



## Professor's pre-class prayers elicit complaint from parent

Administration 'looking into' situation, maintains that Marist is inclusive for all

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Each day before she begins her class, Professor Maria Otte bows her head, clasps her hands and prays out loud.

Otte has performed her pre-class prayer ritual since she began teaching at Marist in 1999, but recently her actions have attracted criticism.

Last month, Otte received her second complaint in seven years when a parent contacted the dean of the school of Social and Behavioral Sciences to voice her distress over Otte's actions. Otte was given the specifics of official complaint made by the anonymous parent, but was told by the college administration that it involved the parent's concern with Marist's claim to be a secular institution.

No official action has been taken against Otte yet, although she said was informed that she could not continue her morning prayers. Though she claimed she was told by the administration of a policy regarding prayer in the classroom, Otte said, "I have yet to see it."

While unaware of any regulation in the faculty handbook prohibiting prayer, Chief Public Affairs Officer Tim Massie said that the complaint against Otte was "something we're looking into."

The administration at large wants people of all religious and non-religious persuasions to feel welcome, according to Massie. Although the college does encourage its residents and staff

to satisfy their own religious inclinations, there are plenty of times to do so outside class.

"First and foremost, the college

comment until administration came to a conclusion over the matter.

Otte said she intentionally

Junior Matthew Reid said Otte made her intentions clear the first day of class, and that it is easy enough to avoid the prayer

hope for the well-being of the world and each other.

Otte said that her act of praying "allows students an opportunity to get centered...it gives students a few seconds to stop moving and focus." She says that the prayer is an extension of herself as a teacher to her students, and that she intentionally made the prayer inclusive so that all students can feel comfortable joining her, if they so choose.

Twenty of Otte's students expressed concern over a possible dismissal. None said that the prayer before class made them uncomfortable or offended them.

"It doesn't have any effect on the way she teaches her classes," said junior Erica Dickens.

John Keenan, a sophomore, said that he was "outraged" by the complaints against Otte, and that her success as a teacher should be enough to keep her on campus.

Other students felt that Marist's religious history was made obvious across the campus, and that Otte's prayer is an extension of that history.

"This school claims it doesn't have any religious affiliations, but religion plays a big part in everything on campus," said Jill Koller, a junior. "Campus ministry is the largest organization on campus and is run by Brothers—some of whom are also mentors in freshman dorms."

Sophomore Justine Petracco said: "Not for nothing—'Orate et laborare,'" referring to the motto emblazoned on the school's crest, which in English translates to "prayer and work."

Prior to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, Otte said she prayed during class, and received her first complaint over the matter that year. Ten-year-old faculty in her department advised her to pray before the class began. "The time before class doesn't belong to anybody," said Otte, who also said she has yet to find a written document that states that the time before class is for anything but personal preparation.

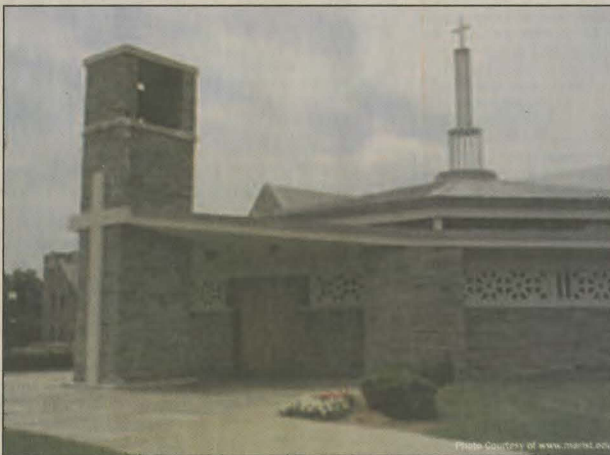
After prayer, Otte has every student stand up and stretch, while inhaling and exhaling deeply. Otte said that these calisthenic exercises increase the flow of oxygen to the brain, while "making students more open to work and each other." Otte says that stretching and prayer are methods she uses to help students feel a connectedness with one another.

Otte said that she wished the parent who filed the complaint had come directly to her, mentioning that she would have alleviated any concerns before the issue escalated. She also said that she would have trouble ceasing to pray before class.

"There are certain things I do that are intrinsic to me," said Otte.

She said that she believes her prayer has a positive effect on students; she has had many students approach her privately, asking her to pray for them, or a sick loved one, or for the world in general.

Reid said, "I kind of look forward to it...it's a nice way to start off my week."



The Chapel, according to Chief Public Affairs Officer Tim Massie, is one of the places on campus where students can satisfy a desire to pray. It is a venue that does not entail excluding or offending classmates.

supports many opportunities for prayer in personal and ceremonial circumstances—services in the chapel, ecumenical prayer services, Seders and other events...in order to meet the [spiritual] needs of the Marist community," Massie said. "All that being said, [it would be a problem] if any students felt uncomfortable or excluded by the recitation of prayer in the classroom."

Margaret Calista, dean of the school of Social and Behavioral Sciences, said she was unable to

prays five minutes before the class begins, giving those students who do not wish to join in the prayer the opportunity to not be present.

Students in Otte's Monday and Thursday Biopsychology class said that Professor Otte explained in the beginning of the school year that praying before class was her personal choice and that no one was obligated to participate or remain in the room during that time if they felt uncomfortable.

if he so chooses: "I am not religious, but I still feel that Professor Otte's prayer is not offensive...I mean, if something offends you on T.V., change the channel."

Additionally, Reid mentioned that while he is not religious, he has never felt pressured to be involved in Otte's prayer. "I can just show up right when class begins," said Reid. Reid clarifies that he enjoys starting off his week with Otte's prayer, stating that it is a generalized voicing of

## Marist Greeks lack separate housing; hurting for new pledges

No recruits might kill some frats, sororities Zoning bars Greeks from off-campus living

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Declining numbers for fraternities and sororities could eventually cause closures to certain chapters if minimum requirements are not met.

Marist College's Greek life is significantly smaller than those of large universities, and the numbers of pledges are now widening the gap. At Marist, there are four sororities and three fraternities compared to a larger school like Syracuse University, which has 27 fraternities and 17 sororities according to USNews.com, a site which ranks America's best colleges for 2007.

According to Christine Rochelle, Vice President of Standards of Kappa Kappa Gamma and student in charge of sorority recruitment for last semester, the number of pledges has steadily been dropping the last few years for sororities.

"About three years ago there

were at least 50 girls coming out for recruitment," she said. "This semester we had 16."

The problem is not selectivity, but the lack of girls making the decision to pledge. The sororities only require a G.P.A. of 2.5, and that girls attend at least two out three recruitment nights. Karen Wolff, a fellow member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and in charge of recruitment for this semester, said she felt that the negative media portrayal of Greek life hurts the membership drives. Brian Halabuda, Greek Council president and member of Alpha Phi Delta, said that the negative image of fraternities could be a large part of membership drops, but said that the Greek council and fraternity council are constantly working to recreate a positive light for the Greeks.

The fraternities however maintain that their numbers aren't necessarily decreasing, rather it being more of a repeated cycle. Brian Halabuda said, that he isn't really seeing a drop in

membership, at least not with the alpha Phi Delta.

"The growth isn't large but it's growing," he said.

According to both the sororities and fraternities the spring recruitment usually has higher numbers than the fall semester. Halabuda stated that a fraternity's ability to induct more members than graduate is how you measure the success of a chapter. All the Greek organizations are successful according to Robert Lynch director of student activities. Lynch seemed very relaxed as he sat speaking of the many activities that the Greek organizations have accomplished.

