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Semester Preview

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New vice presidents bring experience to Marist

by Michael Goot
Managing Editor

Dr. Artin Arslanian and Dr. Roy H. Merolli will fill the vacancies left by the departure of two of Marist's vice presidents last spring.

Arslanian, the provost at Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina for the last 10 years, became the new vice president for academic affairs on Monday, Sept. 4. Merolli, the vice president for business and finance at Eastern Connecticut State University since 1986, will be taking over as executive vice president beginning Oct. 1.

Arslanian and Merolli replace Marc vanderHeyden and Mark Sullivan, who have left Marist to become college presidents.

President Dennis Murray said it is beneficial that the new vice presidents have so much experience.

"They both know their jobs and because of that, they should be able to hit the ground running," Murray said.

Both men were found after a search involving more than 175 applicants. Louis Zuccarello, professor of political science, led the committee for the academic vice president, and social work Professor Margaret Calista chaired the committee for the executive vice president. Several faculty members and one student representative were on each committee.

Murray said having so many people participate in the search was effective in finding people that fit in with the Marist philosophy and tradition.

"I think one of the reasons we have so many people involved is that we want to make sure

we have people that fit into the Marist culture," he said.

Arslanian was chief academic, student life and senior administrative officer of the college. Prior to that, he was vice president of academic affairs for 10 years.

Arslanian developed new degree programs in health care management, mathematics, psychology, elementary and special education and oversaw the creation of new graduate degree programs. He was responsible for instituting a new 60 credit-hour core curriculum.

In addition, he helped develop a degree program for middle grades education, which was recognized as one of three exemplary models in the country.

Debra Estes, director of communications and public relations at Belmont Abbey College, said Arslanian provided guidance during a period when the college had four different leaders.

"He was a very solid individual providing good advice during the course of changes," she said.

Estes said Arslanian helped attract more attention to Belmont from the national community by having articles published in national publications, such as the *Journal of Higher Education*. He was also awarded numerous fellowships and grants for research.

Arslanian earned his B.A. in European history and M.A. in European and British history from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon and obtained his Ph.D. in modern British history from UCLA.

He said he was interested in the position at Marist because he had heard about the college's

commitment to a liberal arts education, as well as preparing people for careers.

Arslanian said he was most proud of helping Belmont raise its graduation rate, which he felt was significant.

He also said the entire Marist community must help to determine the future of the college.

"I single-handedly cannot change. By definition, it's a college community and we work together to accomplish something."

Arslanian said another goal is to bring more exposure to the great academic programs at Marist.

"We need to gain added exposure in our academic programs to send out the message that this institution is excellent in all its academic programs, not just its technology," he said.

Merolli has served as vice president for finance and administration at Eastern Connecticut State University since 1986. He was vice president for administrative affairs from 1980 to 1984 and acting vice president for academic affairs from 1984 to 1986. During 1991 and 1992, he was interim vice president for the Connecticut State University system.

Merolli coordinated the development of a master plan for the



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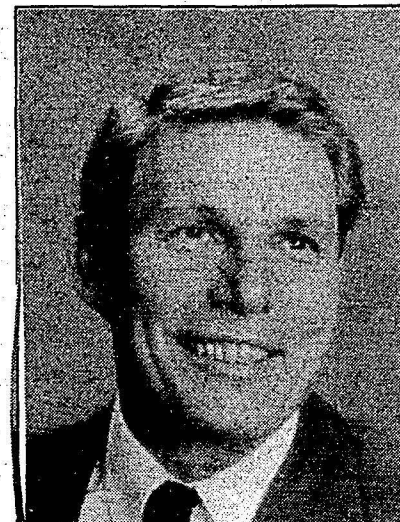


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Dr. Artin Arslanian (L) and Dr. Roy H. Merolli (R) will take over as the new academic and executive vice presidents of Marist.

college which oversaw the spending of \$140 million on campus projects over 10 years, including a new classroom building and student residence. He also initiated a new library and athletic complex, which are currently in progress.

Murray said Merolli's experience made him an excellent choice for the position.

"With Roy's background and expertise in planning, finance, technology, and facilities management, he is ideally suited for the position of executive vice president," he said.

Merolli said he was interested in the position because he had been at Eastern Connecticut State for 16 years and wanted a new challenge.

"I think I've got a blend of experience that fits a lot of the requirements of the executive vice president at Marist," he said.

Merolli said he believes college strategic planning has to be a participatory process in

which college faculty, staff and students are involved in discussion.

"I believe that strategic planning is very valuable for a particular college to develop its strengths," he said. "You have to allocate resources to implement and make your strategic planning documents real."

