Students take back the night at Marist College

by AMANDA BRADLEY
Staff Writer

One in every four women are going to be sexually assaulted. On Sunday, April 20, the Marist Women’s Task Force, in coordination with the Sorority Kappa Lambsa Psi, organized the “Take Back the Night” March. The procession left from the campus Chapel after the eight o’clock Mass and circled the campus to end up in the Student Center Rotunda. Following the march were brief, but poignant presentations given by students on the topic of sexual violence.

This traditional event, which originated during the late 70’s early 80’s, takes place each year on most college campuses and in communities nationwide.

The march is a visual program of the Sexual Assault Prevention Movement. Included in the march is a candlelight vigil. The intention is to bring the community together to sympathize with and support the victims of violence. It also shows to any sex offenders that the public will not tolerate their misconceptions.

Roberta Staples, Director of Counseling Services at Marist, feels the program is an effective way to send out the message that this campus does not accept violence.

The “Take Back the Night March” fights for the ability to help the campus be aware of and deal with these very significant issues.

Wallace to receive Lowell Thomas Award in recognition of contributions to broadcasting

by TIM MASON
A&E Editor

Mike Wallace, CBS News correspondent and co-editor of the long-running television program 60 Minutes, has been selected to receive the 1997 Lowell Thomas Award on June 18 in New York City.

Wallace, who has received numerous awards in his career, expressed his gratitude and thanks for being selected for the award.

"I could not be more pleased, nor more flattered, than to be selected for the 1997 Lowell Thomas Award and to join so many of my colleagues who have come before me in achieving this recognition," said Wallace.

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Marist gains local recognition for creating international news service

by LEAN SHELDON
Staff Writer

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A course taught by John Hartsock, Ph.D. in the fall of 1996, utilized the Internet in comparing communication systems around the world. Instead of reading an American interpretation of events occurring in foreign countries, the Marist College International News Report offers users the opportunity to view actual on-line newspapers from around the world.

"It is an opportunity to have immediate access to foreign media all over the world," Hartsock said. "Historically, the global news flow has been controlled by CNN, Reuters, and UPI. All world news has been filtered through a few western-view organizations. This communicates this and we can see what people are saying about themselves, not what we are saying about them."

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"We don't just look at them as journalists, but at what else they have done, " Massie added. "Wallace is the one who emulated by a generation of journalists.

Wallace is now receiving international original correspondent of 60 Minutes, has been in the news business since the 1940s, when he was a radio newswriter and broadcaster for the Chicago Sun. After he served as national communications officer during World War II, he became a Hearst newspaper editor, then WMAQ in Chicago. Wallace first joined CBS in 1951, left the network in 1955, and subsequently returned in 1963, when he was named a CBS commentator. He has been named a recipient of the Lowell Thomas Award for journalism.

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Senators raise objection to Clinton administration tax package

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Finance Committee's opposition to Clinton's tax package was sharply outlined at a hearing Wednesday, with Republican chairman Senator Lloyd Bentsen saying it would further interrupt the Clinton-Democrats' attempts to "jumpstart the economy".

The Senate Finance Committee heard testimony from 14 experts about the Clinton economic package, which includes a $350 billion tax cut over 5 years, a $25 billion increase in military spending, and $40 billion more for tax cuts.

"We are talking about a program to provide tax relief to families who are in the middle class," Bentsen said. "We are talking about an investment in our own country's future," he said.

Bentsen said he was concerned about the tax cuts, saying it would be better to spend the money on direct relief to those in need.

"We must be concerned about the budget deficit," he said. "We must be concerned about the future of our country."
Students ignore rain and turn out in full force for River Day festivities

by Stephanie Morozione

Students take their talents off-campus to perform in Godspell performance

by Emily Richardson

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Goot prepares to take over as editor-in-chief

by Keith Richards

Marist celebrates multiculturalism

by Ali Gourzoul

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Parting is such sweet, delicious sorrow...

by Jean Itocao Food Babe

It's strange to think that this is my last time on the food blogs. It's even stranger that I'm graduating. But that's another Panda X goodbye that I'll soon open in the works to come.

