Snowfall causes inconveniences

An adventurous student took advantage of the storm to snowboard

by ERIC DAEHL

WEEKLY POLL

Do you think that McDonalds should be open 24 hours a day?

YES 91
NO 6

SURVEY TAKEN LAST WEEK

WEEKLY POLL: Is it a conscious decision or not?

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Greek life kicks off with rush

by CHRISTY BARR

As another semester begins, so does another season of Greek rush...

The four sororities, Alpha Sigma Tau, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Lambda Phi, and Sigma Sigma Sigma, and the two fraternities, Alpha Phi Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma, began recruiting potential new members at rush on Sunday, Jan. 30 and will continue until Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The Greek organizations are hoping for a large turnout this semester as it is the first time this year that freshmen will be allowed to rush. It is Marist school policy that freshmen cannot rush their first semester.

"We're about to begin our formal rush period where any student can rush if they meet the minimum academic requirements (a GPA of at least 2.0)," said Steve Sansola, assistant dean for Student Affairs. "The sororities will have three nights of rush and the fraternities will have one night. At rush...

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---SPORTS---

Marist forward Tomasz Cielebak is out of action indefinitely after leaving school to care for his cancer-stricken mother.

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Why are these people lying on the floor? Is it a conscious decision or not?

Find out what happened on pg. 5

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Do you think the bookstore should be selling High Times magazine?

"Yes, it's a great magazine!"
Frank Thaynki, Junior

"No, it's not appropriate for a college setting."
Carolyn Salter, Sophomore

"I don't have a problem with them selling High Times, but it's a bit confusing that they won't sell other stuff."
K.C. Shukhov, Sophomore

The recent Seton Hall fire drew attention to campus fire safety. The campus is undergoing a review of its fire safety programs in light of the tragedy. The fire, which started in the library on the second floor, forced the evacuation of the building and caused significant damage. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

"The fire was a wake-up call for us," said Tom McLain, Assistant Director of Safety and Security. "We are taking this incident very seriously and are working to improve our fire safety programs."
RUSH: A whole new class of students ready to pledge

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All feared dead in Alaska Airlines Crash

An Alaska Airlines light-sea green, 115-passenger DC-10 jet, was ripped from the sky over the mountains in southern California yesterday, and there were indications that there were no survivors. The crash was first reported about 3:00 p.m. when the jet was seen to be on fire on approach to the Los Angeles airport. The plane was apparently heading to Los Angeles from San Francisco, and the plane was not on fire when it crashed. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but some experts believe it was caused by mechanical failure.

SNOW: A hard choice whether to cancel classes

The temperature in the city of Cleveland was below freezing yesterday, and there were reports that some schools in the area were considering canceling classes. The city school district had not announced any decisions as of yesterday afternoon.

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Marist gets Catholic studies minor

by LISA BURKE

Editor's note: Following a trend of College of Staten Island, Marist has recently added a minor in Catholic studies, known as the Marist Modern World Studies. The minor, approved by the college's academic council, requires six courses and is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding of the religion's history and culture.

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THEATRE

What's Happening this weekend around town...

THURSDAY

THEATRE

County Players Falls Theatre
Rugby House, 208-1491
Pawling Theatre
Mid Hudson Civic Center

Friday, February 4

The Machinist (A Flat Foot show)
with
Champlain Man
Johnny Buffalo
The Farewell Tour, $10

SATURDAY

Miss, 0n the 0n
with
Roughcut Tavern
Chris Meyer's
Fridays 10pm
437-5370

Sunday, February 5

Stake and go somewhere
with
Mid Hudson Civic Center
Saturday and Sunday, 2:30-4:30

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by PATTY McWHIRTER

Jim O'Toole has numerous typos. I am sure you don't want visitors to think that this is the type of education you receive at Marist. Two words: Spell Check.

letters to the editor

Graduate offers grammar advice

Editor

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Elian or Joseph: A return to absurdity

by JIM O'TOOLE

Elian or Joseph: A return to absurdity

While Communism has practically disappeared from the scene, the Castro regime is still very much a presence in Cuba. Many Cubans want to escape this situation, believing that the United States will come to their aid and help them in their cause. However, the United States government has been very reluctant to intervene and has given little support to those who want to leave Cuba.

