

## All-American Rejects 'move along' to Marist

MTV favorite performed in McCann Center as part of Verizon Wireless Campus Tour

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On Oct. 5, 2006, the autumn cold was biting at the students waiting to see the All-American Rejects at the McCann Center. Despite that fact, the spirit at Marist's annual fall concert was hotter than ever.

After two successful spring concerts last semester, Marist's Student Programming Council exceeded expectations yet again, bringing the Verizon Wireless Campus Tour to the McCann Center. The tour, featuring Damone, Ima Robot, Under the Influence of Giants and the All-American Rejects, drew large numbers to McCann for an 8pm show.

The first opener, Damone, had a 1970's rock and roll vibe that imparted itself onto a wide-eyed and excited audience. Comprised of Noelle LeBlanc, Dustin Hengst, Mike Woods and Vazquez, they brought a new style to a stage to be graced with indie and emo acts throughout the evening.

Due to the style difference, some, like sophomore Mike Dozois said they found them to be a little off-putting.

"I am not into the whole 'old rock and roll' and 'long hair

band rock and roll'" he said, but praised Noelle on her voice quality.

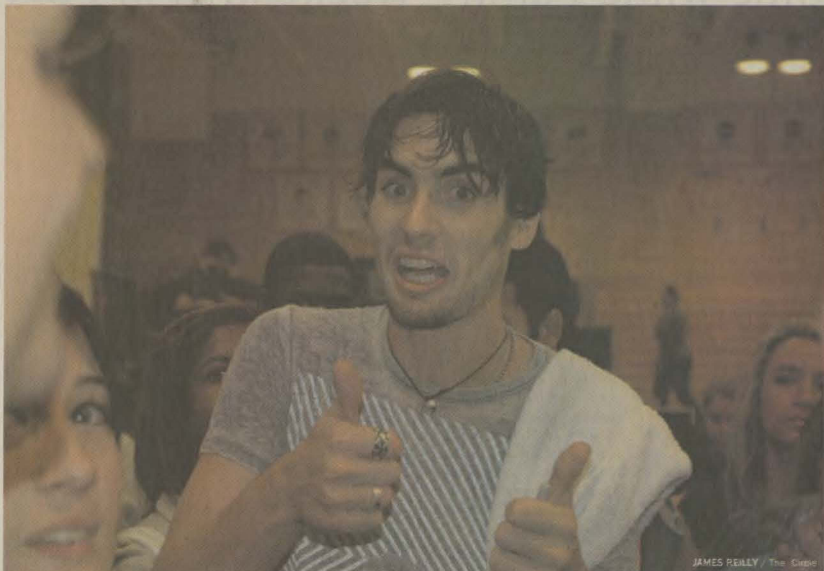
Ima Robot was second to the stage, composed of Alex Ebert, Timmy Anderson, Andy Marlow, Filip Nikolic and Scott Devours. Filled with immense energy, the new-wave-esque music resonated across the stage as Alex made his way across. Memorable moments included Andy excitedly twitching across the stage, as well as using a gear case as a substitute for a black Jetta.

Rounding out the openers was Under the Influence of Giants. Hailing from Los Angeles, the indie pop band consisting of Aaron Bruno, Jamin Wilcox, Drew Stewart and David Amezcua blasted onto the stage in glam-rock reminiscent white pants and blazers.

Although many went to the concert just to see the All-American Rejects, Under the Influence of Giants had their fair amount of fans in the audience, like Colin Rand, sophomore.

"Personally, I went for Under the Influence of Giants" Rand said. "The All-American Rejects are good, but I'm more of a fan of the Giants."

At about 10:30 pm, the All-American Rejects took the stage to much yelling and applause.



All-American Rejects lead singer and bassist Tyson Ritter gives an enthusiastic thumbs up after the concert, held last Thursday in McCann.

Playing songs from their self-titled debut, as well as their new release *Move Along*, Tyson Ritter, Nick Wheeler, Mike Kennerty and Chris Gaylor

brought the McCann Center to a roar, especially after their first single "Swing, Swing." Ritter kept the crowd involved, talking to those in the front row and

rocking out to the best of his abilities.

For some, like freshman Cindy Fuller, it was a memorable first Marist concert experience.

"I would have died for the All-American Rejects," Fuller said. Prior to the concert, on-campus

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A backhoe begins digging a hole that will help provide drainage the new and improved Leonidoff Field, slated for completion in spring 2007. Once completed, it will boast new concrete bleachers and Astroturf.

## Toastmasters aim for official club status

By MATT SPILLANE  
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You may not have heard about the Toastmasters International club at Marist College, but the worldwide organization has had a chapter on campus for three years. It is currently in the process of receiving official "club" status, a step calculated to help the club reach more students and get its name out around campus.

According to the organization's

website, Toastmasters International teaches basic communication skills that are vital in all different fields of work. Although the Marist chapter has primarily reached out to business majors and Toastmasters at large is popular in the business world, the organization hopes that students of different concentrations will see its universal benefits. Skills such as delivering public speeches, listening more effectively, and developing stronger leadership qualities are neces-

sary to succeed in any line of work, according to the website. The club's vice president, senior Tim Johansen, also stressed that communication is vital to every profession, no matter what it is. Whether you are an English teacher or a CEO, these skills will make your job easier and your work more productive, Johansen said. "That's why it is helpful to anybody and everybody."

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## Students search for potential jobs

By JAMES MARCONI  
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Before throngs of screaming fans lined the stage to hear the All American Rejects last Thursday, the McCann Center brimmed with corporate representatives and students in neat business attire. At the annual Career Networking Conference hosted by the college, both prospective employees and employers were hunting for the right connection.

Representatives from approximately 75 employers in varying fields—including ABC/Capital Cities-Disney, Bank of America, IBM, and Madison Square

Garden—attended the conference. While resumes were being passed out, employers from some companies said that they were also looking intently at students' personal traits.

"First impressions are always very important," said Ameriprise Financial representative Robert Dolliver. And making that good impression is "really just about being personable. [We want] someone who can communicate and articulate what they're looking for."

Wells-Fargo representative Jennifer Garcia also said that while her company was looking for "a few good employees," the career conference afforded the

opportunity to promote the Wells-Fargo name through good public relations. Co-representative Allan Truex agreed, adding that in person it is harder for both students and employers to take measure of each other.

"Here at a job fair, it's more pressure, face to face," Truex said.

Students interviewed also said that this kind of an event was stressful because with graduation mere months away, the need for employment was in the forefront of their minds.

"As a senior, it's a big pressure; as soon as you get out of

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## Abroad fair opens world to students

By ALEXANDRIA BRIM  
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The Chinese philosopher once said that a journey of many miles begins with just one step. The Marist Abroad Program provided that one step for students who wished to begin their journey.

The Abroad office hosted a fair in the Rotunda on October 4, 2006 during activity hour. Students worked tables that represented the many opportunities a Marist student has to travel and learn about another culture. They showed off pictures depicting their experiences with the programs, shared stories as well as

advice to debating students. Administrators were also nearby to answer any additional questions the students may have had.

Seniors Chris Jennings and Kevin Keeler were two of the students who were available to discuss their experiences. The pair spent a semester in Australia and shared advice with those who considered the Land Down Under.

"There's no reason not to go abroad," said Jennings. "They make it so easy. You just have to look into it with an open mind."

Students from different years mingled in the Rotunda, talking

and looking at perspective countries to spend a semester or two. Freshman Jeanne Shiknsel walked around with a friend at the fair.

"I think it's a good life experience instead of staying on campus all four years, to go and experience different things," she said.

When asked where she wanted to go, she said she was looking to go to both England and Ireland.

The fair did not just exhibit the semester or year long programs but many short-term programs.

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## Security Briefs

### Majority of students stay out of trouble in quiet time while Family Weekend is in Po-Town

By ANDREW MOLL

Leader in homeland security

Welcome to the Parents Weekend edition of the security briefs! It's the weekend where the students act like responsible young adults and pretend that they haven't spent every other weekend here going out and getting drunk. Conversely, this means a lot less work for not only for me, but also for SNAP, who get a few days off from catching bad guys, Cops-style.

