Marist student accepted to Jeopardy! tournament

by Ben Acciai
Copy Editor

It is not yet often someone is given the chance to win $25,000 and a new Volvo, but for one Marist student, that might be just the beginning.

While most students will be stressing over mid-term exams, sophomore Mark Urciuolo, will be stressing over answers worth hundreds of dollars each as he competes to win in this year's Jeopardy! Tournament.

From Feb. 24-27, Urciuolo will be in Los Angeles, Calif., with hundreds of other college students from across the country, hoping to become the next college Jeopardy! champion.

"I went down there and dominated it and was really cool in the interview," said Urciuolo. "But I didn't think I had made it.

"I don't drink and would rather not drink but are still in favor of it," Kadus said. "The price of a ticket was $100 if it included drinks, it would take even longer. I don't drink so I would be willing to pay $100 if it included drinks."

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Debates arise over senior formal tickets

by Leah Selkowitz
Staff Writer

There has been a great deal of controversy over whether or not there should be an open bar at the senior formal.

"Some students said they feel they will not get enough to drink," Kadus said. "Others do not want to pay for an open bar."

According to Kadus, this controversy is one of the most serious in the history of the college, not because of a lack of information, but because of the conflict of interest.

"Many people are confused," Kadus said. "That's why they are complaining." Kadus said.

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**Rapid increases in SUNY tuition and threat of further state cuts worry many**

By Jack Burke, Newsday

SUNY President George M. Pataki has been a student of the State College at Old Westbury for almost five years, and he understands the importance of money for tuition and fees.

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Declarations for '97-'98 SGA presidential candidates are in

Name: Carol Koorner
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Minor: Psychology
Honors: Pittsburgh, PA
Major SGA Issues: Priority points and the club chartering process

Name: Tracy Panasowski
Year: Junior
Major: Communications/Public Relations
Hometown: Littleton, NY
SGA Experience: Public Relations Director, Financial Planning Officer,
Student Government Association (SGA) Senate
Major SGA Issues: Parking and the general representation of the student body

Phrases for addressing issues: Carol plans to solve all of her problems by becoming the student body president by working through communication lines so all voices can be heard. She would use her experience as a liaison between the student body and the rest of the college to improve communication. She is also committed to opening communication lines with the resident student councils to ensure that all voices are heard. She believes in the power of communication and plans to use it to bring about positive change at Marist College.

Name: Susan Eriole
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science
Minor: Communications: Public Relations
Hometown: Rotterdam, NY
SGA Experience: Freshman Class Vice President, Sophomore Class President, Event Chair (of Chaos Wars (96)
Major SGA Issues: Priority points and the club chartering process

Name: Tricia Panasowski
Year: Junior
Major: Communications/Public Relations
Hometown: Rotterdam, NY
SGA Experience: Public Relations Director, Financial Planning Officer,
Student Government Association (SGA) Senate
Major SGA Issues: Parking and the general representation of the student body

Phrases for addressing issues: Tricia plans to speak to students and gather their ideas about how to handle the parking situation. She will also work with the student government and other organizations to improve communication with the student body. She plans to use her experience as a liaison between the student body and the rest of the college to ensure that all voices are heard.

Student leaders enhance skills at Emerging Leaders Conference

By Jill Giannocchio
Photo Writer

Leadership is an important trait to gain before entering the world of higher education. The Emerging Leaders Conference was created to provide one way for students to develop their leadership skills through the Emerging Leaders Conference.

The event was organized by Susan Eriole, sophomore director, and was brought to campus by the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate. The conference was held on campus, and included panels, workshops, and activities aimed at promoting leadership and personal development.

Through this conference, students were able to develop their leadership skills. The event included workshops on communication, public speaking, and time management, as well as opportunities for students to network with other leaders.

Sophomore prepares for Jeopardy!

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"This was my first Jeopardy," he added. "After that, I have the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions this coming fall. That's the big one that everyone looks forward to." The tournament is open to all students, and the winner will be selected based on their performance in the preliminary rounds.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's a great opportunity to showcase my knowledge and skills.

Students enhance public speaking skills through admissions internships

by Gina Romingnow
Feature Editor

Interests at stemming from a unique ex-
perience for the admissions office. The dean and the vice president of the college were both interested in the impact of student government activity on student success. They also wanted to explore the potential of student government as a way to promote student engagement.

Ken R. Brown, assistant director of admissions, said that he is working with the administration to create a new position, the admissions officer for public involvement. The position will focus on increasing student government participation and developing ways to involve student government in campus life.

"I think it is a great opportunity to work with the student government," he said. "It's a way to promote student involvement and engagement, and it's a way to show that student government is important to the college.

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Academic probation geared towards strengthening students' weaknesses

by Michelle Griffin

They are not your typical probation officers. These days, instead of wearing suits and carrying aPortfolio, a group of students are working with residents in the faculty mailroom. Recent English majors, one of their main jobs is to help students who have been placed on academic probation. "We're trying to do things that people don't expect us to do," one of the students said.

There are a wide range of reasons why students end up on academic probation. Some examples include poor grades, lack of attendance, and failing a class. When students are placed on academic probation, they are not allowed to take any courses for the major or minor.

"It's really hard to express it to other people and say, 'I'm on academic probation,'" said one of the students. "It's something that people don't really understand.

In an attempt to help students, the group has come up with a few ideas. One of their main ideas is to create a website where students can go to get help. The website will include links to resources, such as tutoring services, and information about academic probation.

According to a recent study, students who have been placed on academic probation are more likely to drop out of college. The group hopes that by providing resources and support, they can help students stay in school and succeed.

"It's really important that we help these students," said another student. "We don't want them to give up on their education.