"I believe the numbers are satisfactory," said Lynch, "No major drops, the numbers seem stable," he said.

Lynch stated that the Greeks must stay positive about their good work and use that to attract new members. Lynch spoke of Greek blood drives and community service affairs as being a great way to recruit potential

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By SARAH SPAINHOWARD  
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Marist College provides no special housing privileges to members of Greek organizations on campus and now the city of Poughkeepsie is giving Greek students the boot as well.

Greek life was founded at Marist College in the late eighties starting with the establishment of Kappa Lambda Psi in 1987, a sorority and the first of its kind to Marist students. On campus, Greek housing has never been recognized or been offered to any students involved with sororities or fraternities. Students have previously had the option to choose their roommates on and off campus, but in the last year and a half that prerogative has been limited by the city of Poughkeepsie.

In April 2005, zoning restrictions were passed which removed the choice of living off

campus in certain parts of the city of Poughkeepsie. According to the Charter and Codes for the City of Poughkeepsie, new zoning laws affect any students who wish to live together in groups of more than three unrelated persons. Specifically, the Charter states that student residences shall not include fraternities, sororities or community residen-

**"The college gives you the option to live off campus as an unrecognized organization but now the city is saying you can't live there either."**

— Anonymous sorority sister

tial programs.

Steve Sansola, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, once served as the director of housing. For over 13 years Sansola said made himself available for support and guidance to the newly founded sororities and fraternities on campus. According to Sansola,

the school provided leadership and direction for the Greeks and make sure the organizations were giving positive contributions to the college and its students.

"In the early nineties Greeks had a lot of negative P.R. it was our job to make sure they were seen in a positive light," he said.

Housing has been an issue since the beginning of Greek life at Marist and since Sansola has been involved with the organizations. At one time, the school did own a few historical houses near Route 9 on North Road where were housing options for students. One fraternity chose to make one of these houses their unofficial home but this was done so by what Sansola calls "self-selection." Marist students have priority points which they earn through different activities and good academic standings. The points are what give students an upper hand in choosing

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## Security Briefs

# No one ever does anything original on this campus

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Hi everybody. Long time, no see. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. And now, upon my return, I present you all with an exciting opportunity. Today's Security Briefs feature old briefs simply copy and pasted in (albeit, with some of the details changed). So, if you can figure out which ones are copies, e-mail me the answers, and you can get your name in next week's Security Briefs! How can you not like that?! Consider this a challenge to you, dear reader. (Note: I would offer money, but the money in our budget is being used to fund Eric Zedalis' meals when he goes to the MAAC championship in March. Sorry.)

11/13 - 12:30 PM

In the Beck parking lot, a car was reported with the mirror broken. I'm not exactly sure why an individual would do this, unless the owner of the car really deserved it. But still, it's the principles of it all. I have this image of a movie or TV show where someone is on the roof of a car, hitting it with a golf club or something, and I apply that to this situation. I'm not sure if that show or movie actually exists, however. I very well may have made it up. For some reason, it sounds like an Adam Sandler movie. Which of course means I probably

didn't see the movie in the first place.

11/13 - 4:25 PM

In Champagnat Hall, a student reported that their iPod had been stolen. I may have mentioned this before, but if I ever lost my iPod, that would be the end for me, I wouldn't know what to do. Without the feel-good sounds of the Arctic Monkeys blasting in my ears, there's basically no reason to go anywhere. In fact, the only reason I go to class is so I can listen to my iPod on the way there.

11/14 - 2:45 PM

On Fulton St., at the location where the Beck lot exits onto the street, a van by an employee was involved in a collision with a car driven by a student. The student suffered minor injuries, and was treated at the scene. Speaking of which, I read in the preview with Tom Walls that apparently there are only two things that you can legally throw out of a moving car: Water, and feathers. You learn something new every day.

11/14

A Sheahan resident reported that their wallet had been stolen while they were in the shower. The town police were called, and it was discovered that one of the credit

cards that had been in the wallet was used across the street a short time after the wallet was said to have been stolen. Eventually, another student was arrested for the theft. Not gonna lie. Kinda not cool.

11/16 - 11:30 AM

In Midrise, a student reported that their laptop was stolen from a lounge. Apparently, the student had been using the computer until 3:40 AM, and decided to go back to their room to take a power nap. Well, six hours later, they awoke and returned to the lounge to find their \$2,000 laptop missing. And wouldn't you know it, that same laptop was later found in the closet of the lounge where it originally was. This is why I never nap. Of course, I never sleep either, so I'm beginning to think there are bigger problems here.

11/16 - 2:30 PM

"Admissions" was to receive a delivery of three new chairs. Unfortunately, one of the chairs wound up missing on the way from the truck to the office. It was later found hidden under a stairwell. How did it get there? Your guess is as good as mine.

11/17 - 12:30 AM

At some unknown place on campus, an inebriated

student stepped out of a taxi and promptly fell to the ground. The student was checked out and allowed to return to their residence. Allow me an editorial note: Go listen to "Boys & Girls in America", the new album by The Hold Steady. That is all.

11/17 - 1:35 AM

In Sheahan, an intoxicated student was taken to St. Francis. This is something I have yet to experience, which is obviously a good thing, but taking that trip up to the Bates Motel-mansion-esque hospital is sort of appealing. I can combine that with my other dream of one day writing about myself in a security brief.

11/18 - 4:18 AM

In the early hours of the morning, a student and a guest were caught attempting to climb into Champagnat through one of the first floor windows. That's all very stealth, Mission Impossible-esque. Minus the Scientology.

11/19

A student reported that their laptop was missing from the common room of their Lower West Cedar residence. Did you check the closet? You know, sometimes I see one of my housemates using his laptop in our common room,

and I don't think I want to touch the thing. Lord only knows what he's been using it for. I'm pretty sure SNAP should confiscate that thing, in the best interests of national security.

11/21 - 10:05 PM

Over in Midrise, some students were found with some alcohol. Among the items found were an open bottle of Jose Cuervo, some Smirnoff, and some sort of Vodka. Good baby times.

11/25 - 12:15 AM

The RA at Lower West Cedar heard some voices in an apartment that should have been vacant, and the young peoples were forced to leave the residence. Well, I never! These people should be punished severely. Drawn and quartered, I say! Bah humbug!

genius-o-meter:

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See a "Live Jack Benny  
Radio Show"  
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Broadcasting Class  
Media Center 2nd floor  
3:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 3**  
Marist College Band  
Winter Festival Concert  
3 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
\$6 admission

**Monday, Dec. 4**  
One Day Ping-Pong  
Tournament


**Wednesday, Dec. 6**  
Wild & Scenic  
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Festival  
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
in the Cabaret

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## To stay alive, Greeks need new blood

members. But according to Halabuda, Marist isn't doing its part.

"The college needs to do a better job of showing prospective students that Greek life exists and were strong," he said, "Joining a fraternity or sorority is a major accomplishment and we need to be recognized for that," said Halabuda.

He is not the only member of Greek life who feels that Marist isn't doing its part to endorse the organizations. Wolff also stated that Marist isn't promoting the organizations as it should.

"Girls see small numbers during recruitment times and it affects the numbers overall," said Wolff.

The sisters of Kappa Kappa Gamma expressed the need for members to continue their legacy as a part of national and local traditions.

"Sororities are small at Marist and we all have to work together to build up membership," said Rochelle.

All four sororities must participate in each recruitment event, Rochelle said. When the sisters do membership drives or promotions, a member from each sorority must be present and sometimes it's difficult to get everyone together, she said.