10/3 - 7:05 PM



An intoxicated student was found in the Fontaine parking lot, presumably protesting the dismissal of Ms. Worrell. But really, 7:05?! You were that drunk at 7:05 on a Tuesday?! It may be time to re-evaluate what you're doing with your life.

10/3 - 11:27 PM



St. Francis received a young female student who had a little too much to drink. Take a

guess as to what door they live in. Come on, take a guess. Give up? It's.....Leo! Wow! Who would have figured?!

By the end of the year Leo will have to be turned into a penitentiary/hospital/rehabilitation center.

10/4 - 12:20 AM



In the Donnelly lot, security noticed a student stumble out of a cab, and had the student taken to St. Francis. Kudos to that kid for at the very least taking a cab. The whole getting drunk enough to go to St. Francis, not that smart. But the cab thing is pretty good. If only it were a death cab. For cutie. Word.

10/4 - 3:45 AM



Security observed a student in the Donnelly crosswalk with, that's right, a stolen golf cart. Not too sure how they stole, but that's a whole different issue. When asked where exactly they were going with the cart, the student replies that they were "going to the deli to get something to eat."

Apparently K&D has cornered the market on golf cart-riding drunkards.

10/4 - 2:00 PM



In Marian Hall, the "Lock It or Lose It" campaign was tested out, and there were seven rooms found to be unlocked with no one in them. Come on people, it's not rocket science. We're just looking out for you and your stuff. Some of us quite literally. Like, we're looking at it.

10/5



In Gregory, the RD observed a student with a pellet gun, which was confiscated and given to security. Damn you Charlton Heston, damn you.

10/6 - 2:30 PM



An off-campus student was seen leaving Lowell Thomas with a chair, presumably to take back to their place

to add to the décor. Security had the student bring the chair back to where they found it. I'm actually surprised this doesn't happen more often. Come to think of it, a new chair would be pretty nice...

10/7 - 2:00 PM



A student reported that on Sept. 10, they had been doing laundry in Champagnat and went back to their room for a few minutes. Upon their return to the laundry room, they found that someone had stolen their laundry basket, two shirts, two towels, and a dozen pairs of underwear. Why this person waited a month to report this, no one knows. I smell conspiracy. Get Bob Woodward on the phone, I'm sure he'd love another 60 Minutes appearance.

10/8 - 1:45 AM



Only one incident involving alcohol occurred during Parents Weekend, which is good. A student was found in the Donnelly lot, but was allowed to

go back to her room.

10/8 - 9:20 PM



A Champagnat resident reported that their iPod and digital camera were missing, and the Town Police were looking into the report. I can't imagine losing my iPod. I'd rather you just go and stab me right in the back or something. And I only have a regular iPod, not one of them fancy pornPods or nothing. Of course, the pornPod doesn't have numerous Mountain Goats albums like mine does, so it's a toss-up, really.

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## Upcoming Campus Events

**Friday, Oct. 13 -**  
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**Friday, Oct. 13 -**  
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**Friday, Oct. 13 -**  
SPC presents You, Me, and Dupree - 10 p.m. - Performing Arts Room

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**Saturday, Oct. 14 -**  
SPC presents You, Me, and Dupree - 10 p.m. - Performing Arts Room

**Sunday, Oct. 15**  
Women's Soccer vs. Loyola (Md.) - 1 p.m.\*

**Sunday, Oct. 15 -**  
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## Hot band hits Marist on whirlwind tour

events were held with Verizon Wireless staff handing out meet and greet passes, as well as other prizes, like tee-shirts. At the show, a big screen was up between acts where people could text message photos and words to be displayed on the screen.

Despite the ingenuity of the idea, many, like Dozois, lamented the preponderance of Verizon advertising that was laced throughout the on-campus and at-show events.

"They should have kept

Verizon out of it. I understand Verizon is the one who funded the whole thing and they had to advertise but thousands of shows go on all the time and they go on awesomely without things to distract you during the intermissions," he said, adding that he "sent eight text messages to the number for them to put my message on the screen, and they didn't put one of them on. I pretty much handed Verizon some money."

## Career Conference matches students, jobs

here, you're looking to get a job," said senior Kevin Bende.

At this type of a conference where first impressions can really make or break, the name of the game is networking, said senior Megan Murphy. She said she hoped to "meet people that work in [my] field, kind of getting my feet wet."

Preparation beforehand is also a must, according to senior Bethany Bohlin. For her, this meant research into the companies that she might be interested in, and writing her resume, which proved to be the most

stressful aspect of the process. At the conference itself, the idea was "mainly just getting out there and marketing myself," Bohlin said.

Similarly, senior Eukydys Webb had his resume in hand at the conference. Having previously attended two conferences, the sports communication major said that he hadn't done too much prior to coming that day aside from consulting with some of his professors.

"I bought a nice shirt — you want to look presentable," Webb said.

## Opportunities offered for abroad experience

These programs run during the breaks, such as winter break or spring break, and last two weeks. The programs vary and offer opportunities to students of any major. They range from studying Shakespeare in England to fashion in Southeast Asia to religion in Berlin and Prague.

Trisha Seminara helped run the abroad fair as a campus recruiter for the Marist Abroad office. The senior commented on the popularity and number of short term programs.

"Kids are afraid of spending an entire semester abroad," said Seminara. "Three months seems like such a long time. Of course, it isn't when you are there."

"It's good for people on the fence. They use the short term

programs to decide. It offers chances. Like Tunisia. Who would ever consider going to Tunisia at first? They have great professors who run great programs," said Seminara.

The Marist Abroad website has information about the various programs it offers for any student who missed the fair and considers going abroad. Outlines of both semester/year long programs as well as the two week ones are posted online. Applications are also available. Those interested need only to take the first step on their journey.

Keeler gave a piece of advice for those who plan to travel abroad or think about it. "It's what you make of it," he said.

## Toastmasters Club aims for official status

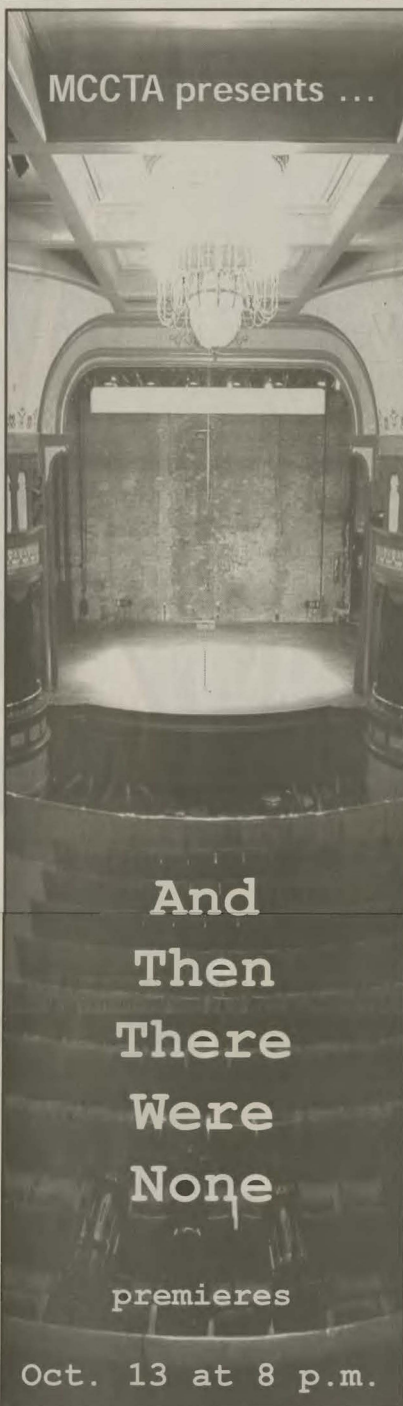
Toastmasters' meetings include open discussions that lead to short, five minute speeches by the students that are evaluated by experienced professors. Veteran members like Tim end up giving speeches that last about twelve minutes. That kind of communication exercise forces speakers to prepare, think about, and deliver speeches on a constant basis. Johansen emphasized that the experience and "comfort level" that comes from so much practice is invaluable.

