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McCann renovations to begin in few weeks

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Marist College will undertake yet another project in the coming weeks: the expansion and renovation of the James J. McCann Center.

According to Tim Murray, athletic director at Marist, the first step is creating a whole new appearance for the building.

"There will be a new facade for the building so that it will be similar to the other buildings on campus," Murray said.

Another new aspect which will be added to the McCann Center will be a Hall of Fame room. Murray said the athletic department is looking into having a new type of hall of fame.

"Down the road we're looking to have a high-tech interactive Hall of Fame," Murray said.

Other additions to the McCann Center will be extra locker room space, extra multi-purpose space, a student lounge area, and a new 4,200 square-foot weight room.

Overlooking the new weight room and the added multi-purpose space will be a cardiovascular room.

Murray said the renovation may sound like a big change, but all aspects of the project go together very nicely.

"It seems like an awful lot, but it flows very nice," Murray said.

Murray said renovations for the McCann Center should begin

within two to three weeks.

He also said that at least the new facade should be finished before students return in September.

"We'd like to have everything done (externally) by the time students come back in September," Murray said.

According to Murray, everything else should be completed during the fall semester.

"Hopefully it will be completed as soon as possible after the students get back," Murray said.

Murray said the main concern right now is that students and athletes are not put at a disadvantage while this work is going on.

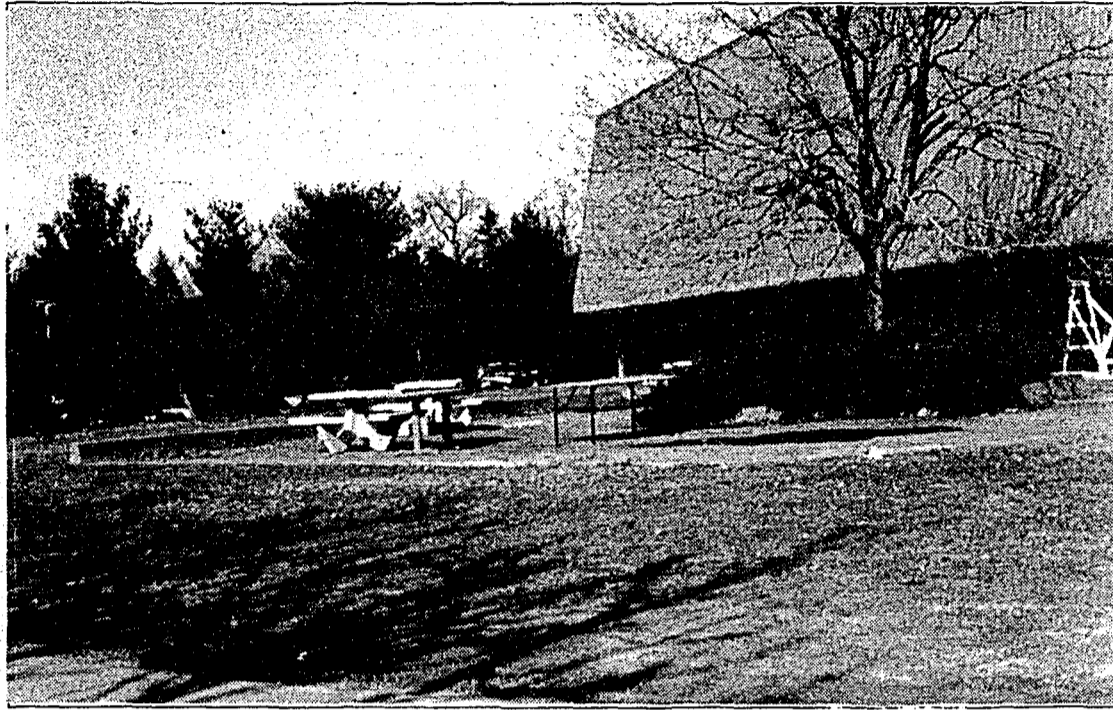
"We don't want any disruptions for the students before summer break," Murray said.

The total cost for the renovations will be slightly more than one million dollars, and the construction will be funded by a gift from the McCann Foundation.

Sophomore Jim Rigdon, a member of the Marist College football team, said additions need to be made to the weight room and the locker room.

"They definitely need to make additions to the weight room," Rigdon said, "and they need more locker room space for the teams specifically."

