Students travel in time via virtual reality system

by MICHAEL McDOWELL
Staff Writer

Students will be sent to hell if one Marist faculty member has his way. Steve Killion, assistant professor of English, said he hopes to have students in his Medieval Literature class learning in a virtual reality (VR) environment where right answers are rewarded and wrong answers send students to a virtual hell.

Killion is working with the Academic Computing department on a project called "Life of a Saint." He is translating Killion's ideas into technical jargon that is used to program the VR environments.

McDowell said he hopes the project will give students more of a feel for what it was like to be alive during the seventh century. Acoppy Pandya, academic computing's intranet webmaster has been learning Visual C++, a programming language used to create objects in virtual reality.

Pandya is currently working on a virtual castle, which Killion may use next fall for his medieval literature class. According to McDowell, the computer, including VR gear, monitor, and pre-installed software, cost about $9,000.

McDowell said academic computing bought the computer about three weeks ago, only as a starter machine. "I'd like to build on what we have," he said, "but I don't want to do it that way." McDowell added that he hopes projects with other departments will soon follow.

Killion said he has always had an interest in instructional technology and has high expectations for the project. "I can't imagine the possibilities," said Killion. "I want students to believe that medieval literature is not boring and that the dark ages weren't dark."

Currently, Killion is the only faculty member working on creating VR environments for his students, but McDowell said he hopes projects with other departments will soon follow.

McMullen said the future of VR at Marist really depends on student responses. "If we build all this and the students don't learn any better than Steve [Killion] getting in front of the class and just lecturing, then maybe we don't want to do it that way," said McDowell.

According to McMullen, labor hosts for building the VR environments is the biggest concern. She said that she has two students working on the project.

Students wait for food in the Marist cafeteria. There have been recent complaints that the variety and quality of food has declined.

Cafeteria variety lacking despite Sodexo's efforts

by MICHAEL GOOT
Managing Editor

Students continue to complain about the variety of cafeteria food, despite Sodexo's claims that they are attentive to student needs.

Freshman Dave Ambrose, a psychology/special education major, said he is disappointed in the variety of food. "I thought it would be a lot better for the money we were paying," he said.

"It's a lot of times, it's cold. Sometimes they run out of food and don't get replacements for a week or whatever," he said.

"I'm trying to find ways to substitute food for traditional cuisine," said McMullen. "There's no variety," he said.

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Bill Randhlo, a communications major, said there are some good aspects about the food in the cafeteria. "There's always food available, and we never have to wait," he said.

"Lack of variety is a complaint that many students say they have about food offered in the cafeteria. According to Randhlo, the variety was better last year because students had options, such as the stir fry area, which has not been featured as much this year.

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Stéan St. Clair, a sophomore communications major, said there is even less variety on the weekends.

"There's enough variety during the weekdays, but during the weekends there's hardly anything," he said.

Jennifer Murray, a sophomore psychology/special education major, said she only eats certain things in the cafeteria.

How would you rate the food in the cafeteria in terms of taste and variety?

Poor-101
Fair-95
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The Circle conducted an unscientific poll on Nov 1- Nov 9. Two hundred eighteen students were asked this week's question.
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Tony Brown speaks on freedom and self-worth...
Profile: South End RA Melissa Ruot

by Charlotte Partridge

Jor said living in Leo as an upper freshman. My RA was important to me because he was a familiar face, and the Leo staff has a strong bond, and the RA team was very helpful. Ruot said the Leo staff has a strong bond this year that may contribute to the lack of discipline problems.

Juniors and seniors are not bad. The junior criminal justice major said he hopes to foster in his students a permanent love of art. He said this will show students to have all the materials they need, like a kindergarten classroom.

His awards included, he said, the honor of teaching and the student is taking. He earned a $48,000 fine for violating the law, and there was no evidence of his injuries.

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SGA NEWS

SGA SPOTLIGHT

Name: Erin Hergenhan
Year: Sophomore
Major: Marketing with psychology minor
Hometown: Walden, NY
Favorite Band/Musician: Pink Floyd
Favorite Movie: "The Last Unicorn"
Favorite Food: Pizza
Role Model: Mom

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**The reality of the leftist slant of the American media**

In the last moments of the debate that will be known as 2000, the media began to publicly engage in bias. The New York Times in particular is being accused of having no standards. It is running an anti-Bush campaign.