The club hopes to be affiliated with the school by the end of this semester, but it might not be official until the spring. The added support and funding by the school will undoubtedly help Toastmasters to expand and draw

more interest. It may only have a small number of members right now, but as many as thirty students have shown up at regular meetings.

"A lot of people came and fell in love with it," Johansen said.

Even though those students have yet to join, the club hopes that affiliation with the school will help change that. Toastmasters holds meetings every other Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Dyson 227. If you would like more information about Toastmasters International, you can contact Tim Johansen at spicitytim@gmail.com, or advisors Joanne and David Gavin. You can also check out the club at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).



Oct. 13 at 8 p.m.

## nostalgia nook

### This one's for the kids

By MICHAEL MALONEY  
Circle Contributor

Freshman year. It makes up one-fourth of your college "experience," and one year of my life that couldn't be described in only one word. But for fun, if I did have to choose one word, it would probably be, judicial.

I had the privilege of living on Leo Hall's first floor for the duration of my freshman year here at Marist College. It was a floor full of individuals who came together to dabble in activities that resulted in numerous "zeros" across the floor of the week board. We were a group that rallied together to remove our RA: An individual who had no business having the slightest authority over anyone other than himself.

Leo Hall's first floor, or "Leo Crew" as we were soon referred to, were a group who at first semester's end needed to have a security guard posted in the hallway, in an attempt to prevent further mayhem. Over Christmas break, each resident on the floor was mailed a letter from the Office of Housing discussing the "number of incidents involving alleged violations of the College's Code of Student Conduct." We were granted "one final opportunity to focus on academic achievement and positive community development." If we continued our ways a process was going to begin "administratively relocating residents to other areas." I personally was asked if I would like to be moved to another floor or another building if I felt it would keep me out of further trouble. Obviously I wasn't leaving the best floor at Marist.

You're probably asking yourselves, how is this feat accomplished? Well, it's not something that happens over one night but rather numerous nights of setting off the fire alarm (both intentionally as well as accidentally. Sometimes, 33 minutes is too long to warm up a Pop-Tart). Nights where an argument can only be settled by throwing all the honey mustard packets you have at your buddy's door. And not to be out done, you respond with eggs. However, one slips out of your hand and

ends up three doors down, leaving your RA's door covered in yolk.

The incidents mentioned in our letters read as followed, "from super glue locks shut, setting off fireworks in the hallway, and ongoing vandalism in the hallway and bathroom, it is to be understood that this will stop immediately."

The motives were rarely driven by a destructive desire, but more by the immature child in all of us. Who doesn't want to steal 183 cups from the cafeteria, stack them into a pyramid in the hallway, and then try to see how many will shatter as a hockey puck comes flying out of a water balloon launcher right at them? You've got to take advantage of the time your RA has a night class.

To reiterate, these events were done for practical fun. For example, antiquing. Who doesn't want to see a kid come out of his room at two in the morning covered in flour?

Besides, I am a firm believer in karma. Anyone who super glues their RA's door shut and a week later puts a trash can full of water leaning on his door, with the sole purpose of turning his room into splash town, has got something coming their way. We all knew our inappropriate yet comedic incidents could end with a visit to the Office of Judicial Affairs, but it all seemed like a good idea at the time.

It was second semester when things slowed down; the floor won floor of the week honors for the first time. The award wouldn't have been possible had not for the new RA who came in. He was the type of guy whose respect was something you wanted; something we were previously unfamiliar with.

In conclusion, all the members of the floor have moved on to different housing throughout the college. However, that distance hasn't stopped us from seeing one another, especially since we all continue to attend our favorite club's meetings, Asian Alliance. But just because we no longer live in Leo doesn't mean the trouble has slowed down, especially in Benoit and Gregory. The only thing left to be said is, "peace 1."

## News Briefs

### World News

North Korea detonates nuclear bomb in test

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) conducted a nuclear test on Monday, initiating a string of international criticisms and condemnations, most notably by Japan and the United States. North Korea had previously announced its intention to conduct such tests, eliciting worried responses internationally.

President Bush has already denounced the action, and ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton has called for the Security Council to mete strict economic sanctions against North Korea.

There is some doubt as to the success of the blast; some sources report that it was only half a kiloton, very small as far as nuclear explosions are measured.

Iran want completion of nuclear program

Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Tuesday that they are committed to successfully implementing a nuclear program in Iran. The country will not kowtow to international deadlines restricting further development of nuclear power, Khamenei said. Though Tehran continues to maintain the peaceful nature of the program, the United States and other nations have fears of nuclear weapons.

### National News

Kolbe denies he knew about sexual e-mails

Representative Jim Kolbe, R-AZ denied Tuesday that he had any prior knowledge of former representative Mark Foley's sexual e-mails to a congressional page, then 16. Rather, Kolbe maintains that he merely heard from a page that certain online contacts made him uncomfortable. After learning this, Kolbe said he contacted Foley's office and the House clerk.

Kolbe's statements come after Mark Foley resigned September 29 amid an online sexual scandal. An investigation is being conducted to determine who, if anyone, had explicit knowledge of Foley's inappropriate behavior.

So far another former page, 21-year-old Jordan Edmund, has stepped forward and claimed that Foley had sent him suggestive e-mails. No allegations of actual physical contact have been made thus far.

Ford company recalls hundreds of thousands of defective vehicles

The Ford Motor Co. issued a massive recall of approximately 145,000 of its vehicles on Tuesday. Some 2005 Montego and Freestar minivans have defective latches, which water could penetrate and freeze in colder weather.

Additionally, some 2006 Escape Hybrids have defective drive-train shafts. This means that the car could potentially move even in while in park.



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# Student Written One Act Plays



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April in MCCTA's festival of plays,  
*The Play's the Thing*.

Email [Gerard.Cox@marist.edu](mailto:Gerard.Cox@marist.edu) if you have any questions.



# THE CIRCLE Health

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## Relief can sometimes seem like a pain in the neck

By ALISON BOYLE  
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Growing up in today's world, medicine seems to rapidly be changing, and expanding with the addition of newer and more improved remedial and technological innovations. When it comes to alternative treatments such as acupuncture though, it's what's old, not what's new, that has become "the talk of the town."

Acupuncture was developed by the Chinese over 7,000 years ago. It can be defined by Chihua Woo, a well known and highly accredited acupuncturist, as "a health science which is used to successfully treat both pain and dysfunction in the body." Exactly how does acupuncture work? "Waterville Acupuncture" defines the process as the insertion of fine needles into the body at specific points to regulate its functioning. Each section of the body has a number of "points," and the needles must be inserted in the right fashion in order to obtain the desired results. The mark of a truly well trained acupuncturist is not simply just being able to insert the needles at their respective points, but

he/she must also have the ability to diagnose the problem in the patient. There continues to be a debate in the Western World over what exactly makes acupuncture so effective for so many patients. One thing is for certain, acupuncture has scientifically been proven to stimulate the

immune system. According to "Holistic Online" it also affects the circulation, blood pressure, rhythm and

stroke volume of the heart, secretion of the gastric acid, and production of red and white cells. It also stimulates the release of a variety of hormones that help the body to respond to injury and stress. The Chinese are firm believers that acupuncture can be used to solve almost any health problem imaginable. In the United States, a shorter and more precise list was issued in the late 1970's highlighting the uses of acupuncture here. The World Health Organization lists the possible symptoms that can

be relieved via acupuncture as: upper respiratory problems (sinusitis, rhinitis) respiratory obstacles (bronchitis, bronchial asthma), eye complications (conjunctivitis, retinitis), mouth pain (toothache, gingivitis), gastrointestinal troubles, neurological aches (migraine) and

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—Jillian Gray  
Freshman, Marist College

musculoskeletal difficulties (sciatica, lower back pain). Acupuncture has also been found to help treat menstrual aches, relieve stress and anxiety, and even help those trying to recover from addictions to drugs or nicotine.