Rigdon cited the fact that athletes from different sports teams are all competing for time and space in the weight room.



The small parcel of land west of the McCann Center, seen here, will be covered by the new expansion. Officials say they hope external construction will start in two to three weeks.

According to Murray, student accommodation is a focal point of the renovation project.

"The real focus behind this is so that there will be more time and space for students to be better accommodated, and to accommodate the student body as a whole," he said.

According to freshman Selma Salter, the weight room times already available for outside use should be made better known throughout campus.

"They should make schedules known about free times for outside use" Salter said.

Rigdon also said the weight

room is in great need of new equipment.

"They definitely need new equipment," Rigdon said. "What is there is inadequate."

Rigdon stated there are serious safety hazards in the weight room, ranging from screws in place of pins, stripped cables on equipment, and bent and rusted bars.

"If they want successful teams, they need to have equipment for successful teams," Rigdon said.

The major impetus for this project is the rapid and continuous growth of the college.

According to Murray, McCann presently is unable to meet the

needs of the growing population at Marist.

"In 1976 (when McCann was completed and opened), there were roughly 800 resident students and 11 or 12 athletic teams," Murray said. "Now, there are approximately 2,200 resident students, of which 500 are athletes, and 22 varsity athletic teams."

Murray said this continuous growth makes Marist College stand out among other colleges.

"It makes Marist stand out among other colleges in the Northeast," Murray said "We just continue to grow."

Guest pass availability extended, for a price

Students have to pay \$3 to get a pass on weekend

by STEPHANIE MERCURIO
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Students might have to pay for their guests.

Guest passes are now available Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. If students do not acquire passes at this time, they can be bought at security for \$3 per pass in either Marist Money or personal checks.

Jim Raimo, director of housing and residential life, said that the change took place to help students out.

"Students had a problem with guest passes being issued only during the week," said Raimo. "They had guests that just showed up on the weekend, or

sometimes they just forgot to get guest passes."

Raimo said housing worked with security so they could hire someone to help issue guest passes on the weekend.

"The \$3 charge for the guest pass helps to cover the cost of the person working the extra time in security," said Raimo.

If the student does not have Marist Money or a personal check, the student will be issued an IOU. The student receives a letter, which instructs them to pay the \$3 at the housing office.

"Security did not feel it was appropriate for them to be handling cash," said Raimo. "They didn't want the money lying around all weekend because

there would be no where to deposit it until Monday."

Jen Kelly, who works at security, said most students don't mind paying the \$3 fee.

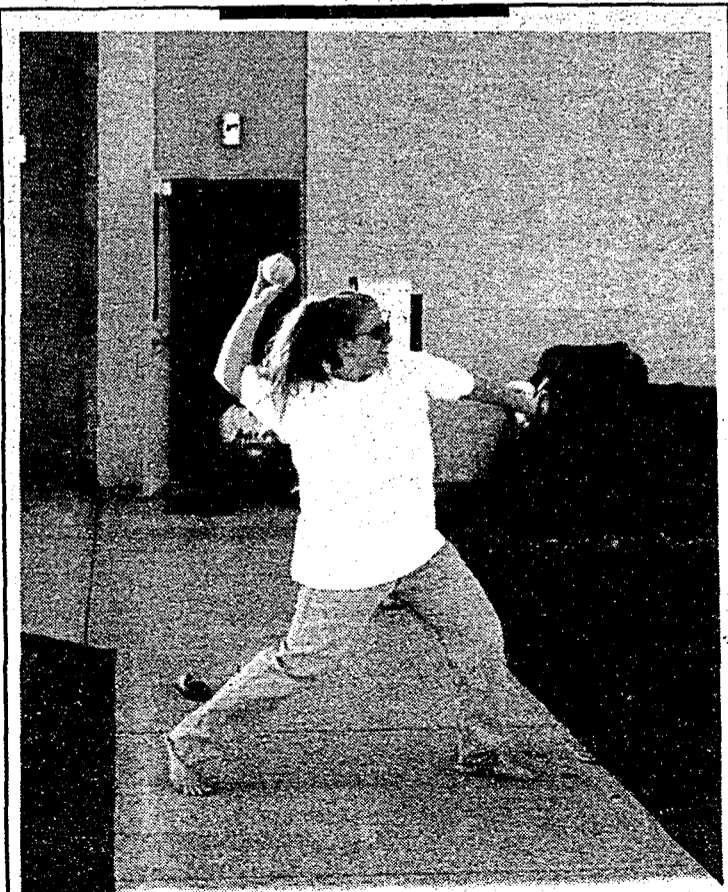
"Usually the guests of the students think it's ridiculous to pay for a guest pass," said Kelly. "Most students don't mind, though, because it's to their advantage."