While there certainly are instances when Democrats get preferential treatment, on the whole, there has been bias in the media. As the New York Times is a liberal bias.

If there were a liberal bias in American media, then we could never have had a president like Ronald Reagan. Here was a truly bad politician. Whenever he made an appearance, you got the feeling that he had just walked out of the wrecking yard.

Despite the fact that the Republican Party is largely responsible for today's financial quandary, people just liked him. His glibness and his ability to make friends and enemies with equal ease has long been dis­honored. There is a certain American dream of millions of people. But, hey, do we not hear them on camera. A truly lib­eral media would have honestly assailed this man after the abortions of Iran-Contra. It is foreshadowed by the unfolding of the Eva-Condor.

The way it is, some politicians have a sort of home court advantage with certain news organizations. Of course, we can call them all the way from Bob Dole back to Howard Dean. But, let's be honest, that is not Marist property. Therefore, we cannot help. We asked for help, this time on a personal level, not a security officer, but as a human being. Still, the response was no. I do not feel that this was a valid excuse for them to deny us help.

I have seen the Marist security run off campus, whether it is at Kahl, Cope, or even just driving on the road. I heard a story of the Marist security dealing with a Cago of students. The security people do not have the authority to help us! We are Marist students, individuals.

I just feel suddenly chastened because my parents pay a great expense for me to attend this school.

I feel this is a dangerous situation, and I feel quite certain that this kind of thing will happen again. It is hard to believe that the concept of giving equal time is so important.

Letter to the Editor

Student finds Marist security to be less than helpful

I would like to express my outrage with Marist College Security. Two weeks ago, on March 9 during my junior year of school, I was walking home and I was ambushed by a man carrying a gun. I was basically helpless. I was basically helpless to be able to walk in the 1992 election, but I was not enough.

I remember getting home from school and realizing I should have been able to have a vote, but I was too young. It is really strange to think of turning 18 and being able to vote. I wonder how many of those who did not vote in the first election are eligible for the second going for the 2016 election?

Still, I have a feeling that it may never happen. Not many, I bet.

**The rewards of Campus Ministry Community Service**

It is a real pleasure to be able to participate in an organization that gives so much to our community. Last week, I was able to participate in a cleanup project and help at a local elementary school.

The concept of giving equal time is excellent, as it does things like keep Newt Gingrich and his followers on the move. Everything was done that I expected to do, and I was able to make a positive impact on the community. This was a very rewarding experience for me, and I hope to continue to participate in similar activities in the future.

In my opinion, people do not have the right to complain about how the country is run. They have a voice to take part in the elections and have a say in who is in charge. The last moments of the voter's right to vote must be remembered.

I have been able to vote twice this year, and it has been a great experience for me. I think I will continue to vote in the future, and I hope that others will do the same.

The rewards of Campus Ministry Community Service are immeasurable. I have been able to make a difference in the lives of others, and I feel that this is a very important part of my education. I hope that others will join me in this important work.

**Quote of the week**

"Education is what you have left after you have learned everything you had learned." —Anonymous

**Letters to the Editor**

Please include your name and class year.

The Circle reserves the right to edit letters for spacing and appearance.

**Points to Consider**

How do you think the media has influenced your perception of politics? How do you think the media has influenced your perception of events? What role do you think the media should play in society?

**The real issue is the quality of the candidates, not the outcome of the election.**

By Bill Marks

Bill Marks is a representative English major, minoring in political science, from Lincoln, RI. He is also The Circle's political columnist.
Two viewpoints on a new thriller, "Ransom"

By Brian Hill

8:00, 9:35

Ransom is a taught thriller, with nothing half-baked about it. The perfect recipe for a great film, "Ransom" was directed by Clint Eastwood and stars Mel Gibson as the kidnapper and Tommy Lee Jones as the FBI negotiators.

The plot revolves around an electric engineer, Tom Lorenzo, who is kidnapped by a group of criminals led by Bruce Willis. The kidnappers demand a large ransom in order to return Mr. Lorenzo to his family.

The film is filled with suspense and tension as the FBI negotiators try to plan a successful meeting with the kidnappers. The scenes are well shot and the acting is superb, especially by Mel Gibson, who delivers a great performance as the kidnapper.