Elian, a young boy who was rescued at sea, is now in the United States. The decision on whether or not to grant him asylum has caused a great deal of controversy. Some people believe that Elian should be granted asylum because he is a minor and has been subjected to great hardships. Others believe that Elian's mother, who was also rescued, should be granted asylum as well.

The Castro regime has been very strict about the flow of information into and out of Cuba. The United States government has imposed a number of sanctions on Cuba, including an embargo on trade and travel.

The case of Elian and Joseph is a reminder of the challenges that face those who want to leave Cuba. The United States government must take a strong position in support of those who want to escape Cuba's regime and help them in their cause.
Ah, winter at Marist. Isn’t it just beautiful? The entire campus just seems to light up with a blanket of white; you can almost taste the snowflakes falling down on a hill at asphalt. The students and faculty just seem to be sliding down the hill on an endless loop. Marist residents sliding down the hill on an endless loop. No matter how you look at it, there really just seems to be something moving about the landscape of the Hudson Valley after a snowfall.

A “heart that knows no bounds.”

The Spindro photos battles the elements

by DOUGLAS GUARDINO
Assistant Managing Editor

In the late winter months, San Francisco, a group of friends built four snowboards in one of the few affected parks. The result was a series of interesting works of art. The art pieces were then used as inspiration to create a new album titled “The Circle.”

Common Rider: Riders: Jesse’s Return

by ADAM MAWALSKI
Staff Writer

In the last album, “Panic Button,” Operation Ivy, a punk band from the 90’s, released their first album and that their following goals. At this time, they have a new album titled “The Circle” which they played on the second day of the Modem day attack on Rocker.

Fitzgerald

Knuhser’s Corner

Rocker’s Not the First

by CHRISTOPHER KNUDTSEN
Common Rides: Jesse’s Return

Now we’ve all heard about how Rocker’s infamous comments about Bush that were made in New York, Bill, hasn’t he? Well, it isn’t true... Rocker made a similar comment earlier.

The album opens with a quick riff and it is the most powerful rock song that you will ever hear. It is called “Onwards” and it is a great departure from the last album. Operation Ivy released their first album back in 1984 and hopefully Jesse Michaels will have the chance to experience touring in the band.

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Brand-Ultaspank

New

by MARK D'CAMMICA
Staff Writer

I mostly had the pleasure of interviewing Tim “Lint” Armstrong and Matt Preminger, two of the three who made this album. Tim said that the name of the album, “The Circle,” was inspired by the fact that he and Matt have been friends since high school.

The Marist Brothers of the Schools

The Marist sisters of St. Mary’s College, St. Peter’s School, looking for new members.

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Arts & Entertainment
Six words define ABC's success this year, which is no accident. The show has proven to be big news this season: Without further ado, here is my Oscar's, the buzz is that ABC the alphabet network has a lot air. Michael J. Fox, who has future of the successful Spinics (including me) still isn't doing well in his new role as Latka Gravas in the TV series Taxi. In 1982, he totally left himself in the company of Kaufman the two have been deeply divided at the time of his' 1984 death from a biographical movie on the life of Jim Carrey. He did not want to be treated to an early viewing of the film. Kaufman ad- mits it was a kick to work out the calcium veins from the audience, and then the real film begins. The film takes an artistic journey through the life of Kaufman, including his struggles with addiction and his rise to fame. The Academy may have some new faces this year, but there is still a sense of tradition and ceremony. It is sure to be a memorable event.
FOXXES: Marist men struggling through season with 8-12 record

Andrew Kauffman

Marist's men's basketball team has struggled to find consistency this season, suffering through an 8-12 season so far. The team has struggled against some of the top teams in the MAAC, including losses to Siena and Canisius. The Red Foxes are currently in 9th place in the conference, with a 2-7 record against conference opponents. The team has been led by senior guard Patricio Garino, who has averaged 14.6 points per game. However, the team has had difficulty finding a consistent third scorer, with the next highest scorer being freshman forward Jalen Pickett. The team will look to improve their play in the final few games of the season, with a home game against Quinnipiac and a trip to Fairfield on the horizon.