I just wanted to share my last review with you all and—with the help of my childhood best friend, Charlie and Mike D. We decided to go to Spanky's for a Sunday brunch.

I had the eggs over easy, a mason jar of syrup, a hash brown, tater tots, bacon, French toast, and mimosas. Mike ordered his with jalapeño sauce. We decided to order a side dish of sautéed veggies, which are usually overpriced on the menu, and have been a favorite of mine in the past. We decided to order another side of chicken, which also was one of the best dishes served.

I chose the classic cheddar grits, which is basically the basic foundation of grits but with more spices, peppers, and onions. Alice ordered the Cajun chicken and rice, which is a happy marriage of flavors and spices. She ordered the shrimp and grits, which is a simple yet delicious dish. We decided to order the potato and mushroom breakfast plate for two, which is one of the best dishes served in the restaurant. We also ordered the bacon and eggs, which are usually overpriced on the menu, and have been a favorite of mine in the past.

I love to go to Spanky's because of the polite staff, great food, and the overall atmosphere. The staff made us feel like family and we will definitely be back.

The food was delicious, and I will definitely be back to Spanky's for another great meal.

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Bake it up with Gnya!
(Baked Chicken and Vegetables)

1 1/2 cap minced celery
1 onion, minced
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups diced and chopped tomatoes
3 cup chicken broth
salt and pepper to taste
6 dried mushrooms

For the chicken:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large pot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the diced vegetables and sauté until softened. Add the chicken broth and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the dried mushrooms and continue to simmer for another 5 minutes. Add the salt and pepper to taste.

For the vegetables:

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large baking dish, arrange the vegetables in a single layer. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender.

To serve:

Place the baked vegetables in the center of the dish. Top with the cooked chicken. Serve hot. Enjoy your delicious meal!
**Letters to the Editor**

**1997 Yearbook editor responds to students' criticisms of 1996 Renyard**

Editor:

In response to the letter that appeared on April 17, 1997 issue of The Circle.

I am tired of the criticism.

This is in response to the editor of the 1997's comment it's heard to make the differences that the yearbook committee has made.

We can only undo the mistakes that we have made. I am only trying to make this year's yearbook better. The students of the yearbook committee work twice as hard, just as they have been some something. Anything to remember your college years.

This year's committee was a bit delayed by the production of last year's book. Still, we were well into the 1997 yearbook by the end of the first semester. We began taking pictures of students, and the student's campus soon after the first meeting had taken place. The feedback has been good, and regular meetings have been held. I believe those involved have been working hard to make the 1997 graduates happy with what they have been doing.

The Class of '98, members of the yearbook committee are brave enough to take on the task of an entire course without receiving any class credit. It is a shame that the students of the yearbook committee have to work twice as hard, just so their peers can have something. Anything to remember your college years.

Your letter is not as much a complaint as it is a matter of fact. I have been hearing about the yearbook since the 1996 yearbook. If people believe a better job can be done, they must start by joining future yearbook committees. Sometimes, you don't do as much on a yearbook as you do on a yearbook project. But, protective measures can help improve your future yearbooks.

I believe that with the support of the student government, the students, teachers, staff, faculty etc., we could actually produce yearbooks of higher quality. There is no better way to do it. Please don't do anything about the yearbook project, as it will save a lot of money. The lessons I have learned from a countless number of mistakes, and of course, the what I am standing for.

**Newt's Sweetheart Deal**

Providing further reason to the concept that "it's not about who you are, it's about who you know." Newt Speaker Gingrich has faced an interesting dilemma. He is trying to find out who his sweetheart is.

The reason it is interesting is that Gingrich's deal making, regardless of who is on his side, is all about who he is working with. He is being forced to go through this deal making.

I am tired of the criticism that is being made. I believe that his work with the Republican Party is kind of this financial investment that is going to be made. Just like it is not a conspiracy.

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SGA NEWS

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Student Government Association is looking for two students to join the financial board. Students must be members of clubs that fall under the following categories:

- Social Service Council
- Production Council

Application are available in the Student Government Office.

For further information, contact Steve Coogan, Chief Financial Officer at x2863.

A word from the new vice president for club affairs:
Hi, my name is Chris Jette, and I am interested in joining the Public Relations Committee.