The film is a great example of how a well-crafted thriller can keep the audience on the edge of their seats. It is a must-see for anyone who loves a good thriller.

"Ransom" is worth a watch and should not be missed. It is a great addition to the list of great films that have come out this year.
Five Questions with Gabriel Byrne: Big Irish Goodfella

by Patricia Melby
Associated Press Writer

With his chiseled jaw, furrowed brow and prominent nose, Gabriel Byrne is the kind of actor who rarely appears on stage, depending on his gender.

Still, starring in films like "Mill's Crossing" and "The Usual Suspects," Byrne seemed a perfect choice for an interview that the author hadn't heard of some of his recent work. Byrne is no longer the actor of the 1980s, when he was most popular. Now he is back in the spotlight, but the role of an Irish actor

Byrne is no stranger to the role of the Irish actor. He has played such roles as a hard-boiled detective in "Mill's Crossing," a detective in "The Usual Suspects," and a detective in "The Usual Suspects."

Despite praise from critics, Australian film grim and dark

"Shine," the biographical film about the life of the brilliant mathematician and pianist, is a touching film that tells the story of a man who must overcome his demons to become a great musician. But it's not an easy role for the main actor, since Byrne has played similar roles in the past.

"I read the script and I thought, 'This is a role that I really want to play.'" Byrne said. "I've always been interested in playing Irish characters, and I think this one is going to be really challenging for me."

"I really haven't a clue."

Byrne is expected to win several awards for his performance, including an Academy Award. But the actor has been quiet about his success, saying that he is just happy to be able to continue telling stories that resonate with audiences.

"I'm not in it for the money or the fame. I'm in it for the storytelling. That's what has always driven me," Byrne said. "I just want to be able to tell stories that people can relate to and that they can be entertained by."

"I'm sure it's going to be a tough role, but I'm ready for it," Byrne added.

Despite the challenges, Byrne is excited to take on the role of the talented mathematician and pianist. He believes that his performance will be a testament to the power of storytelling and the ability of actors to bring characters to life.

"I really can't wait to get started on this," Byrne said. "I know it's going to be a tough role, but I'm ready for it. I'm going to do my best to bring this character to life."

Byrne is known for his dedication to his craft and his ability to bring complex characters to life on screen. He has received several nominations for his work, including an Academy Award for his role in "Mill's Crossing."

"I'm really looking forward to this role," Byrne said. "I think it's going to be a really challenging role, but I'm ready for it. I'm going to do my best to bring this character to life."

Byrne is expected to release the film in the spring of 2023. He is currently working on several other projects, including a role in the upcoming film "The Irishman."
The winter weather is here and so are the sports

The National Scene
by Marty Sinacola

Well, Boston College is making the news again, but this time it’s the talk of being possible football.

We know there are many limitations upon our ability to NFCA program, not to mention those we hold in person and online, which are often for personal, religious, or professional reasons.

Despite the challenges of the opening meetings, the team has shown tremendous progress. This is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches.

The next meet will be this Saturday, March 5th, when the team will face off against a tough opponent. It will be a crucial moment for both teams, as they look to set the tone for the rest of the season.

The winter weather is here and so are the sports

Chris O'Connor
Team: Swimming
Class: Junior
Hometown: White Plains, NY
Major: Communications-PR

Chris has been swimming competitively for 14 years. As a distance swimmer, Chris' most memorable moment was winning the Conference Championship his freshman year. Chris was also selected Freshman Swimmer of the Year in 1994-95 season.

Favorite TV Show: Lois and Clark

Favorite Band: Billy Joel

Favorite Food: Chicken with a Twist by Mom

Favorite Athlete: Mookie Wilson

Favorite Aspect of Marist: The size - not too big

Worst Aspect of Marist: Lack of housing

In the National Scene, we will be covering all aspects of the winter weather and the sports world. From the latest news in college football to the latest updates in the world of professional sports, we will be bringing you the most up-to-date information.

So sit back and enjoy the show, and let's see what the winter weather has in store for us.
A missed phone call, a missed chance for baseball

by Donald Blum

AP Sports Writer

New York (AP) — The players were off the field, the manager was in his office and the weather was perfect for a day at the park. But the Colorado Rockies were left with a dilemma: Should they stay in Colorado Springs to celebrate their division title or head back to Denver to prepare for the playoffs?

