu that Method Man spit the hook on one of their most popular songs, C.R.E.A.M., and it is a hook that has become highly prophetic within the sports world. "Cash rules everything around me, C.R.E.A.M., get the money, dollar dollar bill y'all."

In every major sport salaries are on the rise and seemingly out of control (though football has done an excellent job regulating salaries, and should be credited as such).

It appears that no matter what is done this catastrophic rise can not be stopped. Is Kevin Brown worth \$15 million a year? Is anybody?

What ever happened to team loyalty? Bernie Williams gave the Yankees a scare, testing the waters with a strong offer on the table from New York, but his credit he did settle for the \$88 million that the Yankees offered. Look around the leagues, any of them, and find all-star players that have played for only one team: Ken Griffey, Jr., Bernie Williams, Ray Bourque, Patrick Ewing, Hakeem Olajuwon, Eric Lindros (though he was drafted by Quebec, he never played for them), Barry Sanders, Dan Marino. They do exist, but you do have to think, and after a while it starts to get difficult.

Too many players are out for money. Yes, they have every right to do so, the same as anybody else in any other profession, but it does not seem right. Sports are special. Thinking of

playing baseball for a living excites millions of children and parents to no end.

Thinking about walking onto the historic grounds of Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Soldier Field, Lambeau Field, or to step onto the ice or court at Madison Square Garden creates a frenzy within the mind of most avid sports fans. You (athletes) get to play a game for a living, games that at one time you had to love and that you loved playing, it is a privilege.

Do not get me wrong, I'm not saying that players should sacrifice all for the good of the fans or that they should bow down everyday and thank the fans for supporting them, but they should recognize the process and what the fans do for them. And maybe forget about the all-important dollar for a second.

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Now, do not think I am going to excuse the owners and ownership in general. Owners complain that small markets are going to collapse, owners complain that they can not afford for the salary structure to continue to rise and that they are doing everything they can to reverse the trend.

Giving Kevin Brown 15 million dollars a year is not an impressive sign of restraint. Neither is the Kevin Garnett contract of last year or even the Allen Iverson and Kobe Bryant

contract extensions this season. They complain that the players are out for money. The owners should look at themselves for a minute. Joe Robbie, owner of the Dolphins until his death, completed a football stadium for the Dolphins and dubbed it Joe Robbie Stadium. Enter Wayne Huizenga. When he bought the Dolphins he quickly sold the name of the stadium to Pro Player, and now the Dolphins play in Pro Player Stadium.

This is a ritual that definitely has loads of C.R.E.A.M. attitude in it, and it has been widespread. Witness 3Com Park, Cinergy Field, Fleet Center, and Marine Midland Arena. Commercialism is not only a problem that should be talked about in rap anymore.

Advertisements rule, we all know about the Super Bowl, millions of dollars for 30 seconds of time. We probably would not be witnessing such a diluting of talent within sports if it was not so profitable to bring a team in with expansion fees and whatnot.

Maybe I'm just mad, maybe I do not like to see something that I love (in this case sports) fall apart. Maybe I am just ranting for no apparent reason.

One fact to nibble on. At any time you're watching a professional sports game, baseball for instance, you might be watching half a billion dollars in investments playing a game. While you think about that I'm just going to go play a song... "Cash rules everything around me, C.R.E.A.M., get the money, dollar dollar bill y'all."

What's on Tap?

Men's basketball 2/15 Home vs. Iona 7:30 p.m.
2/18 Home vs. Manhattan 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball 2/12 @ Rider 7:30 p.m.
2/15 Home vs. Loyola 7:30 p.m.
2/18 @ Iona 7:30 p.m.

Swimming and diving (M&W) 2/11-14 MAAC Championships @ McCann Center 10 a.m.

Indoor track (M&W) 2/7 @ Manhattan College, MAAC Championships

Tough Trivia

Which player has led the NBA in rebounding the most times?

Last week's question - Out of thirty-three Super Bowls, how many different NFL franchises have won at least one?

Answer - Thirteen NFL franchises have accounted for the thirty-three Super Bowl victories.

Intramural b-ball games underway

by KYLE WOOD
Staff Writer

Last Friday the much-anticipated NBA season started, and unlike in years past there is no clear-cut favorite to win the championship this year.

But, before the NBA's games got underway, another league's season began. In this association, players compete for the love of the game. There will be no stoppage of play due to labor disagreements. There are no contracts.

It is time for the Intramural Basketball League.

This semester there are two leagues each consisting of twelve teams. One league is held on Mondays, the other on Wednesdays. At the end of the season the top four teams from each league compete in an eight team playoff.

Week one, which began on the first of February saw The Empire beat Clam Bar by the close

margin of 32-30. The Best Team lived up to their name by defeating And One 66-58.