Merolli received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Connecticut. He is also a member of numerous organizations, including the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the American Association of Higher Education.

Murray said he is confident the new administrators will be integrated into Marist.

"I'm sure both of them understand where Marist is coming from, where Marist is today, and where Marist is going to have to go to remain a very competitive and high quality institution," he said.



Circle photo by Kristin Richard

Pictured here is Talmadge Court, the new off-campus housing located 1/4 mile from Marist. The residence will house 37 Marist students this semester.

Talmadge Court provides new off-campus housing

by

STEPHANIE MERCURIO

News Editor

Low priority points now have two benefits; air-conditioning and a dishwasher.

Talmadge Court, the new off-campus housing, is open for residency this year. Talmadge is located one-half mile from campus and will house 37 Marist students.

Martin Rule, assistant director of housing and residential life, said Marist needed Talmadge Court to help house some of the students who did not receive on-campus housing.

"There were around 150 stu-

dents whose priority points weren't high enough to be on-campus," said Rule. "Talmadge Court was purchased because it is close to campus and was available at the best price."

Rule said Talmadge Court has been redone to accommodate the students.

"We've repainted the rooms, installed the token ring, put in new furniture and put in a new fire alarm system," said Rule. "It's all brand new stuff. There's even air-conditioning and a dishwasher."

Rule said the rooms have one or two bedrooms, with double occupancy in each room.

Rule said although Talmadge

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A Closer Look at the Class of 2000

Incoming freshman class noted for strong academics

by **KRISTIN RICHARD**
Editor-in-chief

This year's freshman class arrived at Marist already stamped with a distinction. They are the class of 2000.

But their distinction extends even beyond that. They are entering Marist as the academically strongest freshman class Marist has ever had.

According to Sean Kaylor, director of admissions, Marist accepted only 65 percent of the students who applied for freshman admission this year.

"The acceptance rate is the lowest it had been over the past 10 years, so it was more difficult to get in this year," Kaylor said.

Because Marist was able to be more selective in choosing the class, Kaylor said the freshmen as a group are academically stronger than freshman classes have previously been.

This year, 40 percent of all enrolled freshmen graduated in the top 25 percent of their high school classes. Fifty six percent were in the top third of their classes, and 84 percent graduated in the top half of their classes.

According to Kaylor, the average overall SAT score this year was 1080, with an average verbal score of 540 and a math score of 548.

About 225 merit scholarships, including the presidential and the Marist College scholarship, were offered to freshmen this year. The average award was \$4000, and Kaylor said this number reflects that more students than ever qualified for the higher schol-

arship amounts this year.

According to Judith Saunders, director of the honors program at Marist, almost 80 freshmen were invited to enter the honors program this year. Between 65 and 70 of these students accepted the invitation.

This number is slightly higher than last year, but Saunders said it reflects that this freshman class has more students than previous classes have had.

Freshman Eric Sylvester, a Sheahan Hall resident, said he thinks being part of an academically strong class will encourage other freshmen to take their school work more seriously.

"If you see your friends doing well, then you will do better, too," Sylvester said.

This year, as the caliber of student improved with the incoming freshman class, the college was also able to attract more students from a broader geographic range than before.

According to Kaylor, New York continues to be the state most heavily represented by freshmen, and most of these students come from the eastern end of the state. However, Marist also had an influx in students from the Syracuse area this year.

The class also includes students from 22 other states, out of which the most highly represented are Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

However, the class also includes more students than ever before from Virginia and Maryland.

According to Kaylor, the

growing number of students from these states is a sign that more people outside the tri-state area are becoming familiar with Marist.

"Virginia and Maryland is a tough market to break into because there are so many great schools in that area," Kaylor said. "But now that we got more students from there, I think the trend is going to continue."

According to Jay Murray, assistant director of admissions, a small fraction of the freshman class is also comprised of students from foreign countries, including Belgium and Canada.