The Rockies won their division on Tuesday, but the team was not sure whether to stay in the Springs or go back to Denver. The decision had to be made quickly, because the Rockies have a playoff game scheduled for Thursday.

"We're just waiting for the right time," manager Bud Black said. "We don't want to make a decision too early, but we also don't want to make it too late."
**STATE OF THE WEEK:**

Men's Swimming and Diving team capture 100th win for program and coach against Central Connecticut State.

November 14, 1996

**SPORTS**

Men's swimming and VanWagner capture 100th win at McCann

**by PHILIP WHITE**

Staff Writer

This past Wednesday was a nostalgic moment for the men's swimming and diving team. The Red Foxes won their 100th race against Central Connecticut State University. Coach Larry VanWagner, who has been with the program for 18 years, knew how important this record was to VanWagner and the team. The entire team was excited to help him receive this victory.

"We knew the importance of the win and how we could improve VanWagner's record, so we won this race for him," sophomore Griffin McNeese said.

Despite VanWagner's record, the Red Foxes also knew of the importance of this race. Last year when Marist raced Central Connecticut State, the Red Foxes were defeated with a devastating score. Marist wanted to redeem themselves this year for last year's importance of this race. Last year when Marist raced Central Connecticut State, the Red Foxes were defeated with a devastating score. Marist wanted to redeem themselves this year for last year's loss. Some of the team members that made both the win against Central Connecticut and one hundred victory possible are juniors Chris Blackwell and Chris O'Connor. Blackwell was the 1996 MAC Coach of the Year and O'Connor was the 1996 MACAAC Champion in the 400 IM.

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The 1986-87 men's swimming and diving team take a break after capturing the 100th win.

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Griffin McNeese also made contributions. Charlton was the 1996 MACAAC Champion in 200 Backstroke and McNeese was the 1995 MACAAC Champion in the 400 IM.

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Aside from the difficult season ahead and the tough competition, VanWagner looks upon this season with a positive view. VanWagner said he feels that the Red Foxes are as strong as last year, although a little understated and the potential to do better is even greater.

"I would describe this season and my team as, challenging, but we are ready for it," VanWagner said.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

"The determination was unbelievable... They didn't say anything. You could just see it in their eyes," J.J. Allen.

**Women's soccer remains optimistic**

by DAVID M. BEARD

Staff Writer

Going into last Friday's Atlantic League opener against Monmouth, the Red Foxes were optimistic about their ability to stage a comeback. However, VanWagner's optimism was quickly dashed when the team was blanked by the Monmouth Blue Devils, 2-0. The Red Foxes feel confident heading into this season with this victory over Central Connecticut State. However, VanWagner has a different view point about the up and coming season. "I view this win not so much as a confidence builder, but that it shows how the program has evolved," VanWagner said.

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Aside from the difficult season ahead and the tough competition, VanWagner looks upon this season with a positive view. VanWagner said he feels that the Red Foxes are as strong as last year, although a little understated and the potential to do better is even greater.

"I would describe this season and my team as, challenging, but we are ready for it," VanWagner said.

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**Volleyball ends season with victory**

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For Alyssa Clarke, Tara Damara, Liri Herzner, Mary Beth Horman, and Jen Weibrich, Marist's 15-12, 15-6, 15-5 victory over the Long Island University Blackbirds was not just another game. It was their final Red Fox volleyball game ever in the James J. McCann Recreation Center.

An emotional pre-match ceremony honored the five seniors for their hard work, dedication and outstanding play. One by one, the public address announcer called but the seniors by name. "I completely zoned out when they called my name," senior Julee Cerda said. "I was so upset that it was almost overwhelming." Clarke, who capped off the night with a powerful final point, added three more points, two of which came on aces. Clarke’s point streak continued in the third game when she added three more points, two of which came on aces. Marist continued to dominate the game, and when Vir’s kill made it 11-2, Alquist started to bring the seniors back in, most of the crowd, one by one until the same line-up that had started the game was back on the floor. It appeared the seniors would end their home career on the court together, unfortunately, fatigue and a LIU rally put an end to the idea and Vir re-entered the game. Fittingly, though, it was co-captain Herzner who capped off the night with a kill, giving the seniors a high note to go out.

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