Pataki's proposed budget may cut Marist's HEOP program

by DARYL RICHARD Staff Writer

New York Gov. George Pataki's proposed $32.4 billion budget poses a threat to the Marist community. "I feel like a friend of mine has been stabbed in the back," said Thomas Goldpaugh, an English professor at Marist. Goldpaugh said he was devastated when he heard that part of the new budget was to discontinue a college program that means the world to him: the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP).

Pataki proposed last week to cut funding for the $22 million state program as part of his three-percent reduction in the state budget. If approved, HEOP at Marist and colleges around New York, will be eliminated.

"It's a foolish way to save money," Goldpaugh said. "The program gives back to the community."

HEOP is a state-funded academic support program for college students in the form of an academic preparation, counseling and educational aid such as tutoring. Students enrolled in the program are chosen from economically disadvantaged households.

"If it helps 100 people who worked in the Economic Opportunity Program (same as HEOP) but not for HEOP for some colleges, HEOP is for private," said Goldpaugh. "If Marist, said some of the best students he has taught are in HEOP and EOP programs.

"I've never met a group of students with such integrity and motivation to learn," said Goldpaugh. "If there are 500 students, we could lose some of our finest students."

Tim Massie, director of career relations, said he agrees cutting HEOP is not the route Pataki should take to save money.

"This is a massive blow to education around the state," Massie said.

Since the governor's proposed budget was released last Wednesday there has been a significant response from the Marist community.

"I want to get students from strategically important legislative districts," said Massie.

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Task Force on Sexual Violence Prevention

Sponsors Week of Educational Programs

by KRISTINA WELLS Staff Writer

Last Sunday, as estimated 100 students and faculty members braved the below-zero temperatures to participate in the "Take Back the Night" march in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

The week of programming, sponsored by the Task Force on Sexual Violence Prevention, is designed to better educate students and faculty members about violence on campus and in communities.

The start of the faculty workshop from the Chapel to the Rotunda in the new Student Center where the ceremony concluded with junior Michael LaCugna reading a poem by KRISHNA WELLS

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Hansen said when she was up being raped and being hit on the ankle by a rattlesnake except that people ask you if your skin was there. She said that you were alone anyhow.

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Carpenter's 'Madness' pits fiction against reality

In his latest role, Neill plays John Cane's books. There's a chance that a waiting fraternity brother or two have read one of these books. Neill loves horror stories, particularly the ones by Cane. He's read Cane's books in the past, and he knows every single word, at least, he knows them pretty well. Neill has made a name for himself in Hollywood, where he's been in a number of horror films. He's also received some critical acclaim for his work in horror movies. Neill is known for his ability to bring a sense of realism to his horror films, and his latest role in "Madness" is no exception.

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The Republican View

By Frank La Perch

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The SGA has begun evaluating the policy. Anyone who needs to increase the cap should contact the Student Life Council office at X22U6. The final results will be announced at a ceremony in April and will be published in the following issue of THE CIRCLE.
Poolside with Stephanie Raider...

by MARC LESTINSKY
Staff Writer


This may or may not be the way to
describe the Raider.

Stephanie Raider is a senior forward for the Marist women's basketball team and is known for her all-out effort on the court.

According to head coach Ken VanWagner, Raider is a very intelligent player who can score in so many different areas. "She makes us better when she's on the floor," he said.

Raider was born in New Jersey and played club and high school basketball. "It's different from college basketball, but I love it," she said.

Raider's family and friends are always at her games, and she said that her parents are her biggest supporters.

In the classroom, Raider is a chemistry major who hopes to attend graduate school and become a sports psychologist.

She enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, playing video games, and watching TV shows like Friends and Grey's Anatomy.

Men's record unblemished

The Associated Press Top 25 Polls

1. Duke (25-1)
2. Kansas State (25-2)
3. Marist (7-3)
4. Texas Tech (21-2)
5. Villanova (15-5)
6. St. John's (15-5)
7. Arizona (17-4)
8. Memphis (24-1)
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20. Michigan (14-7)
21. Louisville (14-8)
22. Oregon State (14-9)
23. Alabama (15-5)
25. Washington State (15-7)

Ice hockey

Marist trounces FDU

by JERALD STEWART
Sport Editor

The Marist College Red Foxes defeated Fairleigh Dickinson 6-2 on Saturday night.

The game was a confidence builder for the Marist women's hockey team.

The Red Foxes outshot the FDU Flying Phoenix 38-15 and were able to keep the momentum of the game.

Raider was a top scorer for the Red Foxes with a goal and an assist, while sophomore goalie Maria Capobianco made 15 saves to earn the shutout.

The Red Foxes are currently in fourth place in the Northeast Conference and are looking to improve their record.

The Scarlet Knights defeated Rutgers

by JEREMY MACK
Staff Writer

The Scarlet Knights defeated Rutgers 52-46 on Thursday night.

Rutgers junior forward Todd Moore led the Scarlet Knights with 12 points.

The Scarlet Knights are now 15-5 on the season and are currently ranked 18th in the Associated Press Poll.

The Red Foxes next take on the St. Francis Red Flash on Monday night at 7 p.m.

The Scarlet Knights are currently 14-6 on the season and are looking to build on their recent success.

The Red Foxes are looking to improve their record and move closer to the top of the conference standings.
Swimmers set to defend title

by MARTY SINACOLA
Staff Writer

The women’s swimming and diving team (7-7 overall, 3-2 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) has been given the chance to compete in the most prestigious championships in the country.

At the national championships, the junior forward has only scored seven points in the last two games. This may very well occur and is hardly good news for any team. This is certainly good news. These have been pruning practices since October or November, and with more depth, the team has improved with two alternates for each side)

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