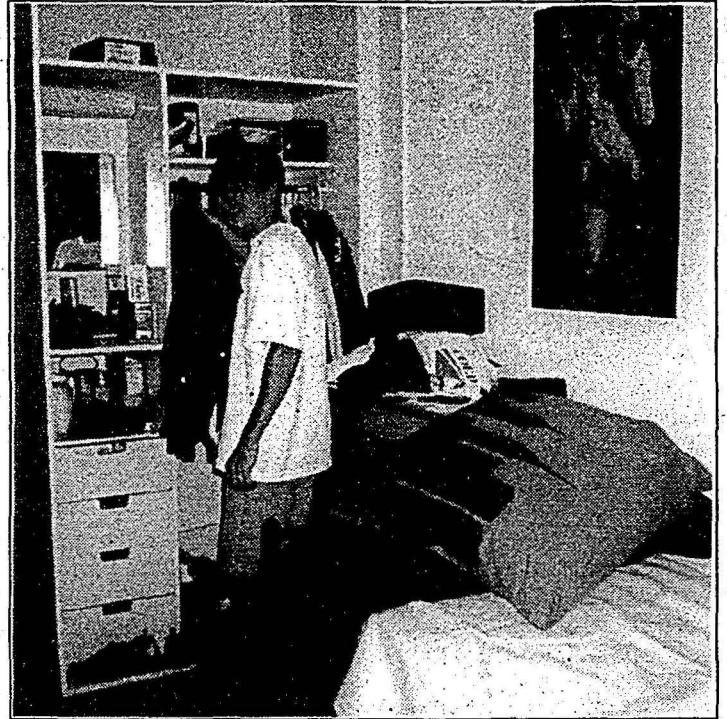
The class of 2000 is comprised of 880 students, and 58 percent of the class is female. This is a slightly higher percentage of women than freshman classes have had in previous years. The typical Marist class is about 54 percent female.

Freshman Leigh Golden, a communications major from Cheshire, CT, said one of the factors that influenced her in choosing Marist was the strength of the academic programs.

"Marist has a good communications program, but I also liked the campus and the tennis program," she said.

Pete Startz, a freshman from Waldwick, NJ, said he also liked the communications program at Marist. However, he was also influenced by the athletic program.

"I got a partial sports scholarship for cross country, but the good communications program and the location also influenced my decision," he said.



Pete Startz, a member of the class of 2000, moves into Sheahan Hall. Strong academic and athletic programs influenced Startz in choosing Marist.

Talmadge Court offers acceptable alternative to on-campus housing

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Court is now low-priority point housing, he thinks it will become a popular place for students to live.

"I think people will go to visit and think 'Wow, this place is really great,' and want to live there," said Rule. "I think it's a really good option. It's close and safe, and it's not more expensive to live there than Gartland."

Rafael Castillo, a junior at Marist, will be residing at Talmadge Court this year.

"I didn't even know what

Talmadge was until I called in July to find out what housing I had received," said Castillo. "Housing told me I had been placed in new off-campus housing."

Castillo said there are both positive and negative aspects to Talmadge Court.

"I have to wake up a lot earlier to go to class. I can't just roll out of bed, and there's no transportation to campus," said Castillo. "The apartments are nice, though. I like them better than the New Townhouses. Everything is so new."

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Editorial

Everything seemed to happen within the final few weeks of the spring semester last year. Marist announced that it was losing two of its vice presidents. A student tragically and unexpectedly passed away from meningitis. And then there was the protest.

The student protest to keep Professor Evan Rivers began as a group of students fighting to keep one of Marist's most valuable assets: an outstanding professor. But as the group of concerned students expanded to include non-English majors and even students who had never taken a course with Professor Rivers, the group was able to stage a fairly large walk-out.

At the time, I remember thinking how ironic it was that the student body would come together for such a legitimate cause only days after The Circle featured an article on Marist malaise.

In fact, the rally for Professor Rivers made me wonder whether the apparent trend of student apathy was beginning to reverse itself. It not only indicated that many of us are not apathetic about the education we are receiving, but it demonstrated that we are willing to come together and stand up for what we believe in.

I think the rally showed a lot of character on the part of the participating students because they all actually risked something for the benefit of another.

Although Professor Rivers was eventually denied tenure, the student battle was in no way futile.

That day, we, as a student body, acknowledged that we have a voice in our own education, and we will not tolerate losing one of our best professors without a fight.

Now, as we begin a new semester, do not forget the power students can have. I do not believe we should make protests a habit, but we can at least prove to ourselves and our professors that we are concerned about the education we are receiving.

From the beginning of the semester, raise your hand in class when you know the answer. Ask a question when you're confused. Voice your opinion when you disagree with someone. But whatever you do, do not remain silent.

In this world, apathy will get you nowhere.

Conventional Wisdom

Recently, the two main parties held their conventions in order to dispel the myths about their respective candidates.

Republicans tried to convince America that Bob Dole is not a crotchety, mean-spirited, narrow-minded old man who will throw this country back into a state of economic ruin.

Democrats wanted to ensure that the country saw President Clinton as something other than a womanizing, overweight liar whose eagerness to compromise slows the governmental process.