Contact Katherine Jowdy, Director of PR at x2699.

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The Dutchess County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) is in need of volunteers to walk dogs, answer phones, control newspapers, and wash dishes. The shelter is located only minutes away from Marist, and the job is both rewarding and enjoyable.

Anyone interested should contact Rose Marie Freni at the S.P.C.A. (914) 452-1640 for further information.

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Broadway audiences of all ages enjoy larger-than-life fairy tale

Itself though series of local shows on Thursday evening in front of crowds who reacted with accepting excitement.

Marital bliss. King Sextimus is so named in that he is a lecherous womanizer who throughout the course of the play. Lewis' musical has to have quarreling lovers, and While" will have a little bundle of joy to their set list to attract more audiences.

Less is of more immediate concern to Sir Burnet and classic rock, slowed down or ing. Ryan Healy, a freshman at Marist intends to ensure that Winnifred is engaging characters and great songs you'll find in Connecticut/ Since then, Splice has been playing in local bars, such as Berties' and fraternity parties.

One of the best things about this show is that the current members form the perfect Splice did go through some band members, which they perform during shows. Also they have five original songs in their repertoire.

This dilemma is explained in one of the earliest songs in the play, the delightful "Hateful Goodbyes." Some other professional lies on the role of the Minstrel and the Jester.

I have always firmly believed that the current members form the perfect Splice begins to make a name for itself through series of local shows.

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These are as Saturday performances at the Bay Day activities this summer. The entire collection of plays will have their worlds turned by the facts, students both direct and act in these plays. Performance will be given in the Nobby Quinn Theatre, college's Student Center on Thursday, April 24th 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, April 25th 7:00 p.m.

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Thank you for all of your support and dedication to sports at Marist College. Your hard work and passion have made a significant impact on the lives of many students and athletes. As we look forward to the next academic year, we have some exciting developments to announce.

The Red Foxes Women’s Lacrosse team has been invited to compete in the 1997 MAAC Championship tournament, which will be held on campus. The Women’s Lacrosse team has had an outstanding season, with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. They have been ranked #1 in the MAAC for the majority of the season and have already won the MAAC regular season championship.

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The Red Foxes Women’s Soccer team has had an outstanding season, with a record of 11 wins and 1 loss. They have been ranked #1 in the MAAC for the majority of the season and have already won the MAAC regular season championship. The Women’s Soccer team has been invited to compete in the 1997 MAAC Championship tournament, which will be held on campus.

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In addition to the MAAC Championship tournaments, the Red Foxes Women’s Basketball team has been invited to compete in the 1997 MAAC Championship tournament, which will be held on campus. The Women’s Basketball team has had an outstanding season, with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses. They have been ranked #1 in the MAAC for the majority of the season and have already won the MAAC regular season championship.

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Baseball wins two-of-three over St. Francis(NY) Terriers

By Phillip White

Staff Writer

The Red Foxes’ baseball team went 2-of-3 against the Terriers to improve their record in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The first game was a 3-1 win for Marist, the second game was a 4-3 loss, and the third game was a 1-0 defeat. The Red Foxes are now 9-12 on the season.

The first game was a close battle between two teams with similar records. Marist scored in the third inning on a bases loaded walk, and the Terriers tied the game in the fourth on a double by Eric Neely. Marist then scored in the fifth on an RBI single by Freshman Phillip Toscano to lead 2-0. The Red Foxes added another run in the sixth on a sacrifice fly by Junior Nick Longo.

The second game was a heartbreaker for the Red Foxes. They scored in the first inning on an RBI single by Senior George Santiago. The Terriers tied the game in the second on a home run by Mark Toscano. Marist scored in the third inning on a two-out, two-run single by Senior Johanna Cervini to make it 3-1. The Terriers tied the game in the fourth inning on a two-out, two-run single by Senior Mark Toscano.

The third game was a low-scoring affair, with the Red Foxes scoring in the first inning on a two-out, two-run single by Freshman Phillip Toscano. The Terriers tied the game in the second inning on a two-out, two-run single by Chris Morris. The Red Foxes scored in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Senior George Santiago. The Terriers tied the game in the sixth inning on a two-out, two-run single by Senior Mark Toscano. The Red Foxes scored in the seventh inning on an RBI single by Senior Johanna Cervini. The Terriers tied the game in the eighth inning on a two-out, two-run single by Senior Mark Toscano. The Red Foxes scored in the ninth inning on a two-out, two-run single by Senior George Santiago.