Kelly said she gives out a lot of guest passes.

"I only work on Friday nights, but I give out between 15 to 25 guest passes," said Kelly.

Sophomore Barrett Touhy said not being able to pay in cash was a hassle.

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WINDING UP - Senior Jill Aske was out taking advantage of the spring weather Sunday, tossing around the softball with some friends. Unfortunately, spring made a quick getaway with cooler temperatures and clouds remaining for the early part of this week.

Students heading to Atlanta for Olympics

by TIM MANSON
Staff Writer

Marist has been asked to protect the world.

About 75 Marist students are heading south to Atlanta this summer from July 16 to Aug. 4 to help provide security for the 1996 Summer Games.

The opportunity was open to any interested Marist students, but was primarily designed for criminal justice majors.

Mark Loughran, assistant professor of criminal justice and Marist's faculty contact at the Olympics, said Borg-Warner Security Co. contacted a number of schools nationwide with large criminal justice programs and asked for students to run security at the Olympics.

"It will be a dose of reality for these students," said Loughran. "They will be in positions of responsibility."

As Marist's faculty contact, Loughran said he will appoint student leaders to oversee Marist's security venue.

According to Loughran, if Marist has a larger group than other schools, they will get a better venue of work. They will also probably receive passes to certain events that aren't already sold out.

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STAT OF THE WEEK:
MICHELLE HUDSON PITCHED A PERFECT GAME ON SUNDAY AGAINST ST. FRANCIS (NY).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"...THE DEFENSE IS WHAT WON IT FOR US:"
- Greg Schneider,
men's lacrosse

Lacrosse team remains undefeated in the MAAC at 2-0

by MARTY SINACOLA
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For the second time in this young lacrosse season, the men's squad scored a winning goal in the final minute of the game.

On March 20 it was junior Dave Kidney netting the winning goal for an 11-10 victory against Lafayette College.

Last Sunday it was junior midfielder Greg Schneider who put the finishing touches on an opponent, as the Red Foxes defeated the Canisius Golden Griffin's 11-10.

The contest was Marist's second inside the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, and their first big game of the season.

"It was a big game for us," Schneider, who is the captain said. "We definitely wanted to win because Canisius is one of the toughest teams in the MAAC."

The Red Foxes came out firing in the first quarter, as they scored five goals to take a 5-1 lead into the second quarter. Canisius, however, refused to quit, chipping away at the Marist lead until Golden Griffin's freshmen Kevin Fildes tied the game up with :07 left in the third



The men's lacrosse team is undefeated in the MAAC with a 2-0 record. They take on Stonybrook on Long Island Saturday.

Esposito, along with the rest of the defense, kept the Red Foxes in the game until Schneider put the game away with :29 remaining.

"Offensively we hit a lot of pipes in the middle, but the de-

fense is what won it for us. They played awesome," Schneider said.

The goal was Schneider's only of the game, but it was a big one. "It is a great way to win a game," he said. "Especially this game. It

was a great feeling."

The victory pushed Marist's record to 4-2, but more importantly they are now 2-0 in the MAAC. Last Saturday Marist defeated Niagara 14-8 to earn it's first victory inside the MAAC.

With the 2-0 start, Schneider said he is not surprised at how the team is playing.

"We expected to be 2-0," he said. "But our goal is to go undefeated in the MAAC, and win the conference."

The Red Foxes expected to handle first year program Niagara fairly easily, and they were able to do just that. After being up only 6-3 at half-time, Marist broke it open in the third quarter scoring six goals while rolling to victory.

While it appeared the team had no problems, Schneider saw it a little differently.

"We expected to beat Niagara," he said. "It was an ugly game, though. We played down to their level a bit."

The win over Niagara was led by junior Chris Pistello, who scored four goals to go with one assist, and Schneider, who scored two goals and assisted on four others.