The Republican Party packaged itself as the party of inclusion. This may have been lost on the viewers at home, who were preoccupied trying to spot the minority delegate, which was like trying to pick Waldo out of a crowd shot on the Def Comedy Jam.

Pro-Choice Senator Olympia Snow, and governors Pete Wilson and Bill Weld might as well have been the Three Stooges, with delegates kindly chanting how their kind would be the downfall of the party and contemporary American society as a whole.

On the other side of the ideological chasm, an uncharacteristically quiet and cooperative Pat Buchanan was seated so far at the back of the convention hall that he and his entourage were mistaken for the caterers. That probably had less to do with where they were seated than the fact that they were dressed in all white.

Even the Christian Coalition's Ralph Reed had to go outside to eternally damn all those who disagree agree with him.

This exclusion was to avoid another debacle like the 1992 convention, where heartwarming moments like Pat Buchanan's declaration of the "religious war in America," made it easier for the Democrats to portray the Republicans as the party of evil.

While Bob Dole is also the personification of evil, his handlers wanted to leave the people with a more positive impression than that infamous circus in Houston.

Instead, this convention embraced the Regan era, which, of course, was a good time for America, not a period of legislative and economic mismanagement that is largely responsible for the federal government's financial woes.

The convention needed the blunt approach of infomercials, where the viewers need to be constantly reminded how unfulfilled they will be if they don't buy a pasta maker. Interestingly enough, more people watch an actual infomercial than a political convention.

If the Republican Convention was an infomercial, the Democratic Convention was the Academy Awards.

Democrats took the high road, and criticisms of Dole were few and far between, as the cornerstone of Clinton's campaign is to just be presidential.

There was little fanfare surrounding Clinton's acceptance of his party's nomination. This is because, quite simply, a ticket of Erik and Lyle Menendez would be received better by America than a man who could be the great-grandfather of Bert from Sesame Street.

Which is actually the single fact that the entire political season boils down to: Dole is a bad choice for president of an Elks Club, much less President of the most powerful nation on Earth.

Bill Clinton receives worse press than OJ Simpson, yet, most polls show him with a double-digit lead. This is not because Americans accept his faults, but merely because his name is not Bob Dole. The real question this November will not be which of these men should be president, but who is not such a bad choice.

Christian Bladt is the Opinion Editor for The Circle

A Welcome from your student body president

Once again, another year is upon us at Marist College. I would like to welcome back all returning students and extend a warm welcome to all freshman and transfer students.

Hopefully, you had a good summer. But if not, don't worry because it's shaping up to be an outstanding year here at Marist.

Please remember that the SGA is here to serve you, our fellow students. Although we will make every effort possible to follow through on your concerns, do not forget to make your voice heard. Stop by the SGA office anytime and let us know how you feel.

Better yet, get involved. Becoming involved in Student Government is painless and easy. Just walk into the SGA Office and simply state, "Hi, my name is _____, and I'd like to get involved."

Right now, there are a number of positions up for election in SGA. They include for the Class of 2000: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. For the Class of 1999, we are looking for a Treasurer, and the Class of 1998 needs a secretary. The Class of 1997 is searching for both a Secretary and a Treasurer.

If the Senate is more your speed and you are a commuter, then you may be interested in running for Commuter Senator. The Judicial Board also has one space for a commuter Justice.

Inquiries regarding these positions can be made to the SGA Office in the Student Center or by calling X2206. If you're looking for a way to get involved in your Residence Hall, ask your RA or RD about joining RSC.

Finally, especially if you are a first year student, don't forget about the activities fair this Friday, September 6. It's a good way to join new clubs and organizations. Remember: after college there is no such thing as an activities fair, so take a chance and join something new.

Your Student Body President:

Pat Mara

THE CIRCLE will have its first semester staff meeting on Monday, September 9 at 9:30 pm in Donnelly 237. Students from all majors and classes are welcome to attend.

The Circle is looking for:

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Marist football braces for season opener against Duquesne



The Red Foxes practice at North Field in preparation for the season opener against Duquesne

by **Jacque Simpson**
Feature Editor

Returning to their third Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference season, the Marist football team is wasting no time.

The Foxes have been practicing together, as a team, since August 22.

The football team has been enduring double sessions on the North Field for the past two weeks through the heat and humidity. But, they are ready for their first battle against top ranked Duquesne: their toughest opponent in the league.

Last year, the Red Foxes came close to defeating Duquesne, but they just could not pull it off.

According to Coach Jim Parady, things are different this year.