Rochelle and Wolff also pointed out that in order for the Greeks to be recognized by the school and their headquarters, the chapters must have at least ten members, or the chapter could be shut down. Although the pledges are distributed evenly amongst the sororities, it will continue to become harder for the girls to maintain their organization if numbers don't start increasing. With the decrease in pledges the idea of chapters closing could become a reality for some sisters. If this was to occur it wouldn't be the first time a Greek organization has expired at Marist College.

According to Lynch three other Greek organizations have lost their chapters in the past, sorori-

ty Sigma Gamma Rho, and Fraternities Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Sigma Tau Epsilon all had their chapters revoked in the past. Lynch said in order for a Greek organization to survive on campus they must meet several requirements, members numbers being one but also having to meet activity and community service requirements as well.

"All organizations have minimum requirements," he said, "clubs must maintain numbers and the ideals of the college," said Lynch.

Lynch further stated that Marist maintains the fact that they are proud of the Greeks and encourages the organizations to maintain a positive attitude. Most sororities if concerned about their numbers should regroup he said,

"Be apart, and support your organizations," said Lynch.

## Poughkeepsie forbids frat houses

ing housing options, said Sansola.

If Marist provided off-campus housing for Greeks, it would raise several issues. According to Sansola, you must consider all the options and amenities students are provided on campus, such as the issues of safety, security, and college control.

Kristen Bretz, a mentor in the first year programs at Marist College, said the reason that off-campus housing is not provided or recognized brings up issues of liabilities. Sansola on the other hand, said he believes it's much more than that.

"We don't want to give access to special groups on campus or off," he said. "Everyone should be eligible."

One sorority sister who wished to remain anonymous said that by withholding the option of housing on campus, or even off campus, the school is restricting members from receiving the full Greek experience.

"The college gives you the option to live off campus as an unrecognized organization but now the city is telling you can't live there either," she said.

Sansola disagreed with the idea that students can't experience the

Greek life without the living arrangements.

"It doesn't take away from associating with a group," he said, "It doesn't prevent one from still engaging in organizations."

Sansola spoke about various studies that do say Greeks are one group that tends to have more risky behavior in association with alcohol but, he said, studies also show that Greeks give more services back to the schools and communities no matter where they're living.

## Marist Band to perform two holiday concerts in Nelly Goletti on Sunday

By JAMES MARCONI  
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The Marist College Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony, and Handbell Choir will strike up a festive tune this Sunday, performing in back-to-back concerts in the Nelly Goletti Theater.

With any luck, said Band President Matt De Pace, the dual performances will be an opportunity for the band to provide a little seasonal cheer and have a successful fundraiser in the process.

"We just want to fill the house," De Pace said. "We're playing our signature song, Sleigh Ride, and a bunch of other holiday tunes. The concert is just the band, not the full music department, so it gives us a chance to shine on our own."

Hopefully, he said, attendance will improve from last year's

winter concert, which was lacking in numbers due to a passing snowstorm.

According to De Pace though, the dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work of band members is just as crucial to the success of the event as sheer numbers. And those are qualities that they have demonstrated in spades, he said.

"The band has taken a jump with the new executive board," said De Pace. "It has been a really, really good year."

The musical and numerical strength of the freshman class (54 to be exact) is also a plus, he said.

"Each year as we get bigger, I think the talent grows and we can up the quality of the music...we had some really talented players come in this year."

Also contributing to the practical logistics of the concert are the honorary band fraternity and sorority, Kappa Kappa Psi and

Tau Beta Sigma, which play an integral part in setting up and decorating the theater before the performance. Come Sunday they will be decking the halls, so to speak, with poinsettias donated by the local Home Depot.

After both the 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. concerts, De Pace said that attendees are welcome to go down to the Music Department, where Kappa Kappa Psi will be selling CD's from past performances and Tau Beta Sigma has a store featuring holiday wares. These sales combined with the profit made from the tickets themselves constitute a major fundraiser for the band, and De Pace said he encourages friends and family to come out and show their support.

Advance tickets for this event can be purchased by calling extension 3242. Student tickets cost \$4, faculty \$5, and general admission \$6.



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## The Loft maintains status as local social hotspot for freshman class

By LISA ADLER  
Circle Contributor

A local club called The Loft is this year's hotspot for the freshman class. The club, which has an "18 to enter, 21 to drink" policy, is attracting more freshmen than ever before, according to employees and students.

Senior John Palmer is a bartender at The Loft.

"There's more people this year than any other year at The Loft. It definitely has turned into one of the top hot spots," said Palmer.

The Loft, one of the four clubs located at The Chance Entertainment Complex on Crannell Street, offers a dance floor, live music, and a \$5 cover for Marist students.

Sophomore Erica Pires works at the entrance door of The Loft.

Pires says there are about 300 patrons on a good night, a majority of whom are freshmen. She says the recent success is due to the closing of Ciboney, a similar club also located in

Poughkeepsie.

"The Loft has always been a freshmen hangout, but then Ciboney opened last year and became our competition," said Pires. "Now that Ciboney is closed, The Loft is more popular again."

"Freshmen love the Loft, they feel at home there," said Palmer.

Freshman Caroline Leeds says she often goes to The Loft on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

"It's fun because it's pretty much all freshmen so it gives us a chance to meet each other since we're all still new to the school," said Leeds. "I feel comfortable there."

Leeds says she also enjoys the theme nights at the Loft, which so far have included 80s night, Mardi Gras and a blacklight party.

Freshman Dave Serratelli said he attends The Loft at least once a week.

"Everyone goes," Serratelli said. "On any Friday or Saturday you know you'll see people you know there. If not for the whole night, people will at least go after

the usual house party."

Palmer said The Loft offers a variety of entertainment.

"We have a rock room and a hip hop room so you can dance. If you're 21, there's very cheap drink specials," said Palmer. "It's a place where everyone is just willing to have a good time and let loose."

Leeds said freshmen choose the Loft over other Poughkeepsie clubs.

"I've been to Sandbar and the Mad Hatter, but The Loft is the best place to go," said Leeds. "Sandbar is way too small, there's barely any room to dance and Hatter is full of upperclassmen."

Palmer, who also promotes for The Loft, said he went "door to door in every freshman dorm and gave out flyers in the beginning of the year."

"Freshmen went to the bar, had a great time, and it's been gold ever since," said Palmer.

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## When it comes to November traditions, keep the turkeys and the Lions

By MATT SPILLANE  
Staff Writer

Every Thanksgiving I look forward to seeing all my relatives that I only visit once in a blue moon, and like most guys around the country, I also look forward to some good Thanksgiving football. Watching football on Thanksgiving is an old tradition that is not just enjoyed by rabid football fans and their family members alike. Everyone loves to join their relatives in the living room and enjoy the games together, which give us something to do before and after we devour the turkey. It does not even matter that two of the four teams playing every year are the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys; people still love to watch the games. Although they play separate teams, the Lions and the Cowboys always get their chance to play, no matter what. It is just tradition.

Some people do not like the fact that Detroit (in all its perpetual haplessness) and Dallas (with all its opponents) get the chance to play on every Thanksgiving. Critics of this custom make some valid arguments. Why should the Lions, who annually have one of the worst teams in professional football, have the right to play on a national holiday every single year? I am sure that there are not many people outside of Detroit who look forward to watching the mighty Lions take the field each Thanksgiving. Everyone knows what is going to happen anyway: Detroit's opponent, no matter who that may be, will beat

the hell out of them, and everyone will once again question why team President Matt Millen still has a job.