Slightly Stupid destroyed the FaDunkers by 36 points, 63-27. Rambone up ended The Ballbags 47-34. The Playmakers won a tight game over The Dirty Birds, 30-28. The last contest for that night pitted the Clowns against the Teabone All Stars. The result was an easy win for the Clowns 53-36.

As for Wednesday night's games, five out of the six games were decided by eleven points or more. The Renaissance won by the score of 49-37. In a total blowout the Pure Playerz won by 38 points over the Leo Lushes, 59-21.

The Untouchables routed the Bricklayers 40-29. 2Pac Forever easily handled the Golden Gun-slingers, winning 3-22. The Rim Jobs overpowered the Young Guns, 39-21. In the only game that was close, Whadup defeated Come Sox 30-27.

WOMEN: Foxes miss chance to shake up the MAAC

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Just like the Saints, Marist would not go away either. A basket by Vallery and two by Seidel tied the score at 39-39.

Over the next eight minutes of play Siena's Melanie Halker and Marist's Fusci carried their respective clubs. Halker was a scoring machine as she finished with 31 points, while Fusci added two more 3-pointers and two free throws to again tie the score at 53-53.

The Saints held a three-point edge when Shackel drove the

lane for two with less than 20 seconds to go. Marist fouled Sinead McLoughlin with 12 seconds left and she connected on one of two free throws.

With seven seconds to go, Vallery was fouled down low and connected on both free throws to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period the Red Foxes came out strong forcing three ties and one lead change. Lamb's troops just could not dig any deeper, though, as Siena scored 11 unanswered points to win 81-71.

Vallery sees a bright future for women's hoops at Marist

by ALFRED DEFATTA, JR.
Staff Writer

Sometimes people can not change or adapt when it comes to moving away from their roots.

Forward Sabrina Vallery found this to be true in the beginning of her freshman year but as time would pass she would adjust.

Vallery lived in a small town in South Solon, Ohio before coming to Marist College on a basketball scholarship.

"It was a culture shock at first but I was able to adjust," Vallery said. "I was not used to the fast pace lifestyle of New York because where I am from things are laid back. Also my town that I am from is very small," she said.

She originally wanted to go to school close to home out towards the mid-west where she was raised.

However, she picked Marist because of its Psychology/Special Education program and basketball program.

She was looking for a school that had a good education reputation which she felt Marist had. She was also excited about the

basketball program because she felt that she would be able to contribute right away.

Even though she would have to adjust here lifestyle off the court it would not have any ill effects on her basketball game. Vallery would come into the conference and make her presence felt whether it was on the defensive or offensive end of the court.

She would appear in all 27 games whether it was as a starter or coming off the bench her freshman year.

Vallery would be named at the end of the season to the NEC All-Newcomer Team scoring an average of 6.6 points and pulling down 4.9 rebounds each game.

"I think I bring leadership to the team by example but my coach wants me to be a communicator also. I want to improve on my game each night out and give my all to the team. My main goal this year is to be a consistent player each night out on the court," Vallery said.

So far this year she has been very consistent, scoring 15 points and pulling 4.7 rebounds

each game. However, she still sees more room for improvement in her game and is never satisfied with herself.

As for the team she sees the future of the program on the rise and a large part of that will be from the head coach, Kristin Lamb.

"She is a great coach and I enjoy playing for her. I believe she will take the program to where we can compete for the MAAC title," Vallery said. "I see great things in the future for the team. As for this year, we just have to worry about the future games and not dwell on the past."

Sabrina Vallery did not come 650 miles from Ohio to just play ball and go to school. She came to Marist to experience a whole new atmosphere that she was not accustomed to.

So far she has adjusted very well and has been a force both on the court and in the classroom.

Like people say if you can make it in New York you can make it anywhere. So far she has done that and more.