The Red Foxes are now 9-12 on the season, and they are looking forward to their next game against the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday.

Salaries of top Marist employees only one aspect of complex budget process

By Thomas Ryan

Staff Writer

The salaries of the top Marist employees are a small part of the university's overall budget. The salaries of the executive vice president, the comptroller, the director of human resources, and the director of the university's financial aid office are among the highest salaries at Marist. However, the salaries of these employees are only one aspect of the university's budget.

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Alcohol awareness program not effective according to recent student evaluations

By Ben Abes

Staff Writer

The Marist College alcohol awareness program is not effective according to recent student evaluations. The program is designed to teach students about the dangers of alcohol use and the consequences of alcohol use. However, the program is not effective in changing student behavior.

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Marist students, local community work together to revitalize downtown Poughkeepsie area

by Stephanie Mercure

The city of Poughkeepsie is getting a new look. According to Linda Flanagan-Lang, assistant director of the Poughkeepsie Police Depart­
ment, the Marist-fraternities are helping the city in many ways by keeping public places clean, participating in block clean-ups to beautify the
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People seeking our spirituality to fill a void in their lives

by Michael Goot
Managing Editor

The word religion means different things to different people. It may signify prayer, meditation. It involves a person's struggle with questions of life and death.

There seems to be a resurgence in religion recently. Magazines have written several articles about the resurgence of religion. One of the most popular dramas on television, "Touched by an Angel," deals with spiritual themes.

Religion seems to be something that everybody embraces differently. According to Laurence Sullivan, assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies, it's a process for people to focus on relig- tion to find meaning in their lives. He said although some people in the world are prosperous and secure, they are not happy. People need something more in their lives with their economic and personal success. They're finding a void," he said.

Sullivan said even though people may not be attending a lot of traditionally worship services, there is still evidence that people are looking for religion in their lives. "Although we 'don't have striking examples of people offering to religious observances whether it be temple, church or mosque, there is a real spiritual sense, maybe not in the organized sense of religion," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said one thing he has noticed is that religion seems to be a very private thing for many people. He said he thinks it should be a community-oriented thing. "I think people have to find ways to have a higher spirituality with others," he said.

Jeanne Evans, assistant professor of philosophy and religi-

ous studies, also said people should turn to religion as a way of emphasizing a greater community. "We tend to live in a society that emphasizes the individual and many have a need for community and for roots," she said. Evans said some churches are finding that their number are down, but this does not mean that people are not religious. "People find that it's a case of worship services that are not speaking to them," she said. Evans said people have to look for religion in unexpected places such as in music lyrics or songs. Evans, who teaches courses on Catholicism said it's important for young people to educate themselves about their rich tradition.

"I see the courses that I'm trying to teach as a way of trying to introduce people to Christian- ity and other religions and introducing people to rich traditions and its practical and ethical aspects," she said. According to Father Luke McCann, Marist chaplain, young people seem to be abandoning religion because they have other interests.

"Collegiate youth who seem to be abandoning religion are merely in the process of learn-

ing from life," he said. "Maybe they will not become fully re-

sponsible until they begin seriously to share their life with another person, and finally reach a time when they have children, and then they will become fully responsible." "It is only when foreign travel or sudden crisis enter one's snug existence that one finally confronts self and spirit." Fathet Luke McCann

Marist chaplain

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deavor.