Then there is Dallas, "America's Team." Yes, they have a large fan base across the country. And yes, they usually field a pretty decent team. But come on, most fans are sick of seeing that Dallas star at midfield and those pretty silver and blue uniforms. As a Giants fan, I am pretty tired of seeing them myself, especially after witnessing quarterback Tony Romo's spectacular performance this year. As there are many people that love the Cowboys, there are probably about an equal number of fans who despise them.

However, even with the sentiment to rotate teams playing on Thanksgiving, I can see the reasons to keep Dallas and Detroit. Football on Thanksgiving is clearly a great tradition, and part of that tradition is the Cowboys and Lions. According to Wikipedia, the two teams have hosted Thanksgiving Day games almost each season since 1966, and to be honest, it would be weird to just do away with that ritual. I guess in a way, football fans kind of look forward to seeing those two old squads play each year. It is just ingrained in the practice of Thanksgiving, and something that NFL fans are used to. This year, though, marked the first time that three games were played on the national holiday. In addition to the two traditional games, the Kansas City Chiefs and Denver Broncos played a night game.

Unfortunately, it was only broadcast on the NFL Network, so a limited number of people were able to watch it. This may be a sign of future change, or just a ploy to market the NFL Network. We will see what the league decides to do with the Thanksgiving tradition next year.

If the league does decide to

keep the Cowboys and Lions as the two annual hosts, then will someone please tell them to schedule good opponents? I mean, Detroit is bad enough as it is, we do not need to see them play the Miami Dolphins too. How about New England or Chicago, whom they play twice each year? The Cowboys also

played a weak team in the Tampa Bay Bucs. The league has to have better foresight, especially when the Cowboys were predicted to have a good year. Why can't we see a Cowboys-Giants game? The two teams competing for the division title play each other twice a year, and the league could not fit one of them in on

Thanksgiving? Maybe fans will want to keep the two traditional teams playing on the holiday if they played meaningful games that featured some good competition, or they should rotate teams playing that day. Either way would work, so hopefully the league execs get it right next year.

## Home may never change — but your perspective may

By BRIT FIORENZA  
Staff Writer

My Thanksgiving vacation was as I expected it to be for the most part. After weaving through impatient commuters in Grand Central Station, holding onto the poles (as any sane person should do) in the underground shuttle to Penn Station, and sitting on yet another train watching concrete give way to trees, I was home.

Most of the things I had left behind to come to school were still the same. The teeny boppers were still drawn to the gaudy red paint and giant glowing "F" that is Friendly's trademark. When I reached my house, my dog threw himself against the door like he always does when he hears anyone within a 20-mile radius. Even after separating to different colleges, my best friend still knew the only way I would wake up was if consuming coffee was involved. Our town retained its small town appeal with nothing to do and nowhere to go every night we were all together. The nearby ocean my friends and I frequented was bitterly cold from the winter chill, and we still argued that Mother Nature was just too stubborn to accept that summer should be perpetual on Long Island. The island is home and it was

good to be there doing the same old things with the same old people.

What is it about never having anything to do whenever we're home? Even if we all complain about there being nowhere to go, but we always, always, always, find something to do, and if nothing else, that is my favorite part of being home. Everyone at home knows that when sitting around someone's house is just too much to take, the ocean at midnight is the only place to go. Even now, we still plot to sneak out of our bedroom windows late at night. The fact that my friends and I still had the same old habits we've had for the past ten years of our lives was comforting.

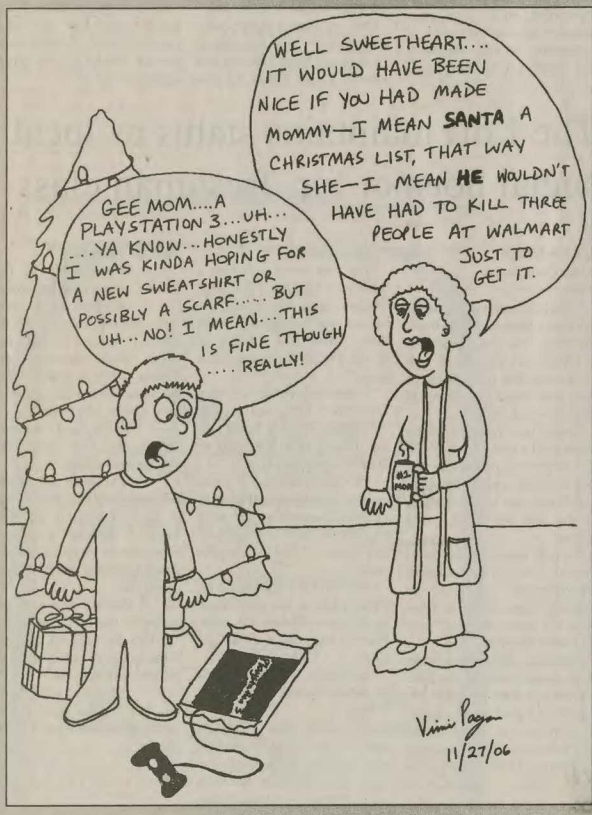
However, there is an exception to every rule and some things have to change. My friend Bridget attends NYU and she came home with a British accent. That's right, NYU in New York City and Bridget with a British accent. Did she meet anyone British? No. Did she study abroad her first semester of college? No. She simply picked it up and now calls me darling and says rather peculiar (note to self: never say "rather peculiar darling" in the same sentence). I love her to death but when I picked her up at the train station I asked her if she remembered that she grew up on Long

Island or "lawn guy land." Still, to each his own, you know? I came back with a new hair cut, she came back with a new dialect. stuff happens.

Coming home, another rude awakening had hit me. I've become a napper, the I-might-as-well-be-a-two-year-old type of napper. I'd go to bed at 2 a.m. and then at 9 a.m. I'd be woken up by one person or another in my family, but my best friend was the exception who like I said, knew better and bribed me with coffee. So falling asleep should be expected especially after waking up at 6 a.m., driving to New Jersey for three hours, and then sitting around listening to the ever captivating family gossip (i.e. "Did you hear what Aunt Sherry said to Uncle Bob?" - the suspense!). However, upon my waking I learned that I have a concerned mother and aunt who both believe I have mono, and a bunch of cousins saying I have narcolepsy. At Marist it is not unusual to find someone awake at 2 a.m. and asleep at 2 p.m., but apparently in the middle of suburbia, this is unimaginable. But I guess that's what college does to you.

Other than that the majority of my vacation was amazing, filled with good times and good food. The good times are still waiting here at Marist, who knows if I can say the same for the food. On the bright side there are only a few more weeks until winter break.

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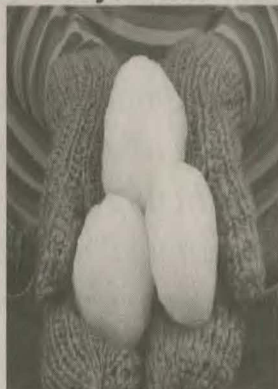


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## Rice's '9' features clear vocals and raw emotion

By BETHANY BOHLIN  
Circle Contributor

Setting the scene with the acoustic appetizer of "9 Crimes", the dedicated listener is reminded of the simple sound of "O" and is prepared for the full musical meal to be served on a silver compact disk. "9 Crimes" is an anesthesia for the heartache to come throughout the album. After the piano makes its opening statement, the smooth and delicate voice of back-up singer Lisa Hannigan starts off the experience effectively.