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Stat of the Week

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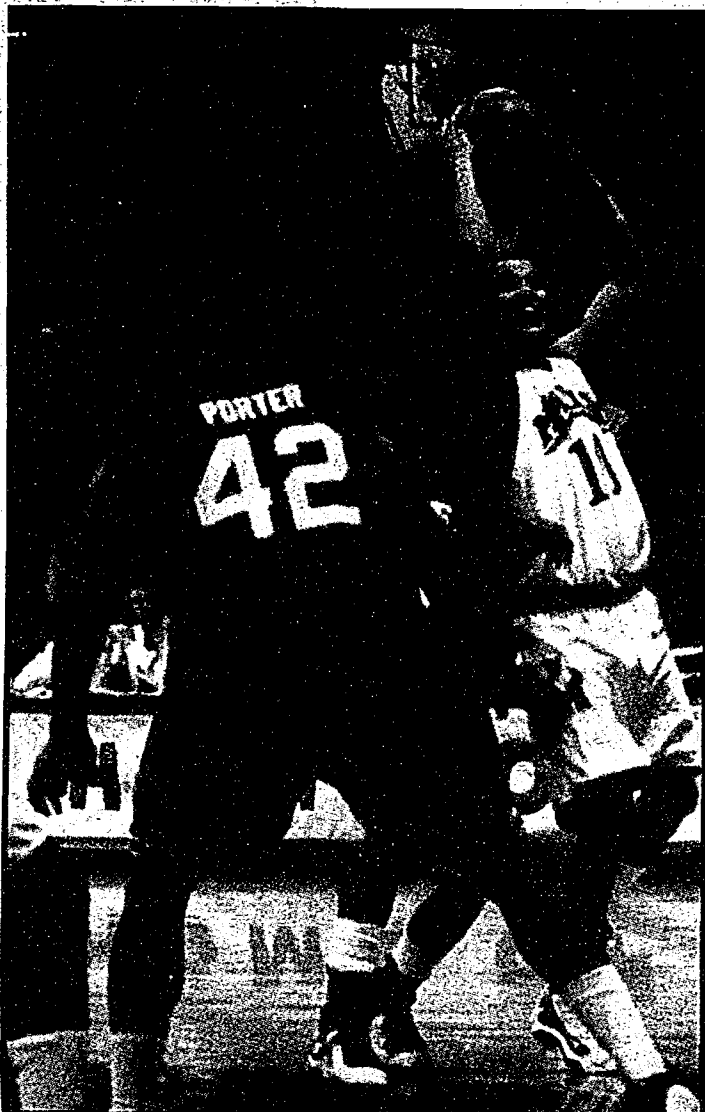
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Quote of the Week

"Marist track is getting bigger and better. Who knows where we could go?" - Dennis McManus, men's track

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Three wins in a row for men's hoops



Senior Bobby Joe Hatton (10) along with point guard Bo Larragan have led the Red Foxes to three straight victories.

Lady Foxes almost pull off huge upset

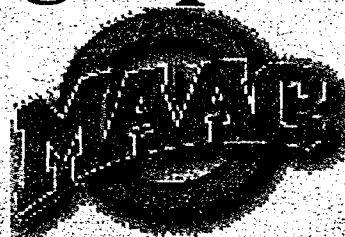
by RYAN MARAZITI
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The Marist Women's Basketball team almost pulled off the unthinkable.

On Saturday, the Lady Red Foxes (3-10, 4-17) gave conference powerhouse Siena a run for their money as center Diesa Seidel returned to score 25 points in an 81-71 overtime loss. Head coach Kristen Lamb said Seidel's return was very important.

"With Diesa we have a six-foot solid post player," Lamb said. "She really stepped up offensively for us."

Seidel, returning from a stress fracture that sidelined her for



most of the season, brings a critical presence to the Marist team according to Lamb.

"With Diesa in the paint, it takes a lot of offensive pressure off of Sabrina (Vallery)," Lamb said.

Marist was scorching from the field, hitting 10 of their first 14 shots to open the game. Back-to-back three's by Beth Shackel and Seidel's sixth straight field goal turned an early 16-10 lead into a ten point, 24-14 lead after 12 minutes.

However, the Red Foxes were only able to score four points over the next five minutes, allowing Siena to bring the lead down to 26-22. The Red Foxes took a 30-24 lead into the half, and with their history of playing well in the second half, Marist seemed to be in a good position.

Unfortunately, Siena (13-1, 16-6) is the top team in the MAAC and knows how to stay in a ball game. Siena scored seven straight points to lead 31-30 three minutes into the second half. After a Marie Fusci 3-pointer put Marist up two, the Saints went on an 8-0 run that gave them a 39-33 lead.

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by JEFF DAHNCKE
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A week ago, the Marist mens basketball team was searching for answers.

They desperately needed something to help them look like the team that began the season with eight consecutive wins, and not the team that soon dropped to seventh in the ten team MAAC.

And judging by last weekend's performance, it appears that they may have found that something.

The Red Foxes won their third straight game last Sunday, a 93-89 victory at Iona. It was their second road win in three days, after a 78-70 triumph at Loyola last Friday.

In addition to stringing together these three wins, Marist (14-8, 7-7) also learned the fate of junior forward Tomasz Cielebak. After sitting out six games while the NCAA investigated his eligibility, he will remain sidelined for five more contests, coming back for Marist's final game of the regular season against Fairfield (For more details, see story on page 1).

Judging by the Foxes' performance so far this month, sophomore forward Drew Samuels thinks that the team is back on track.