At first, that list seems like a mouthful of hard to pronounce, everyday problems that can be relieved by more common and up to date procedures or medicines. And if that is what you are thinking right now, it would come as no surprise that you might think those who choose

to spend their time and money to have tiny needles stuck into their skin on a daily basis, are purely crazy.

It may come as a shock though, to hear that there are thousands of people worldwide, both doctors and patients that find acupuncture to be an extremely effective and worthwhile process. You may find yourself more dumbfounded when you read that even Marist students are starting to use acupuncture as an unconventional source of treatment. Freshman Jillian Gray has had chronic back pain since she was twelve years old. After trying various methods to find some sort of relief, she decided to turn to acupuncture. "Acupuncture provides the best pain relief that I have found. It is simple and painless, and the results are outstanding," Jillian said when asked about her experience with the procedure. "My chiropractor recommended that I try the process, and if I would have known how well it worked I would have never wasted time trying anything else."

This is just one story told by a student who is in your student body, who has had a successful experience with acupuncture and would recommend the process to anyone who is willing to try. Thankfully, as effective as the process continues to prove to be, it is just as safe. The "Aiyana Center," located in Union Square New York, distributes Chinese herbs and has several acupuncture practitioners on the premises. The Web



site assures that when administered by a licensed professional who is board certified by the National Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine, and when the needles are single use and sterilized, the process is extremely safe. For those who are a bit squeamish when it comes to needles, the needles are no thicker than a hair, and can barely be felt.

The United States has a culture obsessed with reinventing itself, and everything in it. For a moment though, the medi-

cal community is holding on to a tradition dating back thousands of years, and seems to be becoming increasingly popular. Acupuncture is not meant to replace all other types of treatments, but rather give an effective alternative option to those who are looking to travel down a more traditional route. The process is not so foreign, although strange sounding in the beginning; it is all around you, in your hometown, and even here at Marist.

### Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY  
Health Editor

#### A virus to prevent food poisoning is promising alternative

With the recent outbreak of E. coli in much of the western half of the United States after a contaminated batch of spinach claimed the lives of at least two people, it can seem overwhelming walking through the food aisles of your local supermarket. While the E. coli outbreak reminds us that all food purchased at the supermarket should be thoroughly washed before it is eaten, E. coli cannot be dissuaded by a simple splash under the tap. In response, the FDA has approved a viral cocktail of contaminants aimed at attacking and destroying another of the super-markets maladies, listeria.

Listeria is a bacteria found in soil, on plants and in the intestines of pigs and cows. According to ABC, "Roughly 2,500 people in the United States become seriously ill with listeriosis each year, and of those, about 500 die." This is a serious enough issue to have gathered national attention and with good cause. We shouldn't have to fear the food we buy. The spray, called LMP 102, is a mixture of six different special viruses that only infect bacteria, not people, animals or plants. This breakthrough could prove to save the lives and at least the GI tracks of many people.

While not completely fool-proof, the viruses still contain proteins which could trigger allergic reactions in some sensitive cases; the FDA has begun to address the issue and is bringing newer

technology into the project as it grows. Finally ABC reported that scientists might not determine how effective it is until the product becomes commercially available. And although it's not available yet, the spray could be in processing plants in as little as six months. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, use of this spray will have to be added on the food just like any other ingredient on the label.

#### Preschoolers stay fat even after mandatory activity

Fat kids in Scotland have proved much of the new world's opinion regarding physical activity upside down. A research study of 545 preschool children in Scotland were supervised for three 30-minute activity periods a week and their families were counseled on ways to improve the children's activity at home. At the end of the study the children were found to have no net loss in their body mass index, a measurement of fat content in the body.

There was one positive result to the research as the children were found to have increased their flexibility and were much better friends after the whole experience.

The research, which was published in the British Journal of Medicine, reported that they felt the exercise the children undertook in class was laying a firm foundation for a life time of activity, if nothing else. The researchers fully expected that the children's obesity levels would have decreased over the course of the experiment, however they were not as surprised by the counterintuitive results. Similar research is being conducted in the United States and it will be interesting to compare the results of our own fat kids to those across the pond.

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## Coffeehouse steams with hot new music

By MATT SPILLANE  
Circle Contributor

Last Tuesday, students gathered at the Student Coffeehouse to enjoy a variety of musical performances. Several different styles of music were on display in the PAR, where students are able to showcase their talents and have some fun. A panel of judges also awards prizes to the top performances. All kinds of acts are welcome, but most of them tend to be musicians. This past Coffeehouse was no exception. Seven acts, all musical, displayed a variety of abilities and styles. They were all excellent, with each one giving the audience something to cheer about. After attending the other night, it was clear that Marist possesses an array of musical talents.

### Students showcased a variety of styles and talents.

The night began with several acoustic performances with Pat Hull leading the way. Pat's easy-going, melodious voice complemented the catchy tune he strummed on his guitar. His songs were easy to get in rhythm with and seemed comfortable and relaxed, like he was the only one in the room. His slow-paced tunes put the crowd in a relaxed mood, and they showed their support with a strong round of

applause and cheers.

Anthony Mascaro followed with a similar style. He was a bit more fast-paced than Pat, but his smooth voice and mellow tunes on the guitar also set the audience in a calm state. The tempo was easy to stay with and created a laid-back atmosphere.

After more cheers, Dan Semenza took the stage. He began by revealing that he had

never played by himself in public before, but it was hard to believe. Dan brought a great sense of

confidence that made you think he's been doing this his entire life. He had good stage presence and looked like a natural. His music wasn't too bad, either. With an effective combination of tones in his voice, he changed the pace in his songs and created an effortless blend of styles. He then performed with Catherine Taggart, as the duo sang songs from Death Cab for Cutie and Brand New. Catherine's harmonious voice and Dan's skillful guitar playing caused the audience to sing along with them, and resulted in a storm of cheers and applause.

The next act was Johnny Mainstream, who played an upbeat melody and a catchy tune that you could tap your foot

along to. He had a nice change of pace between fast and slow songs while also mixing up the tone in his voice. His voice was calm, intense, soft, and loud. It was a performance of skillful variety.

The last two acts really took the cake. Pass the Broccoli Grandpa, a band composed of a guitarist, bassist, and drummer, projected a totally different sound. It was fun, upbeat, and comical. The lyrics were hilarious, sending the audience into laughter after every line. The pop culture references to shows like Boy Meets World and Flava Flav added to the audience's enjoyment. The band's catchy tunes and fun-loving nature really got the audience into it. They even had the crowd sing along to one of their songs, which talked about various body parts. It was a truly enjoyable



Pat Hull performs solo on acoustic guitar at the Student Coffeehouse on Oct. 11 held in the Cabaret. Hull's mellow songs earned him third place, out of seven acts who performed.

performance.

Frank Viele's band wrapped up the Coffeehouse and they did a phenomenal job as well. They were a typical "coffeehouse" band as you would think of one. With a guitar, bass, and saxophone, the band played jazzy tunes while Frank's unique and versatile voice adapted to the various beats. They were also funny, dancing along to the music and displaying an "old-school" mentality. Their smooth performance earned them second place from the judges' panel, with Pat Hull in third and Pass

the Broccoli Grandpa in first.

The audience definitely had a blast, as Dan Semenza called it "a sweet time." He thought it was such a great time. "People actually came this time. Also, I got to see people who I didn't realize had so much talent," he said.

Chris Ceballos agreed that the performances were a lot of fun. "It was good variety, with jazz, comedy, and acoustic."

If you want to see some variety, then stop by the next Student Coffeehouse to discover some new talent.

## FOX REEL

'School for Scoundrels' leaves much to be desired

By BRYAN GLEASON  
Guest Reviewer

Average, Average is the only word one could use to describe director Todd Phillips' new film, "School for Scoundrels."

"School for Scoundrels" is a mediocre comedy about a loser meter maid named Roger (played by Jon Heder, best known as Napoleon Dynamite in the film "Napoleon Dynamite"). Roger is plagued by anxiety, low self-esteem and the occasional panic attack. In order to overcome his feelings of inadequacy, Roger enrolls in a top-secret confidence-building class taught by the suave devious Dr. P. (Billy Bob Thornton). Aided by his assistant, Leshar (played to perfection by Michael Clarke Duncan), Dr. P. uses unorthodox, often dangerous methods, but he guarantees results by employing his techniques.