At last, Damien Rice has quietly stepped back into the world of meaningful music. Anyone whose musical preferences revolve around melodramatic male artists who wallow in self-pity and whimper out depressing lyrics knows Damien Rice is no exception to the broken-heart-on-bloodied-sleeve music genre. Four years after the successful debut of "O", Rice has released "9", a ten track album released on Nov. 14.

At first glance, Rice is using his sophomore release to rebel, as evidenced by a Parental Advisory warning. Screaming obscenities at the girl who betrayed him in "Rootless Tree" and with several references to bodily fluids, it is a wise choice to keep this album away from the delicate ears of children.

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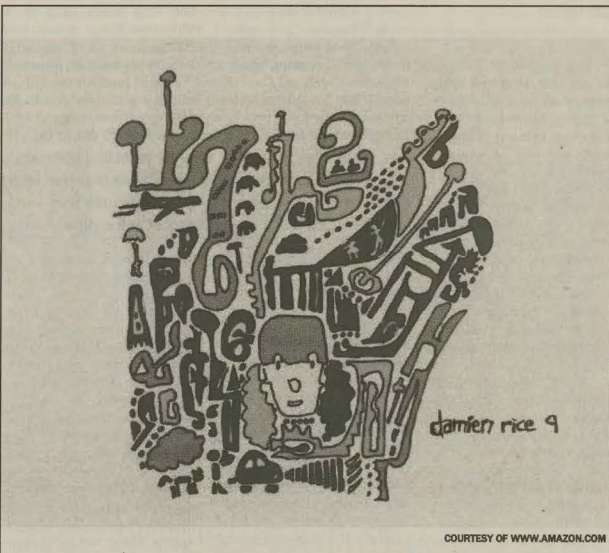
That the album begins with a female voice displays a singer who possesses confidence in his ability, which is by no means unfounded. Rice then makes his vocal debut, raising the emotional barometer and catering to the listeners who—at last—get to hear his voice.

The rest of the album branches away from the technique featured throughout Rice's debut album; a song that starts out simply and

acoustic and then climaxes to a full symphony of emotion. Rice has decided to take a much more realistic approach to the album, with some strumming tunes that actually move along. Rice has some chances at laid-back radio hits whose lyrics will inevitably dominate the away messages of college females across the nation.

"Coconut Skins" is a chipper acoustic piece that has sing-along potential with both sexual innuendos and direct fornication references. "Dogs", which discusses the "girl that does yoga" who "lives with an orange tree" is another chance at a future hit with the lightness of Jack Johnson mixed with meditative observations.

The downfall of this approach, however, is a more commercialized sound that can reference him to the uniformed, cookie-cut sounds of a James Blunt or a Dave Matthews. The addition of electric guitars and the lyrical inner-life complexities makes "9" sound more like an "O.C." soundtrack release than his previous album, "O". Already, "9 Crimes" has been used as background to the popular drama "Grey's Anatomy".



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"Me, My Yoke And I" is a loud rock song that builds slowly, steadily getting more angry until it quiets down in preparation for the final three tracks. Book-ending the album with another piano-driven lullaby, "Sleep Don't

Weep" aims to heal the wounds displayed in the earlier tracks.

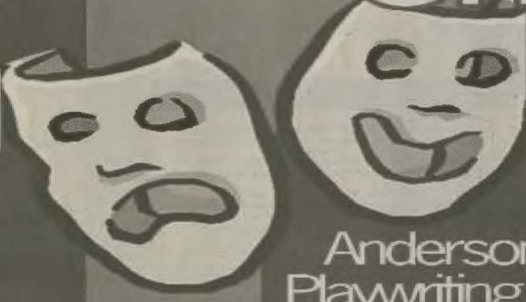
Just as the album began, Lisa Hannigan ends the song singing. However, the song and pain continues with sixteen minutes of a soothing

Tibetan singing bowl instrument. Surprising, but not out of place, the notes lull the listeners into a trance, numbing the pain of listening to heartache for an hour and leaving them wanting more.

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## McCain calls for deployment of more troops to Iraq

By DANIEL BLACK  
Staff Writer

The possibility that John McCain may have chosen his words poorly when he called for the deployment of more troops to Iraq is hardly a subject of dispute.

The Arizona Senator has likely reduced his prospects of becoming president by saying so. Last Wednesday, through subtle shifts of expression, McCain attempted to recover at least some of what he had lost with masterfully touched-up language. His new (though claiming to be unchanged) words identify the difference between sending more troops overseas to win the war, vice continuing normal troop numbers with no clear end in sight. He tells us victory is attainable, that he can ask a "Young Marine to go back to Iraq" if he's doing so to win, and even calls the act of doing otherwise "immoral".

An eye-opener, to put it mildly, these words surely are. The implicit confessions in McCain's

words reveal far more than his newly overhauled language ever could. "Immoral" aptly defines the ethical substance of sending troops, with no proper motive, off to their deaths; we know this because McCain tells us so, but

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If this is wrong now, surely it was wrong in the beginning of the conflict. Why didn't McCain speak up then? He was doing what he does, doing what they all do: looking out for himself. That factor, the instinctual sense of political self-preservation, is the only thing that inspires our politicians to speak or act.

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nation— those that authentically care. That is what must direct this conflict if ever it is to end. The families in small American communities who have a brother, a cousin, a paperboy out in Iraq are the only citizens that a sol-

dier can depend on to stand up for his rights while he/she is abroad.

If what I say is untrue, then why has it taken so long (the U.S. has been in Iraq now longer than it had been involved in WWII) for a formerly war-supporting senator to say it's immoral to send troops to their deaths if not for a specific, worthy cause? These sorts of ostensibly radical positions correspond to things like electoral activity, pending shifts of party distribution in government, political climate and public opinion, and things of that nature. They've got nothing to do with moral right and wrong because those are not time-specific; they

don't shift as does public approval of the war. Mind you, McCain never says what the cause actually is; he asserts that there must be a bipartisan definition of what, exactly, is our mission in Iraq.

It is enlightening, in many disheartening ways, that it has taken nearly four years of fighting a war for one of its most ardent original supporters to arrive at the belief that there should be a mission we are pursuing while fighting it — and to presume that arrival was the result of some 'moral epiphany' and not politically motivated is laughable and insulting.

The sorts of war-related issues that I feel are more pressing than party loyalty or ascending the ranks of our political system include servicemen's rights, for example: the right of Iraq War veteran Agustin Aguayo to an honorable discharge from the armed forces as a conscientious objector; rights of native citizens, for example: those Iraqis who consider the American military an occupying force and desire its departure so that they may live

lives in accordance with their own values; and overarching social concerns as they are often ignored by our leaders, for example: that 16,000 single mothers are deployed in Iraq, an unprecedented reality that is literally unvoiced in mainstream media.

Is it that we do not care about these issues? Surely citizens occupy every inch of the spectrum between conscious involve-

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ment and apathetic dissociation with regard to the war, but that these issues are not even raised and addressed in the news programs we watch or debated and acted upon by the representatives we elect should inform us as to what sort of government/society we live in. Concerns like those I've listed would be highly prioritized in an authentic democracy; if indeed this nation was gov-

erned by its people (you know, democratically), then clearly those people who go off to war would at least be acknowledged as empowered citizens rather than prosecuted as criminals. Kyle Snyder's actions to aid Hurricane Katrina victims over this past Thanksgiving holiday might have been applauded, but he is condemned for his activism because it conflicts with the

authoritarian ambitions of our cosmetic democracy. Snyder's going AWOL would not have been necessary if his rights as a citizen came before the motives of his government; he would have been discharged and able to provide help to those citizens that the Department of

Homeland Security continues to disregard a full 15 months after the disaster. But unfortunately, as we are able to discern from misguidance of the current political dialogue, the rights of the individual citizens and soldiers are not even worthy of government attention, an odd reality for a "democratic society."