McCann said religion may not be as high a priority because young people are worried about other things such as career. "Most college-bound Americans live in a very commercial, material world surrounded by myriad career options," he said. "Such a life allows for a superficial assessment of reality. It is only when foreign travel or sudden crisis enter one's snug existence that one finally confronts self and spirit." Sullivan also said sometimes people are too distracted by fully experiencing their religion. "I think people have a lot of


distractions in their life and they have a lot of things that call for their attention," he said. "For many, going to a concert is a lot more attractive than participating in a religious observance." Sullivan also said that parents play a crucial role in a person's attitudes about religion. "It's a heritage that idea- nally is handed down and shared," he said. "And if par-


tents give the example, this is suddenly not a guarantee, but it's a foundation to build on." Sullivan said even those stu-

dents that were not exposed to religion growing up may decide they want it as part of their lives. "Even if that was not part of their upbringing, they're making decisions about their life significantly in their college years," he said. McCann likened a parent teaching religion to their chil-


dren the way they teach teen-

agers to drive. Although they can give them driving lessons, and a brand-new car, it is up to the student to remain safe.

"There are parallels to the religious practices of youth cruis-

ing off the coast," he said. "Children's rights a parent can inculcate whatever creed, and raise children accordingly; thereafter we send them off to college with the hope that they will have the wisdom and mor-

alize to live responsibly." McCann said parents make the commitment to young people religious training with the rites of baptism.

McCann also said young people treat religion seriously. "I don't think American college-

men and women abandon their youthful religious train-

ing," he said. "I believe that they fully respect their varied creed, and seriously strive to measure up to the heavy demands and responsibilities they embody." He said.

Laura De Luna, a sophomore criminal justice major, said she goes to church and abides by what the Catholic religion pro-

fesses. She also said she does not think college students treat religion very seriously. "Everything is fun and games; for a lot of people," she said.

De Luna also said her parents made her go to church, but did not force her to accept it. "Even though they made me at some point, I decided I wanted it. I wasn't forced," she said. De Luna said her religious beliefs have helped her. "They help me overcome a lot of hardships in my life," she said.

McCann attributes the sudden resurgence in religion to the inc}],ementally driven society and the ethical and moral challenges that people face today. "Such challenges face people to pause and consider their value systems: to plumb the eternal, spiritual quality of their upbringing and their adult- hood," he said.

McCann also said many people need the aid of a higher power in this society. "In our society this fearful challenge has led many to reach out and seek the help of a higher power," he said. "They seek them in their search for peace, happiness and fulfillment in this life and the next," he said.

Career goals and long distances make maintaining college friendships difficult

by Gyna Slomczynski
Feature Editor

Breaking up is hard to do. Friendships change once you graduate from Marist. It is hard to know who you will stay in touch with once the college years are over. That is okay because you will be walking down that aisle a lot less than a month. How close of a class going to stay together?

Jennifer O'Neil, a senior fashion merchandising major, said she hopes she will stay close with her friends. It is not easy, I didn't think too much of it, but I am now realiz-

ing how much I am going to miss them. One of my friends," she said.

Claude Desola, a member of the class of 1996, said she didn't realize how hard it is to keep touch. "I have kept in touch with my closest friend from college because we live near each other," she said. "As for my other friends, I try to send a note to them every one in a while just to keep up with their life." O'Neil said leaving her high school friends seems easier than her college friends. "I am still close with my friends from high school, but I don't think I will be able to stay as close with my friends from college," she said. "My friends in college are so much more diverse than my friends from high school, that I think it will be harder to stay close with them." Desola said time is the big- gest factor. "Because I have a job, I don't have as much time to hang out with them anymore," she said. "You have to make an effort to stay in touch." Desola also said the men of her class, 1979, also said it is hard to keep in touch with college friends. "We end up growing apart, because sooner or later you move away because of jobs or other reasons," he said. "I kept in touch in the beginning, but it just became too much effort and I just don't seem to have the time."

Sica DeSola both still keep in touch with a few people. Is it possible to stay in touch with all of your friends? How do you know who you will stay in touch with?" DeSola said there are ways to stay together. "I am involved with the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni associa-


tion in the metro area. I see a lot of my sisters that graduated before me," she said. "We get together during the holidays and have cocktails." Christopher Dohly, of Tau Kappa Epsilon and a member of the class of 1996, said he now who he was going to stay in touch with. "By the time you leave, you have a sense of who you will stay close with," she said.

Vincent Silva, a member of the class of 1997, also said it is hard to keep in touch with college friends. "My 20th reunion is coming up and I want to go," he said. "I want to go to reunions. I always seem to have things going on." Trifiletti said she wants to go because "I want to see what everyone looks like," she said.