Surrounded by a band of misfit classmates - Walsh (Matt Walsh), who's dying to move out of mother's basement; Diego (Horatio Sanz), a punching bag for his hen-pecker of a wife; and Eli (Todd Louiso), a shy guy just looking for female companionship, Roger's confidence grows. He makes his way to the head of the class, even finding the courage to ask out his longtime crush, Amanda (Jacinda Barrett). But Roger quickly discovers that star students have a way of catapulting Dr. P.'s competitive side into high gear. Soon enough, the teacher sets out to infiltrate and destroy Roger's personal and professional life. Nothing is off limits for Dr. P., not even the object of Roger's affection. In order to show Amanda Dr. P.'s true colors, Roger must rally his new friends and find a way to beat the master at his own game.

However, even special cameos by fantastic comedians like Ben Stiller, Sarah Silverman and David Cross can't help this script. This story of the lovable loser who manages at the end of the film to get the girl of his dreams has been done before and done better. With ticket prices for movies now reaching close to \$10 a ticket I can't recommend this sub-par movie to anyone. If you are itching to see this film, don't. Wait for this one to come out on video!

Patrols best album. It is surely the most marketable and the nursery rhyme sounding "You Could Be Happy" demonstrates that the band's daring mission and bold intentions are still present.

For more information, go to [www.snowpatrol.com](http://www.snowpatrol.com) or visit [www.myspace.com/snowpatrol](http://www.myspace.com/snowpatrol).

## Keep ears and 'eyes open' for Snow Patrol

By DORY LARRABEE  
Staff Writer

"If I just lay here, would you lie with me and just forget the world?" Gary Lightbody, singer of Snow Patrol, asks in the new smash hit "Chasing Cars."

"That's the most pure and open love song I've ever written," says Lightbody. Their new album, "Eyes Open," was released in May. The cover features a Picasso-esque silhouette of a couple kissing. Songs from the album seem to be creeping

The song "If I'd Found the right words to say" has an eerie, echo-like sound that resembles Radiohead. Their big break came in 2004, with the release of "Final Straw." Over two million copies were sold between the UK and the US. Included on this release were the fan-favorites "Chocolate," "Run," "How To Be Dead," and "Somewhere A Clock Is Ticking."

Following the success of "Final Straw," Snow Patrol joined U2's "Vertigo" Tour in Europe for the summer of 2005 as the opening act. Additionally, they played in London at the

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benefit concert Live 8. "Eyes Open" balances classic rock sounds with romantic melodies. In the song "Hands Open,"

Lightbody pleads, "I want to hear you laugh like you really mean it / collapse into me, tired with joy."

"It's Beginning To Get To Me" describes the frustration of making a relationship work: "It's beginning to get to me / that I know more of the stars and sea / than I do of what's in your head / barely touching in our cold bed." The album also features a duet with Martha Wainwright in "Set The Fire To The Third Bar." Her soprano voice resembles a shaky Tori Amos or Kate Bush and meshes well with Lightbody. "Finish Line" sounds like a bonus track to Coldplay's X&Y, with an airy, space-like sound.

"Eyes Open" is arguably Snow

2 finale of Grey's Anatomy. Snow Patrol is also one of VH1's "You Oughta Know" artists. They have been included on movies soundtracks for Wicker Park and in Zach Braff's new release, The Last Kiss. The band, originally from Ireland, is currently touring Europe, with concerts in December already sold out. Already a huge success in the UK, its fan base is steadily growing across the pond.

Snow Patrol is by no means a newcomer. The band released "Songs for Polarbears" in the US in 1999, first showcasing the band's unique sound. In 2001, their second album, "When It's All Over We Still Have to Clear Up," continued to take risks.

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## Celebrating the Ramadan season

*Worship through fasting and prayer — but a few are waging war*

By ALISHA BROWN  
Circle Contributor

Someone always has to ruin the holidays. But some are going so far as to use them as an excuse for violence, as in the case of Ramadan. According to a BBC News article entitled "Iraq al-Qaeda makes kidnap call," the leader of a tenet of this terrorist group, Abu Hamza al-Muhajir is using the Islamic holy month of Ramadan as an excuse to abduct Westerners. Al-Muhajir was quoted as saying, "I call on every holy fighter in Iraq to strive to capture some dogs of the Christians so that we can liberate our imprisoned sheikh." It's sad that evil people are manipulating Ramadan to provide an excuse to further their malicious plots against cultures they do not approve of.

Many of you reading this article right now might be asking yourself, "What is Ramadan anyway?" It seems that unless we get the day off, we are clueless as to what different holidays entail. Furthermore, the majority of Marist students are of the Christian faith and are, therefore, not familiar with Muslim holidays such as Ramadan.

Actually, Ramadan is not really a holiday at all. "It's more of a religious observance," says Kinan Alhooh, a junior at Marist who celebrates the occasion.

According to Colorado State University's Islamic Holidays and

Observances page, Ramadan occurs in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The start of the month begins based on astronomical calculations. The new moon kicks off the start of the month-long observance. Alhooh states that the three days following Ramadan are what is dubbed the actual holiday.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast daily from sunrise to sunset. Fasting forbids the Muslim from eating, drinking, smoking, and sex. They usually have a "pre-game" meal before sunup and a "post-game" meal when darkness settles over the land.

Usually, the fast is broken by eating dates. This follows the example of the Prophet Muhammad. Then, the sunset prayer is said, which is followed by dinner.

Alhooh and his family get together during Ramadan to break the fast each sundown. However, he says it has been harder this year, with him being away at college. "It's made me a little homesick," he adds.

Fasting for an entire month may be unfathomable to some people. "How can you go so long without eating? Why would you?" Food has become an integral part of American culture. Some of us cannot begin to imagine going all day without food, let alone repeating this feat for an entire month. Muslims, however, take this time to fast and reconnect with God.

"When Muslims fast during Ramadan we do start to think about those that are less fortunate and don't eat everyday," says Alhooh. They learn to appreciate what they have. They learn self-control. They obtain control of their spirituality, which brings them closer to their God. Moreover, Ramadan is a time where Muslims do good deeds for each other. This also aids in developing their relationship with God.

Colorado State addresses the issue of individuals who cannot fast

during Ramadan. Some people should not go without food if they are sick, for example, or pregnant. It probably isn't a good idea for these individuals to go without food for any extended period of time. The religion makes exceptions to the fasting rule for certain people. They can make up their fasting time at a more practical time, where their health would not be at risk.

Ramadan also marks the Night of Power, where the first verses of the Qur'an, the Muslim equivalent of the Bible, were revealed to the Prophet. Many Muslims spend the entire night praying due to the importance of this night, which usually falls on the 27th night of the month.

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Overall, Muslims try to get as much of the Qur'an as possible. They read the book themselves, and many go to mosques to hear recitations of the holy book. Ramadan is

basically a time for Muslims to reconnect with their spiritual side and with God.

It takes a certain degree of dedication to skip meals from sunrise to sunset in the name of your religion. Many people couldn't do it. Even Alhooh says, "Sure, by the end of the day I'm tired, hungry, and thirsty." He then continues to say, "But I still thank God that I get to eat at the end of the day. It's not unhealthy, in a way it's empowering and even enlightening."

Year after year, the dedicated people of the Islamic religion do just that. However, there are many fundamentalist Muslims who use celebrations of the Islamic religion as an excuse to hurt innocent non-Muslims. In order to truly appreciate another culture, an opinion can't be based on these radicals.

## The most wonderful times of the year

By CHELSEA MURRAY  
Circle Contributor

Jewish holidays in my family are times where we can all get together, share some traditional food of our religious faith and sit around and listen to stories about the lives of some of some extremely fascinating people.

My grandmother has a tattooed number on her arm and I was always curious of what it was when I was a young girl. I asked her once and she told me it was her phone number. I tried to call it, but it didn't work. As I got older, I learned that the phone number on her arm was not really a phone number, but a branded tattoo from a concentration camp from World War II. These tattoos were used to categorize and identify everyone in the camps.