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## Stem-cell research in animals still hopeful

By RISA PEDZEWICK  
Staff Writer

An Italian team of scientists and doctors tested a stem-cell treatment on dogs with the debilitating disease Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. After administering the treatment, the dogs that had been limping around for months, were suddenly bounding around like normal, healthy dogs.

Muscular dystrophy affects mostly boys and young men. There are at least twenty different forms of muscular dystrophy, which cause muscle wasting, progressive paralysis and eventually death.

Stem cell research has been under heightened political controversy for some time, because of how embryonic stem cells are derived. However, the point of the research is to understand the development and cell division of an organism from a single cell and how healthy cells replace damaged cells in adult organisms. Stem cell research can be beneficial in finding treatments for diabetes, traumatic spinal cord injury, Parkinje cell degeneration, heart disease, Duchenne's muscular dystrophy, and vision and hearing loss.

Diseases like Duchenne's muscular dystrophy, Parkinson's dis-

ease, Huntington's disease and Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS, all arise out of the breakdown of the motor neurons, which do not continue cell division after birth. There are no known cures for any of these diseases. The breakdown of the axon in the motor neuron causes the electrical impulses being sent from the brain to the muscle to misfire. Through this gradual breakdown

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of axons comes the breakdown of muscles within the body, causing the patient to slowly wither away. Many scientists feel that by studying mice with these diseases and by experimenting with stem cells, a cure can be found one day.

Stem cells are different from other kinds of cells in that they are unspecialized cells that renew themselves through long periods of cell division. Under certain conditions, they can be induced to become cells with special functions that could take the place of diseased cells in humans that cannot heal on their

own. Their job in the body is to give rise to specialized cells such as heart muscle cells, blood cells or nerve cells. After these cells become specialized, they do not normally continue to divide.

There are two kinds of stem cells that scientists work with: embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells. Embryonic stem cells are used for in vitro fertilization. In a laboratory, embryonic stem cells continue to divide without differentiating, but most adult stem cells cannot. Adult stem cells generate the type of cell tissues that divide, such as bone marrow stem cells that give rise to new blood cells. Embryonic stem cells do not have these limitations. If these cells continue to divide, or proliferate, and remain unspecialized cells, they can yield millions of new cells and are said to be capable of long-term self-renewal.

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Until now, most stem cell research has been done on lab mice. The type of stem cells used in the treatment of the muscular

dystrophic dogs were adult stem cells. The dogs were injected with their own modified stem cells. This kind of therapy is preferable, because in previous trials, some of the dogs received stem cells from other animals. To make it possible for these other stem cells to take, it was necessary to suppress their immune

systems. The dogs rapidly lost their ability to walk.

Professor Cosu, the director of the Stem Cell Research Institute of San Raffaele Scientific Institute reported the findings of the stem cell therapy on these animals in the journal, Nature. The work shows that it is possible to stop the disease in its

tracks and even reverse it to a certain degree.

According to Professor Cosu, he says that, "Even though by itself [the experimental treatment] may not lead to a cure, it would ameliorate the conditions, then step by step we could work on getting a real cure."

### Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY  
Health Editor

#### WATCHMAN PROMISES TO STOP STROKE

Thousands of people who suffer from an irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation can now rest a bit easier as research has begun on a product intended to stop strokes in the affected people.

According to the Associated Press "the Watchman device (as it is being called for now) might provide long-needed protection for thousands of people with atrial fibrillation, whose main hope now is a problematic blood-thinning drug that too many can't tolerate."

About 2.8 million Americans suffer from atrial fibrillation and this device could be revolutionary for many of the affected patients.

Atrial fibrillation occurs when the top valves of the heart become out of sync with the lower two valves and cause the atria to contract rapidly and out of beat. The result is a pool of blood which forms inside the heart, allowing blood clots which could cause stroke to form.

The Associated Press reports that "atrial fibrillation, 90 percent of stroke-causing blood clots collect inside a jalapeno pepper-shaped flap of tissue that hangs off the edge of the left atrium. Some call it the heart's belly button, a leftover from fetal development that the body no longer needs."

The Watchman device effectively plugs the small gaps in the heart's valves and creates a lock around the valves. So far doctors are unsure if the Watchman will effectively stop the deadly clots from forming within the heart, however the major study is being conducted in Royal Oaks, Michigan.

The current regimen of treatment revolves around a hard-to-use drug called Coumadin. The blood thinner is effective at keeping clotting to a minimum but comes with several serious side effects including life-threatening bleeding.

The Associated Press also reports that "an American Stroke Association spokesman cautioned that it's far too early to know whether an implant will prove a better gamble than Coumadin, a proven stroke fighter. "I wouldn't want to raise hopes before the data is in," said Dr. Larry Goldstein, director of Duke University's stroke center."

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By **JOE FERRARY**  
Staff Writer

The Marist men's basketball team and Jared Jordan showed the nation that they play with the power conferences in the first ever Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Florida over Thanksgiving break.

The Old Spice Classic field included eight teams from all over the country (West Virginia, Minnesota, Montana, Southern Illinois, Western Michigan, Arkansas, Virginia Tech and Marist). This tournament featured five teams (Arkansas, Minnesota, Montana, Southern Illinois, and West Virginia) that made appearances in either the NCAA Tournament or the NIT last year.

In their first game of the tournament, the Red Foxes defeated the Minnesota Golden Gophers of the Big Ten, 63-56. This was the program's first ever win over a team from the Big Ten.

With the win, Marist improved its record to 3-1 on the season, while Minnesota fell to 2-2.

The Red Foxes were led by seniors Jared Jordan and James Smith, who both tallied double-

doubles in the win. Jordan finished with 11 points, a game-high ten assists, seven rebounds, and a game-high three steals. Smith tallied 16 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

The game plan for beating the Golden Gophers was simple for Marist, according to Jordan.

"On the offensive side of the ball we stuck to our usual game plan," Jordan said. "On defense, Coach Brady said to just play stronger team defense and to be more physical, which we were able to accomplish. We had a lot of confidence going into the game, because Coach said that we were the better team and should win the game."

Marist, which led the entire game, built its largest lead of the game with 2:38 left in the first half (30-15) on a dunk by Smith. However, the Golden Gophers began to chip away at the lead on back to back three pointers by Jamal Abu-Shamala and Kevin Payton to cut the Marist lead to 30-21 at half.

Minnesota would continue to fight back as they would close the gap to just two points (40-38) on a three-pointer by Lawrence McKenzie with 12:32 remaining

in the second half.

McKenzie finished with a game-high 17 points and six rebounds for the Golden Gophers.

The Red Foxes would take command of the game courtesy of an 8-0 run over the next two minutes to build a ten-point lead (48-38) with 10:08 left in the half en-route to a 63-56 victory.

Marist out-rebounded Minnesota 42-39 and went to the foul line 14 times versus only two times for the Golden Gophers.

Jordan said one key reason for Marist's success not only on the boards, but in the game as well, was the play of James Smith.

"James had an all-around great game," Jordan said. "When he plays against players his size he is able to bang them on the block and not pick up fouls. When he tries to bang players on the block in our conference, the players flop and he picks up quick fouls."