The group is also working on creating a brochure that will be distributed to students who are on academic probation. The brochure will provide information about academic probation and what students can do to improve their situation.

"We want to make sure that students know that there are resources available to them," said one of the students. "We want to help them succeed.

In addition to the website and the brochure, the group is also working on creating a video that will be shown to students who are on academic probation. The video will provide information about academic probation and what students can do to improve their situation.

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College provided basic information about how to fill out the petty cash forms, bureaucratic tasks by e-mail. Another bureaucratic chore is meetings. Many tribute their ideas to the "e-meeting."

The candidates running for student body president should make streamlining experiences to tie together:

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**Video Guy stages a party for Circle unity**

by Jim Sjogren

I do not know if anyone noticed, but here at The Circle, there is a lack of unity among the various contributors. I mean, come on, does anyone really make the final cuts? I know I've not seen any... I just figured this week would be a good time to use my office for something other than storage. Thus, I've brought in this film to show you all the things we can do with the room. It's called *Superimposed Creatures*, a film that Lucas was unable to find for the original version, but now he's made it. It's a film shot in the context of the first movie. It tells the story of Han Solo and his crew as they venture into a world of new experiences. We'll show a great exterior shot of Ben Solo as he faces his greatest challenge. In fact, there are some out-of-"Return of the Jedi" contains only two minutes of new footage, but, there is a lack of unity among the various contributors. I mean, come on, does anyone really make the final cuts? I know I've not seen any... I just figured this week would be a good time to use my office for something other than storage. Thus, I've brought in this film to show you all the things we can do with the room. It's called *Superimposed Creatures*, a film that Lucas was unable to find for the original version, but now he's made it. It's a film shot in the context of the first movie. It tells the story of Han Solo and his crew as they venture into a world of new experiences. We'll show a great exterior shot of Ben Solo as he faces his greatest challenge. In fact, there are some out-of-...
Monmouth gets help again from the zebras

by Mike Oconno
Special to the Circle

Swimmers train, train, train

The scene is burned into the minds of all who watched.

Eleven seconds to go. Mentor up by three in the second set.

Making their mark on the Moheet with a blowout, the Monmouth men's basketball team looked to flourish in the homecourt.

The Red Foils even the score, but the Monmouth men are not done. They come back to tie the game at 62-62.

But Monmouth gets the win. They get the victory. They are the champions. They are the champs.

And then it happened.

The Red Foils broke the game wide open.

The game is over. The Monmouth men's basketball team is victorious. It's a moment to remember.

The celebration is in full swing.

The cheers are loud and clear.

The Monmouth men's basketball team is the winner.

The Red Foils are the champions.

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The Monmouth men's basketball team got the help they needed to win.

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Men's basketball loses to FDU, Monmouth at home

by STEVE WANCHKE
Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes. One year ago, the men's basketball team battled the best over all record in the Northeast Conference and captured the second seed in the conference's post-season tournament. Two losses last week were the latest in a string of disappointing performances that have contributed to the Red Foxes' fall from grace; only Robert Morris has a worse conference record than Marist's 2-9 mark, with eight games remaining. The Red Foxes' overall record is a dismal 5-15.

On Thursday night, head coach Dave Magarity's squad welcomed Fairleigh Dickinson Universi ty into the NEC Center. The game, like so many other FDU-Marist clashes in the past, decided in the final few minutes, and the visiting Knights escaped with a 59-56 victory.

A slow start got the Red Foxes off on the wrong foot, one that became ever wider as the first half went on. With just 4:00 remaining, FDU led 31-15, and appeared to have all the momentum. But then Marist's starting backcourt—Bob Hey Hatton and Randy Encarnacion—rattled off 10 straight points, and the Red Foxes held on with a 59-56 victory. (Childs Stockton

The Red Foxes never trailed by more than 8 points, and at the 10 minute mark, began another run which made the score 57-56.

For most of the second half, Men's basketball loses to FDU, Monmouth at home

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Addington said the team is now focused on the MAAC championships where all the teams in the conference will gather to compete. One of the team's strengths is diving. Addington feels that all five divers are strong enough to compete with any team in the conference. As touched on in previous articles, Addington said the weakness is the lack of depth in comparison to other teams in the conference.

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Women swimmers get ready to host MAACs

by CHRIS O'DONNELL
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Swimmers dropped by Fordham

by PHILLIP WHITE
Staff Writer

The men's swimming and diving team got defeated this past Thursday by Fordham University. Despite their 90-60 loss, the Red Foxes maintain a positive attitude. However, Wagner did not expect Marist to win this difficult meet. During the Fordham meet, Marist did manage to tie for victory in certain events. Sophomore Craig Classen among others.

"It was one of those tough games. Monmouth struggled to pull away. With about eight minutes left, the Red Foxes closed it to within two points, but then fell apart. A series of questionable fouls were called against Marist, and then a long delay, due to some confusion over a "ghost" basket by Monmouth, killed some of their momentum. The officials gave the Hawks' Quincy Lee two points following a play when the ball did not go through the hoop. The call was reversed upon further review, but the Red Foxes seemed to lose their focus.

"The stretch down, the Red Foxes led 13 points, and Monmouth turned it around. Marist closed in and cut the deficit in half, scoring 59-56 victory.

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"Wagner does strengthen his swim team physically and mentally. The Red Foxes built up their men's dual league with a win over University of Pennsylvania. Wagner feels that his swimmers, especially the freshmen have shown a tremendous amount of improvement since September. The entire team shows that feeling of confidence. "We have improved a lot, a mean we are all working together to make the Red Foxes better," said Wagner. "It was the second most difficult match we had, but we're all happy with the win."