"Coach (Dave Magarity) said February is going to be our month," Samuels told the Poughkeepsie Journal. "We're 3-0 and we just want to keep it going."

The Foxes were able to keep it going against Iona, a team they had only defeated twice in 19

previous meetings. But Marist came out focused, jumping out to a 31-14 advantage in the first nine minutes.

Samuels, who scored 21 points and went 15-18 from the free throw line, and Bo Larragan, who added 14 points, combined to score 16 in the first nine minutes.

Iona answered with a 16-2, which allowed the Gaels to head to the locker room down only 45-44.

At the break, Magarity challenged his team to get it back in gear.

"We got a fire lit under our butts by coach at halftime," Marist center Tom Kenney said in the New York Daily News. "We pushed up the intensity and everyone was crashing the boards. It all came down to effort."

That extra effort was evident, as the Foxes out-rebounded Iona 53-42. Included in that was 26 offensive rebounds. Marist also attempted 37 free throws, connecting on 78 percent of them.

Iona did not get closer than five until about five minutes remaining in the game, when the Red Foxes' lead was trimmed to 77-74.

Marist upped the cushion back to ten with under a minute remaining, as the game seemed well in hand.

But Iona's Phil Grant, who led all scorers with 24 points, scored 11 points in the final minute to cut the deficit to two, with 14 seconds remaining in the game.

Grant could not complete the comeback, however, as Marist

escaped with the victory.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Foxes.

Like the Iona game, Marist also used a quick start to gain an early advantage against Loyola.

The Red Foxes jumped ahead 23-8, led by the guard play of Larragan and senior Bobby Joe Hatton.

Following the pattern that occurred against the Gaels, Loyola then went on a run of their own, cutting the Marist lead to two at the break.

Loyola then took a 65-63 lead on a short hook by Blanchard Hurd (15 points and 10 rebounds).

But a three-pointer by Hatton and then a conventional three-point play by Larragan put Loyola away for good.

Marist was able to withstand the strong effort of All-MAAC point guard Jason Rowe, who scored 29 points, grabbed eight rebounds and dished out five assists.

Larragan led Marist with 29, going 5-6 from three-point range. Hatton and Kenney each added 17 points.

With the victory over Iona, Marist has now beaten every team in the conference. Larragan said he thinks the slump is over.

"I think we've been playing the way we were at the beginning of the year," he told the Poughkeepsie Journal. "At the beginning of games we're ready to play."

Marist will be in action again on Monday when Iona travels to the McCann Center for a 7:30 tip-off.

Swimming and diving teams begin MAAC title quests today

by PETER MOYLAN
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The actual name for the competition is the MAAC Swimming and Diving Championships, but in reality it should be called the Who Can Beat Marist Tournament.

For the past three years, the Red Foxes have won the MAAC championships due to their superb effort both in and out of the water. This year is expected to be no different, with a talented freshman class and a group of veterans who know what it takes to win it all. In other words, Marist is the king of the hill, and the rest of the MAAC will attempt to push them off.

The first area to look at has to be the men's and women's diving teams who boasted an undefeated season in the MAAC this year. Even though two diving champions graduated last year, Marist is still loaded from top to bottom with talented.

One of the key additions to the team this year has been junior

Shelia Nieri, who is a transfer from Seton Hall. During her days as a Pirate, Nieri was a Big East 3 meter finalist, and since coming to Marist is a strong contender for the championship on both boards. Along side Nieri are Mandi Thompson, who is expected to be in the top four for both boards, and Liz Martel, whose specialty is the 3-meter. On the men's side, Matt St. Lucia and Jim Tavares will be shooting to be in the top six finishers, with both men having a good chance to challenge for the top spots. Along side them will be top seeded freshman standout Jeremy Forrer, who will be expected to continue his impressive season.

Coach Melanie Bolstad has high hopes for her defending champions.

"This is the most supportive teams I've seen since being here," said Bolstad. "These kids worked very hard and they are ready."

As with the diving team, the women's swim team will also be the favorite when they defend

their championship this weekend. For the girls, an increase in both the size and depth of the team lead to an 8-3 overall record and an undefeated season in the MAAC.

One of the highlights of the program came this season when Marist was able to beat St. Johns for the first time in school history. A large part of not only that win, but also the season success as a whole, can be attributed to the gifted freshman class coach Christine Honig was able to recruit. Kim Roe helped lead the team this year and will be competing in the individual medley and breaststroke, while also being chased by teammate Lisa Gosiewski in the individual medley and 200 meter backstroke for first and second place. Adding to the freshman depth are Cynthia Rowley in the breaststroke freestyle and Jennifer Williams in the butterfly and middle distance freestyle.

Of course no championship

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Marist's Courtney Ciacciao walks the ball up the court.