My grandparents, Frieda and David Singer, his brothers Harry and Paul Singer and my great-grandmother, Sarah Singer, lived through the brutal Holocaust. I glance around the table as we eat dinner on the high holidays and can't help but be fascinated with the fact that these somewhat funny old people

lived through such a horrific event. There are hundreds of stories that my grandparents have related to me and our family over the years. Some stories can be humorous, but most of them just blow me away because it's hard for me to picture my tiny grandmother and my kvetching family members as being strong, tough and extremely brave people in a concentration camp, but obviously they were or they wouldn't have made it out.

The biggest character on my Jewish side of the family is by far my grandmother. My grandmother, Frieda Singer is a tiny (and I mean tiny) woman standing at 4'10". I have towered over her since I was about 5 years old. She definitely is a character. She can be the most annoying human being on the planet because she constantly finds things to nit-pick and complain about. She sticks her nose in everyone's business and is completely obnoxious sometimes, but it's usually all forgiven because she is so adorable.

Even though it has been a daunting task to be one of the only Jewish people in my high school and now in my dorm at college, I feel nothing but pride to educate people about my culture because of the amazing events my family has survived.

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### the column about nothing

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD  
Staff Writer

On the first tour I took of Marist College, I witnessed a squirrel crawling up the outer wall of Champagnat Hall. The tour guide joked that the squirrels are slowly but surely taking over the school. As I laughed along with the rest of the tour group, I had no idea that there was so much truth to his words of caution.

The squirrels at Marist are everywhere - in every tree, on every inch of lawn, even crawling up every building wall. While the general public would assume that the squirrels are nothing more than harmless woodland creatures, I agree with my tour guide from yester-year: the squirrels are conniving war guerrillas who are bent on my demise.

Squirrels have tried to steal my leftover cereal after I decided to eat breakfast outside. Granted, I had no desire to eat the soggy nastiness that was in my cereal bowl, but I shooed the squirrel away on matters of principle, not to mention the fact that I was not about to help feed the Squirrel Guerrillas. Squirrels have a blatant disregard for my authority due to nature's hierarchy. I am human, so I have more authority by default. It is impossible for me to walk more than twenty feet without a squirrel sauntering in front of my path. Squirrels are to me as deer are to vehicle drivers: both squirrels and deer dart in front of walkers or drivers in

an effort to create chaos.

Squirrels pelt me with acorns from the tree-tops. True, others may claim that these acorns are simply falling from the trees due to nature, but I see beyond the trickery of the squirrels. Those acorns are missiles that are launched by stealth forces that hide in the tallest tree branches. As I walk to class every day, I have to dodge a slew of projectiles that are all aimed for my head and eyes. I am afraid to leave my dorm, but when I do leave my room, I must plan a strategic route that helps me to avoid most overhanging trees and other prime areas of combat. Before leaving my room, I say "goodbye" to the plant by my window because I



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never know if I will see my plant again, or if I will be overtaken by some sort of aerial assault.

Do not believe the image of innocence that the squirrels project. Their wonderfully soft coats are covering fine-tuned machines that were raised for combat, their wide eyes are black because they reflect the

darkness of their souls, and their tails that resemble cotton candy are concealing rat-like tails. Marist College is being undermined by an underground coup. When the Squirrel Guerrillas strike, will you be ready?



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Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

## Media focus should concentrate on Foley's teen victims

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

It might seem like a typical case of internet stalking - an older man initiates a relationship with an underage teen via e-mail and instant messaging, only to get caught in the act. Such a relationship is complicated, though, when the older guy in question served in Congress, and the teen was working for him at the time.

Representative Mark Foley, 52 resigned from his position Sept. 29 when it was revealed that he had sent sexually suggestive e-mails to a 16-year-old former Congressional page who had previously worked for him. ABC

initially broke the story detailing e-mails and instant messages indicative of an inappropriate interest by Foley in the page.

Since then this story has been plastered all over the media, and every major publication from the Washington Post to CNN seems to be demanding answers to one question: Besides Foley himself, who knew about this? Maybe House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Illinois) whose office received reports of "overly friendly" e-mails in November 2005. Maybe Representative Jim Kolbe (R-Arizona) who "said Tuesday he knew of e-mails that made a page 'uncomfortable' and passed them on to Foley's office

and the House clerk." (www.cnn.com)

In all the political ruckus, with accusations and denials flying back and forth, it seems to me

Given this information, the question that should be asked is not "Who knew?" but rather, "Who else?"

Mark Foley, who last week

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that we've all lost focus on the real issue - namely that Mark Foley obviously had wildly inappropriate contact with a minor, and we still don't know the full scope of his indecencies. In fact, another former page, Jordan Edmund, has recently come to the FBI alluding to sexually oriented online contact with Foley.

revealed struggles with alcohol and previous abuse as a teen, is obviously a deeply sick and troubled individual. And yet his problems and actions are lost in an attempt to play the blame game right before the midterm Congressional elections. At this stage of the game, I truly believe that investigations should first

determine who else might have been sucked into the murky eddies of Foley's personal life. Until this is determined, the question of who had knowledge of his activities is a moot point anyway.

Don't get me wrong, eventually we'll have to deal with the political fallout. Obviously, someone had enough hard information and insight into Foley's activities to turn his e-mails in to ABC. It is this person or persons that should be discovered, because it is they who knew or strongly suspected the full measure of Mark Foley's indiscretions and yet did nothing. Or at least, nothing until right before crucial elections, right when the information would inflict maximum

damage.

In this context, I very much doubt that GOP members like Hastert and Kolbe are responsible. It does not follow any sort of logic or reason to think that they would reveal information so harmful to their own party, especially prior to elections. They say that they had no idea what Mark Foley was doing, and given the evidence, I'm inclined to believe them. Show me concrete and irrefutable proof that they compromised the integrity of their office and their character and I will gladly call on them to resign. Until that day, let's concentrate on accounting for all the victims of Foley's folly. Their stories deserve to be heard.

## Republican senators speak out against Bush's bill to protect prisoners

By DANIEL BLACK  
Staff Writer

Continuing last week's focus on No Child Left Behind, I desire very much to share with everyone something our president said last week after I composed my initial critique of his policy: "Measuring is the gateway to success." These words provoke little surprise for those familiar with No Child Left Behind; the foundation of the act is rigorous, repetitive standardized testing. Beginning from the first days of kindergarten, children's classes focus on test taking skills and strategies. Recess, art and gym classes, even periods of time reserved for taking naps have all been scrapped in many of the schools who are struggling to meet NCLB's expectations in order to set aside more time for test preparation. This hope-wrenching pattern of educational decomposition is caused by the obsessive and unceasing testing methods prescribed by NCLB and the repercussions that befall those poor souls who are unable to pass them. The hopes and futures of young children are pitted against a daunting battery of tests barely after they develop the motor skills to grasp a pencil and spell their own names.

Support for this educational approach echoes throughout the

right wing media, is lauded by politicians and the Act's architects, and is even praised by a handful of classroom teachers. Broken down to its most basic components, the approach essentially holds that if you have a child, and the child does not perform, you measure him, measure him repeatedly, and you promise to divert from his education if he does not show substantial improvement. You will not offer him resources to improve, mind you; you will force his improvement by threatening him, punishing him, and in the end, abandoning him. This is the language that children speak, it seems, the language of aggressive negotiation - they cannot or at least ought not be reasoned with.

NCLB authors would have us believe that providing educational and developmental opportunities is the method of weaker nations, a message Bush coldly expresses to the economically disadvantaged of this country when, in 2001, 40 percent of lower-class children who qualified to attend Head Start were unable to because of insufficient funding, a number that has risen sharply in the years since NCLB has been put into law. Over half of eligible children are unable to participate in Head Start today, but perhaps the government-sanctioned deprivation of their early-years development is, for the system's purposes, inconse-

quential. If your public education is merely foreordained monotony of filling in bubbles with number 2 pencils and sitting through endless hours of measurement and evaluation, what utility do you have for engaging in artistic and culturally stimulating activities or refining your self-expression and creativity skills?