"We have some good returning players, and we're looking to take the MAAC championship this year," Parady said.

The team has lost a few seniors, so the bulk of the team is made up of sophomores and juniors.

The first game of the season against top ranked Duquesne will be the season setter for the Foxes, which is away on September 14.

Duquesne went 10-0, last year, and won the ECAC Bowl and the MAAC championship.

According to junior Carl Fishbach, the game against Duquesne could be one of the most important all season.

"Our entire season could depend on how we do against Duquesne, but I'm not making any predictions. We set goals

to win the MAAC Championship, and go to the ECAC Bowl," he said.

Marist's first home game is September 21 against Iona.

Junior Curtis Mathat said he thinks the Red Foxes will do fairly well against Iona, although the team is somewhat of an obstacle to them.

"They're a completely different offense for our defense. They're a run and shoot offense," Mathat said.

However, the gridders have some time to perfect their offense against Iona. Once they get past Duquesne on September 14, the season will be in full swing, and they will show the MAAC League just how prepared they are, both physically, and mentally.

Women's lacrosse makes transition from club to varsity

by **Amie Lemire**
A & E Editor

Change is coming to the Marist women's lacrosse team this season.

As of this fall, they move from status as a club sport into division I varsity.

This is an important move for the sport here at Marist, which has only been around for the past six years.

Lacrosse captain Amy Hoey said she is excited about the team's transition.

"I came in as a Freshman and played pick-up games. It's hard to believe that now I'm a senior and we're a varsity team," Hoey said.

Varsity status means that the Lady Foxes will be included in the M.A.A.C., or the Metro At-

lantic Athletic Conference.

The team will play against other varsity teams, including Fairfield University and Mount Saint Mary, as opposed to the club teams they have played against in the past, like Wagner and Columbia.

This year, the team is comprised mostly of sophomores and juniors, but this is by no means an inexperienced group.

There is at least a season's worth of playing together for the majority of these girls, who came in with experience under their belts.

Hoey said that although the upcoming year will be a challenge, the team will try hard and do their best in the new division.

"It's going to be a challenging year. We have a young team with lots of potential. I want us

to do our best," she said.

There is a bit of apprehension regarding the other teams in the M.A.A.C. league.

Senior player Susan Frost said the biggest challenge of the season will be confronting the teams they have never played yet.

However, she emphasized the excitement, not to mention the satisfaction, of moving up to varsity.

The lacrosse team begins practice this Thursday for their Fall Ball tournament on Oct. 27. Their official season then resumes in the spring season.

Attention all professors!

THE CIRCLE will continue to feature the professor's podium throughout the 1996-1997 academic year.

All letters may be sent via E-Mail to HZAL or may be delivered to the new Circle office on the second floor of Lowell Thomas.

Red Foxes 1996 Football Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Opponent
Saturday	Sept. 14	1:00 pm	at Duquesne*
Saturday	Sept. 2	1:00 pm	Iona*
Saturday	Sept. 28	1:00 pm	at Wagner
Saturday	Oct. 5	1:00 pm	at Georgetown*
Saturday	Oct. 12	1:00 pm	Fairfield*!
Saturday	Oct. 19	1:00 pm	St. John's*
Saturday	Oct. 26	1:00 pm	at St. Peter's
Saturday	Nov. 2	1:00 pm	Towson State
Saturday	Nov. 9	1:00 pm	Cansisius*#
Saturday	Nov. 16	1:00 pm	at Siena*

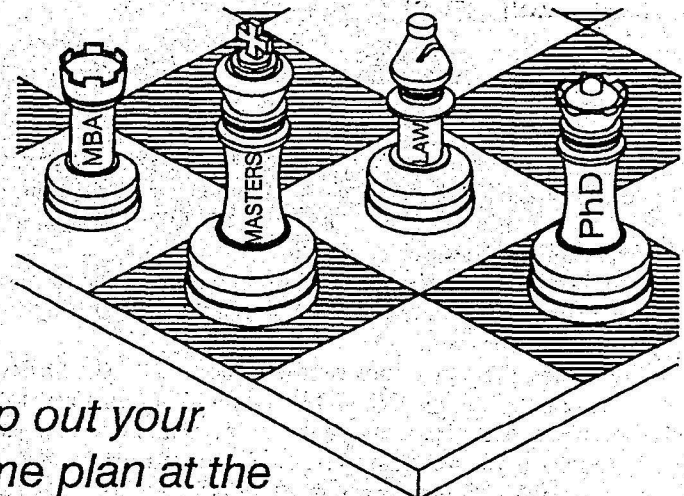
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