THE CUTLERY

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Cielebak flies home to care for stricken mother

by ED WILLIAMS III
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team has faced much adversity this season, but perhaps the most crushing blow has been the loss of senior-forward Tomasz Cielebak.

Cielebak has gone back to his home in Wroclaw, Poland to tend to his cancer-stricken mother, and has left the team indefinitely.

He was averaging 13.4 points and 5.2 rebounds through the first eight games, but his production took a serious dip after hearing of his mother's worsening condition.

"As the spring semester begins, most of the conversations heard around campus have revolved around the five students who had over the winter recess," Drew Samuels makes a move in the paint against St. PeteKs.

Head coach Dave Magarity said Cielebak's mother's illness had a serious impact on his performance.

"His uncle had told me of the situation back in mid-to-late December," Magarity said. "His mother had been doing well, and even lost his starting spot in the lineup for the first time in his senior career.

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Cielebak has lost his starting spot in the men's basketball team.

"Tomasz was so devastated. He tried his best, but it was obvious that he was a thousand miles away mentally," Magarity said. "Something like this takes a higher precedent than basketball."

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The loss of Cielebak came at a very bad time for the Foxes. They dropped seven consecutive games at one point, and curiously sit at seventh place in the conference. Losing one of their best players is sure to be a tough obstacle to overcome.

"Obviously, the timing is not ideal, but the team understands his situation and supports his decision," Magarity said. "Their thoughts and prayers are with him and his mother."

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Dave Magarity Men's basketball

Marist will be without Cielebak while he can't travel.

"We've been a defensive force averaging over two steals a game. Marist's next action comes to-day at the McCann Center against Rider University at 7:30 p.m.

Nearly perfect season has swimming and diving rolling towards MAAC's

by JORDAN EIBLE
Staff Writer

The Residents were recently ranked number one in fifteen," Larry VanWagner, men's swimming coach, on the upcoming season.

With ten wins already recorded, and only one loss thus far, the Marist College swimming and diving teams continue to compete in its final meet before championship play commences on Feb. 16.

This season has proved to be another successful one for the Red Foxes, whose men's team currently holds four championship titles, while the women hold three.

Such continued success was witnessed in a January meet against St. John's University, which ironically resulted in Marist's sole loss. Junior Dave Dobbins broke the Marist record for 100-yard free style with a time of 9:39.16. His stellar time beat the past record by 7.5 seconds.

Following in the record-setting is sophomore Jeremy Vegil. Vegil won the men's 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:00.08, which currently the best in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) for the season.

Another key athlete on the team, junior Keith Nichols, also earned recognition this past month for his efforts in the 100-yard breast stroke, when beating Fordham University in the freestyle. His personal best was a time of 9:47.17.

Additionally, strength is brought to the team by diver Mike Guman. He leads the men on the boards with the one and three meter dives.

"Guman is a fierce challenger, and a MAAC champ," said women's head coach Christine Honig.

While the Red Fox men are dominating their own waters, the women are doing the same. Senior captain Jennifer Nafus holds the team record for 100-yard free style and clocked the fastest MAAC time in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke.

Honig said she has high expectations for Nafus.

"She's (Nafus) one of the best athletes that I've ever had the privilege to coach," Honig said. "We're looking forward to the championships where Jennifer will hopefully recapture first place, but also improve her own score.

Junior Erin McGrath is another swimmer to watch this tournament, according to Honig. McGrath dominates the 100 and 200-yard butterfly in the conference, and looks to set two new records for the MAAC.

As for the women's boards, Sheila Nieri can be considered one of Marist's best divers ever.

She broke the three meter diving records that were set in the 1980's. Nieri was named MAAC Diver of the Week last season, and shoots to reclaim the honor this season. It is exciting for us and should be beneficial before the MAAC championships."