Only because these legislators and their children had the benefits of quality education does not at all mean that those experiences should be enjoyed by all children. Sure it is their right, but, as the Bush administration has taught us, right and opportunity are two entirely separate things. One does not inform or affect the other.

What is vehemently denied by politicians and upper-class educational administrations I find to be self-evidently undeniable: that the intensive testing practices ushered in by NCLB function solely to blame the child for the educational system's impending failures. These failures, the undisclosed but unavoidable end result of the Act, are failures these politicians undoubtedly foresee and are subsequently busily preparing alibis they'll need to acquit themselves of their crimes. Basic resources and quality instruction are integral components of a good education, the provisions of which are indispensable, but these

means require funding - the disparity of fiscal allocations between inner city schools and their wealthier counterparts matched by the differences in their students' respective performance prove this principle's truth. NCLB supporters have discovered "measurement" as a key for success to be far cheaper than key of "adequate funding" although only the latter is capa-

ble of operating the lock.

If education were indeed the motive behind the law, we might see the spirit of the legislation reflect this motive. A little philosophical reminder from Greg Michie suggests you cannot hope to facilitate a child's growth by continuously feeding it measurement tapes; you must include a nourishing and wholesome diet of well-rounded teaching as

well. But since the entire testing infrastructure of NCLB is ridden with private corporations who stand to make a fortune from sales of Act-specific testing resources it necessitates, it appears that dreams of profit and exploitation are what really lurk beneath the agendas of these politicians.

## Course catalog not helpful with registration

By CHRISTINE ROCHELLE  
Opinion Editor

College is really funny.

Remember when you were a freshman and had to plan your schedule for the first time? "Wow I can take ballet and photography and painting!" Yeah, college is funny.

With only three semesters left at Marist, I have discovered that I will barely complete all of my required courses by May 2008.

For instance, journalism majors can choose from a variety of electives like "Sex in the Media" and "Photojournalism." I sat down and after scrolling through the course catalog (because apparently we're saving trees and not printing hard copies anymore), I jotted down about eight or nine communications electives that I wanted to register for. But then Marist beat me with the reality stick because none of

those electives are being offered next semester. Not even one.

So when I threw up my hands in frustration and started screaming, "Why, God, Why?" my roommate, also a COM major, told me to get a grip and found one elective that fit into my schedule and is offered in the spring. But it still leaves an unsettling feeling in my stomach knowing that if I don't choose the right classes during the right semesters, I could be completely screwed.

It also doesn't help that my advisor was suddenly changed. Sure, switching advisors is okay when you're a freshman and taking core courses, but junior year?

When I thought that maybe this was a punishment for COM students for choosing an unrealistic major, other juniors were finding themselves in the same situation.

Psych/special education majors are required to have Wednesdays

free, so they can observe at local schools to prepare for student teaching. But one student was stressed over the fact that on two sections were available and fit her schedule for a course that she needed to take next semester. If I'm not mistaken, there are a lot of psych/special education majors, and I'm sure a lot are also juniors.

So, what's the deal Marist? Is this a test for the real world? Is Dennis Murray hiding in his office, laughing himself silly to the sound of my dreams being shattered?

Okay, that was a little extreme, but if a course can only be offered triennially (most religion classes) then what's the point of offering them at all? They shouldn't be thrown in the catalog to impress incoming freshmen parents.

So, Marist, stop toying with my emotions- it's really not funny.

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Foot Meets Mouth  
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# Kenworthy makes school history with thousandth kill

By JOSEPH FERRARY  
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday night on the McCann Field House floor, history was made yet again.

In a match against rival Siena, senior outside hitter Jaime Kenworthy became the first player in the history of the women's volleyball program to record 1,000 kills.

Kenworthy was excited and surprised that she was the first player in 25 plus years to reach 1,000 kills.

"It was a pretty amazing feeling," Kenworthy said. "I knew I had become the all-time kill" leader, but I was really surprised to learn that nobody else has hit 1,000 kills before. It was pretty surreal."

This opportunity to make history with the Red Foxes might not have come if Kenworthy did not make the right choice coming out of high school.

While attending Cardinal O'Hara High School, Kenworthy was a two-sport star. She was involved with the basketball team as well as being a Second-Team All-State selection for volleyball.

For Kenworthy, the decision to play volleyball at the next level was an easy decision.

"In addition to being on my high school volleyball team, I played for a club team, Club Synergy," Kenworthy said.

"Since I was always around the sport it was a pretty easy decision. Plus, I had a lot more fun playing volleyball than I did playing basketball."

However, more than one college was interested in the services of the 5'9" outside hitter from Ashton, Pa.

Aside from Marist, Kenworthy was recruited by two members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), George Mason and Drexel, but Kenworthy fell in love with Marist.

"When I came here on an official visit, I had a great time," Kenworthy said. "The campus was beautiful, the college had the major I wanted, and the girls on the volleyball team were amazing."

During her time as a Red Fox, Kenworthy has faced some adversity on the court. One of the main problems was the fact that the volleyball team changed coaches every year, and each season a new team dynamic formed.

As seniors graduated and freshmen stepped into their roles, Kenworthy remained focused on improving her skills and forming a new team dynamic in practice.

Another disadvantage Kenworthy had was her lack of size. She was never the tallest person on the team, but that did not stop her from becoming such an offensive threat.

Kenworthy used her other

skills to help make up for her lack of height.

"Clearly I am not the tallest person on the team and I don't look like the strongest player either," Kenworthy said. "I rely mostly on my vertical jump and I pack a lot of power into my hits, which has allowed me to record so many kills."

Kenworthy also dealt with a coaching change for the first time in her four years at Marist, but new head coach Tim Hanna said he was excited to have a player like her on the team.

"She is such a dynamic athlete," he said. "She is an explosive player and this program needs people like Jaime on the team."

Coach Hanna also credits Kenworthy's mainstay in the lineup to her success on the court.

"Ever since she stepped foot at Marist, she has always been on the court and around the ball, which has allowed her the opportunity to get kills," he said.

In addition to becoming the first to 1,000 kills, Kenworthy holds single-game records in kills with 28 and attacks with 63.

Kenworthy and the Marist Volleyball team will be back in action this Saturday as they travel to Connecticut to take on Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) foe Fairfield.



## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's male and female star performer for the weekend of Oct. 6-8.

Adam Hansen  
Football, Junior



Hansen garnered football's MAAC offensive player of the week award after rushing for two touchdowns in Marist's 41-13 win over La Salle. Hansen's first ever collegiate touchdown came on a 66-yard run, and his second came from 15 yards out. He finished the day with 154 yards on 11 carries.

**On the horizon:**  
Marist takes to the road again this weekend as they take on the Fordham Rams in the Bronx.

Caitlin Nazarechuk  
Soccer, Sophomore



Nazarechuk earned their first shut out of the season over the weekend as the Red Foxes defeated St. Peter's on Friday night. On Sunday, she shut out Manhattan in the first half before leaving the game in the 69th minute.

**On the Horizon:**  
Red Fox soccer will be home on Friday night when they take on Rider at 7 p.m. Sunday afternoon they will play a home match at Vassar against Loyola at 1 p.m.



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## Red Foxes ground attack powers Marist to first conference win

By BRIAN LOEW  
Staff Writer

The Red Foxes ran La Salle into the ground on a rainy, Saturday afternoon at McCarthy Stadium in Philadelphia, Pa. as they captured a 41-13 win over the Explorers, their second of the season and first conference win.

The Red Foxes (2-4) scored all six of their touchdowns on the ground as Marist's powerful running game captured the conference game over the Explorers (1-4). The win carried them to first place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) with a 1-0 conference record.

Marist hit pay dirt first with 4:16 left in the first quarter, when sophomore running back Keith Mitchell capped off the Red Foxes 80-yard opening drive with an 11-yard touchdown run making it 7-0 Marist. Mitchell's touchdown was not only Marist's first first-quarter touchdown, but was Mitchell's first collegiate score as well.