The Red Foxes' victory over Minnesota was short-lived because less than 24 hours later they had to play Arkansas in the semi-finals of the Old Spice Classic. The Razorbacks had defeated Southern Illinois 61-53

in overtime to advance to the semi-finals.

Arkansas, the eventual champion of the Old Spice Classic, proved to be too much for the Red Foxes, and they advanced to the finals with a 73-64 win.

The Razorbacks were led by freshman guard Patrick Beverly, who scored a team high 15 points, and junior guard Sonny Weems, who scored 12 points and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds.

Jordan led the team in scoring with 21 points, rebounds with eight and assists with eight. Senior James Smith added 18 points and seven rebounds in the Red Foxes.

The Red Foxes jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead over the first three minutes of the game, but the Razorbacks responded with a 10-0 run of their own to make the score 10-6 with 11:24 left in the half.

The two teams would continue to fight back and forth for the rest of the half until Stefan Welsh hit a three-pointer with 45 seconds left in the first half to give Arkansas a 22-19 lead at intermission.

The teams would continue to trade buckets in the beginning

stages of the second half, and the Red Foxes actually tied the game at 35 with a Will Whittington three-pointer with 13:01 left in the half. That would be as close as the Red Foxes would come.

Arkansas would continue to build its lead over the remainder of the half, its largest lead was 12 points, 70-58, with 26 seconds left in the game. The final was 73-64.

The Razorbacks were just too athletic for the Red Foxes, according to Jared Jordan.

"They were quicker, bigger and more athletic than we were," Jordan said. "We had our opportunities to win the game in the second half, and we did not hit our shots."

The Red Foxes held the advantage from the floor by shooting 42.3 percent to Arkansas' 41.4 percent, but Arkansas shot a higher percentage from three-point land (36 percent to 33.3 percent) and was 80 percent from the foul line versus just 66.7 percent for Marist.

With the loss, Marist's record fell to 3-2. The Old Spice Classic was not over for Marist yet, as they would go on to face Western Michigan in the third place game.



## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's male and female star performer for the weekend of Nov. 23-26.

**Jared Jordan**  
Basketball, Senior



Jared Jordan was awarded the Most Outstanding Player award of the inaugural Old Spice Classic this past week, and he was named MAAC Co-Player of the Week Monday. In the three tournament games Jordan averaged 20.7 points, 9.0 assists and 6.3 rebounds, and he led the Red Foxes to wins over Minnesota and Western Michigan.

### On the horizon:

The Red Foxes (4-2) faced Old Dominion at home on Wednesday night. They go on the road Saturday to face the Richmond Spiders.

**Rachele Fitz**  
Basketball, Freshman



Freshman Rachele Fitz garnered MAAC Rookie of the Week honors. Fitz shot 14-16 (.875) from the field in Marist's two wins. She has only missed two shots from the field playing at McCann. The superstar freshman averaged 17 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots in just 18.5 minutes per game.

### On the Horizon:

Marist women traveled to Providence Rhode Island Tuesday night to take on the Brown Bears. They hit the road again to take on Bucknell in Lewisburg, PA on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.



Rachele Fitz, who earned MAAC rookie of the week, led Marist to wins over Dartmouth and Fordham. She scored 16 points against Dartmouth and 18 points against Fordham. In the two games combined, she scored 34 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and blocked two shots. The forward from Seven Hills, Ohio is Marist's leading scorer, averaging 13 points-per-game, and shooting 75 percent from the field. She is second on the team in rebounding with 4.8 rebounds per game, and she leads the team in offensive rebounds with 10. Fitz had an impressive high school career at Trinity High School, where she tallied 2,073 career points and more than 1400 rebounds.



## Freshman Fitz earns MAAC rookie of the week

By **GREG HRINYA**  
Staff Writer

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) announced that Marist Red Foxes' forward Rachele Fitz has been named rookie of the week.

The announcement came Monday after Fitz shot 14 of 16 from the field in Marist's two victories last week against Dartmouth and Fordham. Fitz averaged 17 points, five rebounds, and two blocked shots in the wins.

In the first victory of the week, Fitz shot six-of-seven from the field and went four-for-four at the line to lead the Red Foxes with 16 points against Dartmouth. She also grabbed four rebounds and blocked a shot in 21 minutes of play in the 77-41 Marist win.

Fitz would lead the Red Foxes in scoring again when the team beat Fordham 88-38 on November 26 at the McCann Center.

She shot eight-of-nine from the field and went two-for-three from the line to contribute a game-high 18 points. Fitz also registered six rebounds and one blocked shot as Marist cruised to a 50-point victory over Fordham.

Just five games into the season, the freshman forward from Seven Hills, Ohio is Marist's leading scorer and has led the team to an early 3-2 record. Her average of 13 points-per-game is tops on the team, and she has shot 75 percent from the field. She is second on the team in rebounding with 4.8 rebounds per game and leads the team in offensive rebounds with 10.

Marist Red Foxes head coach Brian Giorgis has been very

impressed with Fitz's play so far in the season and was quoted on the team's website.

"I think she hasn't even scratched the surface," Giorgis said after the Fordham game. "One of the things you have to get used to is that when she's off-balance, she's on balance. I don't think I've ever coached a kid who's had as soft a touch as she does around the basket."

Rachele Fitz came to Marist after an impressive high school career at Trinity in Ohio where she tallied 2,073 career points and more than 1,400 rebounds. The Ohio Division III player of the year has given Marist a spark underneath the basket and has made large contributions to the team early in her first season.

Fitz and the Red Foxes took on the Brown Bears Tuesday night. Next, they travel to Lewisburg, PA to take on Bucknell.

## Staying grounded, Jordan flies high

By **BRIAN LOEW**  
Staff Writer

On Thanksgiving Day, amid the turkey, family and football there was an unexpected guest in my living room — Jared Jordan and the Brady Bunch. The Old Spice Classic in Orlando was televised on ESPN2 and for the first time in my recollection we did not watch football; we watched Marist College men's basketball.

As different faces popped up on the screen, I faced a barrage of questions: "Who is that? Do you know him? Is he a nice kid? Who is that again?"

Then my family saw our 6'2" point guard from Hartford, Conn. effortlessly drain a three-pointer. My dad leaned over and said, "Who is this guy?"

Well, Dad, here's my answer. He is Jared Jordan. He is the General. Or just straight up J.J.

After Sunday's romp of Western Michigan, he became the Most Outstanding Player at the Old Spice Classic, averaging 20.7 points, 9.0 assists and 6.3 rebounds over those three games.

He is the captain and backbone of the Red Foxes. Under his lead, the Marist men are tagged as the preseason conference favorites, the first time in school history.

He is the leader of the team in points per game with 19.3, and

he's no slouch in the other categories. Comparative to his average time of play per game, he leads the team with a .422 average from the floor, an .809 average from the line and is averaging 8.5 assists per game. He is second on the team in rebounds, pulling down 37 just behind senior James Smith's 41 total.

He is, as an ESPN analyst noted last year, a "poor man's John Stockton."

He is proving all of those who may have questioned him prior to the start of the season absolutely wrong.

He is one of 25 players nationwide named to the Collegeinsider.com Preseason Mid-Major All-American Team. He is the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Preseason Player of the Year. He is a First Team All-MAAC honoree. He is the Horizon Award recipient from the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. He is one of the top 20 players in the nation as voted by The Sporting News, and was voted Lindy's "Best Playmaker" of the MAAC.

"He is an outstanding college player," head coach Matt Brady said in an interview with the Poughkeepsie Journal.