The team takes on Stonybrook today at 2:30 at Leonidoff field, then travels to Stonybrook on Saturday where they will be looking to continue it's success inside the MAAC.



Baseball team is 6-10-1 overall and 1-5 in the NEC. They will play a double-header at Marist against Wagner on Friday.

Tennis team gets hurt; remain 2-4

by MARC LESTINSKY
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Injuries and ineligibility so far have the Marist men's tennis team struggling in the first set of its season.

However, a 2-4 record may not seem that bad considering the Red Foxes have had to deal with three of their top players being delegated to the sideline by injury.

Scott Graves (broken hand), Jason Geise (broken foot) and Probdh Chiplunkar (lower back) are all out indefinitely. Graves and Chiplunkar hope to be back for the Northeast Conference tournament on April 20th.

"We've had a tough start, but I think it's mostly due to all the injuries we've had," assistant

coach Frank Fanning said. "I think we're a much better team than what we've shown so far."

In addition to the injuries, Marist was also without arguably its top singles player - Nathaniel Ferris - for the first few matches due to his ineligibility.

As a result, other players have had to raise their level of play. One of those players who has come up with big performances thus far is senior transfer Andrew Janes.

"I have a lot to prove," said Janes. "I kind of came on the team at the last minute and I want coach to think he made the right decision in keeping me."

With a 4-2 singles record, Marist head coach Charles Hardman cannot be too disappointed.

Another player who has come on as of late is freshman Ryan

Ulizio.

Ulizio, plays out of either the number one or two positions, has won his last two matches. In Thursday's team loss to Fairleigh Dickinson, Ulizio's 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Kurt Cable was the only singles win for the Red Foxes on the day.

On Sunday, however, the real Marist tennis team may have finally stepped forward.

The Red Foxes took five out of six singles matches en route to their 5-2 team victory versus the University of Rhode Island at the Dutchess Racquet Club.

At number one singles, Ulizio defeated Chris Bender in three sets, 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 6-3.

At number two singles, Ferris disposed of John Spears, 6-3, 6-1.

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Baseball team lacks experience; 1-5 in NEC

by MIKE GENTILE JR.
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Experience is what wins ball games.

Or at least this is what Marist Baseball Coach John Szeft said, after dropping two of the three Northeast Conference games this past weekend to Monmouth.

The Red Foxes now hold a record of 6-10-1 and are 1-5 in the NEC.

On Saturday the squad traveled to Monmouth to play two conference games.

In the first game Mark Ciccarella led the team with a complete game shutout as Marist went on to win 4-0 and Ciccarella improved his record to 3-1 on the season.

All of Marist's offense came from catcher/pitcher, Jim McGowan, as he had a two-run double in the fourth inning and a two-run single in the sixth.

The Red Foxes were not as fortunate in the second game as they had only 3 hits and lost by a score of 11-1.

Co-Captain George Santiago, who had three hits and scored two runs in the opening game, scored the lone run in the finale after he reached base on a single in the first inning.

On Sunday, the Red Foxes lost on their own field, as the same Hawks of Monmouth University, held Marist to four hits, as they dropped their second game of the weekend, 5-1.

The team failed to get the big hit when it was needed on Sunday, and left 11 men stranded on base.

Timely hitting, is what first year coach Szeft said the team needs

more of in key situations.

"It's just a matter of someone stepping up and getting a big hit when we need it," Szeft said.

On Sunday, the hits were scarce.

The Red Foxes managed four hits scattered across nine innings, but the best opportunity they had all afternoon, came in the second inning when they left the bases loaded, after having reached base on two walks and a hits batter.

The lack of execution, Szeft said, is due in part to the lack of experience the ball club has in playing such a grueling schedule.

"These guys aren't use to playing so many games in a weekend," Szeft said.

As far as being worried that the team isn't going to produce down the line, Szeft isn't.

"It will come," Szeft said. "It takes time for an inexperienced team to be successful."

With 17 more conference games left in the season, time is still a friend to the team as they have only played six games out of 23 NEC games. And at 1-5 in the Conference the coach is not looking down.

And as far as non-league action is concerned Marist didn't fair to well last week.

In a non-league game last Tuesday, they traveled to Iona College and were sent home with an 18-7 defeat.

There were 13 hits in the game for Marist opposed to Iona's 15.

There were no games on Wednesday and Thursday as previously scheduled.