He is a player who can perform on any stage and under any spotlight. When many of us were

driving back to Poughkeepsie from the holiday break, he was playing his game on the national stage down in Orlando. Did he fumble under the glare of the spotlight? No way. He came up just short of his career high with a 30-point game in the win over Western Michigan on Sunday.

He is a calm, cool and collected leader who is not letting the national exposure get to his head, or his team's. He told the Poughkeepsie Journal that even though Marist has been successful, he knows they have a challenging schedule ahead of them.

"We're not going to let our success down there affect us," he said. "We know what's ahead of us and how good the teams are. We can always remember Florida, but we can't just be satisfied with how we did down there."

Best of all, Jared Jordan is just an ordinary guy, playing the game that he loves. He is not conceited or big-headed. He hasn't let his accolades blur his sight from the real prize: a team conference title. He is level-headed and down-to-earth. And, you know what? He's an all-around nice kid to boot.

Finally, he is an unexpected topic of conversation at the dinner table on Thanksgiving Day.

Say hello, America - Jared Jordan is here.



Jared Jordan earned Most Outstanding Player in the Old Spice Classic.

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## Marist finishes with winning record at Old Spice Classic

By **ANDY ALONGI**  
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After splitting their first two games at the inaugural Old Spice Classic, the Red Foxes won the third place game over the Western Michigan Broncos on Sunday, 89-78, in The Milk House, at the Wide World of Sports in Walt Disney World.

Marist was up seven when the second half began, 35-28. They put a big cushion on their lead by opening the second stanza with an 18-4 run over the first 4:54 of play.

The run contained four of Marist's 10 three-point field goals, two of which were hit by senior sharp-shooter Will Whittington. Whittington had a total of 16 points, two rebounds and three assists for the game.

However, that run did not take the fight out of Western Michigan. They clawed back, and got as close as eight, at 81-73 on an Andrew Ricks jumper with 1:52 left to play in the game.

Ricks was the Broncos leading scorer off the bench with 16 points, while Joe Reitz led Western Michigan with 18 points and shot eight-of-11 from the field.

Marist head coach Matt Brady spoke highly of the Broncos.

"I knew what a terrific program

they had developed over the past few years after studying their tape," he said. "We had players who were determined not to get beat off the dribble tonight. We [Marist] played better as the weekend went on."

The game contained six ties and four lead changes. Marist held on to the lead for good after a Whittington three-pointer put the Foxes up 25-23 with 4:43 to play in the first half.

The largest lead for the Foxes was 21, 53-32, after senior guard Jared Jordan hit a lay-up to cap the 18-4 Marist run that opened the second half.

Jordan continued to share the ball well as he dished out nine assists to go with his game-high 30 points, 17 of which came in the second half. Jordan shot 10-for-10 from the charity stripe, 9-for-13 from the floor, and two-for-three from beyond the arc.

Jordan finished the tournament with 62 points, 27 assists and a two-to-one assist to turnover ratio. For his efforts, Jordan was named the most outstanding player of the first Old Spice Classic and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) co-player of the week.

Jordan was happy to be recognized.

"It's a nice award to get," he said. "The tournament got me and the school a lot of national

exposure. It's nice to be recognized."

The bench players were also a big key to winning Sunday's match-up against the Broncos. Four bench players, including junior guard Kaylen Gregory, junior forward Shae McNamara, junior forward Wilfred "Spongy" Benjamin and sophomore guard Gerald Carter, all added to the offensive attack, contributing a collective 27 points.

Coach Brady said the bench players made a big contribution. "The bench has been a huge help," he said. "I told them we're going to need someone in every game. Western Michigan gets a lot out of their bench. We matched their bench efforts with ours today."

Despite the win, Marist was out-rebounded 36-28 with a wide majority of those rebounds coming on the offensive glass. In that fact, the Foxes were out-rebounded 13-3.

After the tournament, which featured three nationally televised games on ESPN2, Marist improved to 4-2 after defeating Minnesota in the quarterfinals of the tournament on Thanksgiving Day, finishing the tournament with a 2-1 record.

Coach Brady said the program has been put in a national light.

"I told our team to play on national television three times is

remarkable," he said. "To come out with wins against post-season teams is great. The seniors put our program in a national light. We played Arkansas our best, and we needed them to miss a few shots."

Jordan said the competition at the Old Spice Classic was very tough.

"This competition is a lot bigger and stronger here [at the Old Spice Classic], but we competed with everyone," he said. "Playing with these teams is huge and finishing third is huge."

Marist returns to action on Saturday Dec. 2 when the Foxes travel to Richmond to take on the Spiders at 7 p.m.



Senior guard Will Whittington scored 16 points in the Red Foxes' final game of the Old Spice Classic against Western Michigan. Marist finished the tournament with a record of 2-1 and took third place.



## Record books re-written in Poughkeepsie

By **DANIEL BARRACK**  
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The Marist women's basketball team defeated Fordham 88-38 last Sunday. The 50 point victory was the school's largest point-differential since Coach Brian Giorgis took over the team five years ago.

The domination over Fordham also tied the most points scored by the Red Foxes under his reign with 88.

From start to finish, Marist dominated Fordham in one of the most impressive wins in school history.

Marist started the game on a 19-1 run, and the Rams never teached within 12 points for the remainder of the game.

At one point, the Marist lead reached 52 points. The 55-16 half-time score was the most points Marist had ever scored during one half in school history, and the Red Foxes did not let up in the second half.

Allowing only 22 points in the second half, the 38 combined points that Fordham scored was the lowest point total that Marist has allowed in almost two years,

the last time being a 63-35 win over Rider back on Jan. 16, 2005.

Jan. 16 has been a good day in the past for Marist basketball, considering that the Red Foxes also scored 88 points in a game two years previous in an 88-78 win on Jan. 16, 2003 over, you guessed it, Rider.

Twelve Red Foxes scored in the win, which shows how much of a team effort this victory was.

While twelve members of the Marist team scored, Fordham had only six players dressed for the game due to injuries. The six Rams that suited up shot a mere 23.2 per cent from the field, while Marist shot 56.3 per cent from the field and an impressive 47.8 per cent from three-point territory.

Freshman forward Rachele Fitz led all scorers with 18 points, shooting eight-for-nine, and has only missed two field goals in all three home games this year.

Senior guard Shannon Minter was a big help off the bench, scoring 11 points and making all three three-pointers she attempted.

The rest of the bench did the job as well, scoring 51 of the team's 88 points.

Not only did the team set some school records, but six Red Foxes reached a career or season-high in points. Junior Alexis Waters, freshman Lynzee Johnson, and senior Mary Alice Duff all finished the day with career-highs for points in a game.

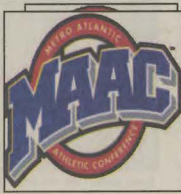
Senior point guard Alisa Kresge finished with seven assists, placing her among the all-time leaders in school history. Kresge also moved into eighth-place all time in steals for Marist College in the same game.

After falling to no. 5 Duke and then at Villanova, Marist has picked up the pace. The teams' last two victories have come by an average of 43 points while allowing an average of less than 40 points.

Marist will have to keep this pace going before a brutal stretch of seven consecutive road games between Dec. 18 and Jan. 14. Marist's first conference game will be held on Dec. 8 against Loyola (MD) at the McCann Center.



Senior point guard Alisa Kresge had seven assists and moved into eighth place all time in steals for Marist. The Red Foxes set a record for points scored in a half, scoring 55 points. The bench also had a big day for the Red Foxes as they added 51 of the teams' 88 points in an 88-38 victory over Fordham.



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