Another Red Fox 2006 season first came when Marist cush-

ioned its lead with another touchdown in the second quarter. After the Marist defense held the Explorers on their own 32-yard line, senior running back Frankie Farrington converted a 10-yard run into six points and a Bradley Rowe extra-point put Marist on top 14-0 with 9:19 left in the half. The touchdown was Farrington's first rushing touchdown of his collegiate career.

Less than four minutes later, LaSalle battled back to put up six points of its own. With 5:38 left in the half, junior quarterback Joe Procopio completed a 32-yard touchdown pass to the tight end Geoffrey Nagle putting LaSalle on the board 14-7. Procopio would finish the game completing 16 passes for 210 yards.

The Red Foxes, however, answered back quickly. With 2:04 remaining in the half, Mitchell scored his second collegiate touchdown, converting the 45-yard drive into points with a four-yard run and putting Marist up 20-7 after an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt.

Just prior to the half, Explorer quarterback Procopio pulled LaSalle a bit closer when he carried the ball on a three-yard dash into the end zone with 29 seconds left to play in the half. The touchdown made the score 20-13 Marist, but that would be LaSalle's final score of the contest.

The second half was good to the Red Foxes as they scored 21 unanswered points. The first six points came just 1:10 into the half when sophomore Adam Hansen bolted for a 66-yard touchdown run, and giving Hansen his first collegiate score and carrying Marist to a 27-13 lead.

A few minutes later on Marist's next possession at 8:09, Hansen drove into the end zone for Marist's fifth, and his second, touchdown of the game on a 15-yard run. Hansen's 11 carries for 154 yards and two touchdowns garnered his recognition from the MAAC as the Co-Offensive Player of the Week.

Marist would put the nail in the

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Junior Adam Hansen, who currently reigns as the MAAC Co-Offensive Player of the Week, rushed for 154 yards on 11 carries in the Foxes 41-13 win over LaSalle. This was Marist's first conference win this year.

## Cross-country takes second at Metropolitan Championships, best in school history

By DANIEL BARRACK  
Staff Writer

The Red Foxes second place finish in Friday's Metropolitan Championship was its best finish in school history.

Falling short to just Columbia University, the Red Foxes finished the meet with 83 points. The remaining 11 teams at the Metropolitan Championship

included NYU, Rutgers, and Seton Hall.

The 83-point total was the best point total that Marist has ever had at a Metropolitan Championship. The team's record-setting performance also helped the team earn its fourth top-three finish in only five meets this season.

The ever consistent Girma Segni had another great day.

Segni finished second overall out of 165 runners who finished the race. Finishing 5.6 seconds behind Samuel Chelanga of Fairleigh Dickinson University, the young Marist superstar managed to record the school's second best time on this course, trailing only Mike Melfi, who ran a time of 25:11 back in 1998.

Freshman David Raucci impressed his coach and his

teammates once again, finishing eighth overall with a time of 25:45.2. Senior captain Justin Harris, junior Mike Rolek, and junior Tom Rolek had a great day as well, all finishing in the top 50. The top five combined for a time of 2:10:12.9 which beat the previous record of 2:10:55.5 set back in 2000.

With the team at full strength for this meet, the team also had

seven runners who finished under 27:00 which was another school record.

The Red Foxes have one more meet before the MAAC Championship on Oct. 27. Following that meet the team will prepare for the NCAA Northeast Regional on Nov. 11 and then finish out the season a week later for the IC4A Championships.

## Marist dominates Hartford and short-handed Montreal at its new College Tennis Pavilion

By LUKE CAULFIELD  
Circle Contributor

It did not take the Marist men's tennis team long to dominate on its home court. Saturday, in only the second event at Marist's new College Tennis Pavilion, the Red Foxes defeated Montreal 6-1 and Hartford 7-0.

A chilly Saturday did not hurt the men's team. Marist only lost two matches, one to Montreal and one to Hartford.

Marist's number one doubles team, Pedro Genovese and Federico Rolon, looked sharp in their first match against Montreal. They easily defeated Nicolas Veilleux and David Desrochers 8-3.

It was quite a different result in their next match against Hartford's number one doubles squad, Artur Muller and Jeff Coat. Genovese and Rolon fell 9-8 (7-5).

"Our overall singles play is

stronger than doubles," coach Smith said, "because we don't know who is officially on the doubles team yet."

Singles, however, also lost a match on Saturday. Desrochers easily beat Antonio Oliver 6-2, 6-1. Most of the matches were not played to completion, but this did not hinder the Red Foxes' performance.

Both Genovese's 7-5 win over Muller and Gregory Marks' 7-5 win over Hartford's Coat were

due to players not finishing. Oliver's only singles win was by default and Marist's Ray Josephs topped Hartford's Shartak Gowaor, who retired, 6-0, 4-0.

Only two matches were completed on Saturday. Marist's Frank Algier dominated Aaron Keoden 6-0, 6-0, while Rolon beat Hartford's Emmett Drak 6-1, 6-0.

"We played well and did exceptionally well," coach Smith said. Montreal was without two of

its best players. Their number one player was not there due to exams, and one of their players could not enter the United States because he did not have a passport.

Marist will compete in the fourth round ITA Regionals, hosted by Philadelphia, Pa. on October 19.



## Sports

## Women's soccer struggles in second half, fails to preserve lead against Manhattan

By GREG HRINYA  
Staff Writer

The Marist Red Foxes' second half struggles continue as they were defeated Sunday 3-1 by the Manhattan Jaspers.

Marist jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a Kristen Leonhard goal in the 31st minute, but it was short-lived as Manhattan answered right back to begin the second half.

Manhattan freshman, Alexandra Konneker, tied the game in the 49th minute when her shot from inside the box beat Marist goalkeeper Caitlin Nazarechuk.

Marist would then remove

Nazarechuk and replace her with freshman Kristen Aliperti.

Head coach Elizabeth Roper said the move was due to a lingering injury that Nazarechuk has been fighting.

"Caitlin was injured and not playing at 100 per cent," Roper said. "We put in freshman Kristen Aliperti, and she has been improving. It's nice to have that extra support back there when our other goalies are down."

Marist has also been without sophomore goalkeeper Anna Case, who has a torn ligament in her hand. She is currently awaiting medical approval to return to action.

The score remained tied at 1 until the 83rd minute when Manhattan midfielder Courtney McMahon beat Kristen Aliperti for what would prove to be the game winner.

Manhattan's Kimarie Balistierri would tack on an insurance goal in the 88th minute to seal the victory for the Jaspers.

The last 10 minutes of the game proved to be the Red Foxes' downfall once again as they let another Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) game slip away.

After controlling play for the first half and out-shooting Manhattan by a considerable margin, a second half let-down

contributed to the loss.

"Our mindset was that we wanted to dictate the game in the second half, but we gave Manhattan momentum when they scored early," Roper said. "We weren't as strong or as confident in the second half."

Marist held a 17-11 shot advantage for the game and a 14-5 shot advantage in the first half. Coach Roper said that Manhattan goalie Alicia DeFino kept Manhattan alive in the first half when Marist controlled the play.

"The keeper made some great saves," Roper said. "We left some opportunities out there but felt we could keep it going in the second half."

Despite the loss, the Red Foxes gear up for another in-conference game when they host Rider on Friday night at 7 p.m.

Coach Roper believes that if the team can remain focused and capitalize on some of its early opportunities then they are still in it.

"We have some tough competition ahead of us, but a lot of teams have tied so we are still in it," Roper said. "We just need to focus on what we need to do to control the second half."

Marist will also look to its seniors and team leaders to help them rebound from the tough start in MAAC play.

"We have the character on this

team to not give up in the face of adversity," Roper said. "We will look to the seniors and the leaders on this team to get things done."

The Red Fox players also know that if they play to their potential for the full 90 minutes then they are not out of it.

"We beat a strong opponent in Brown at the beginning of the season, so anything can happen in the 5 remaining MAAC games we have," Roper said.

The 3-9 Marist Red Foxes will host the 3-7-1 Rider Broncos on Friday night at 7 p.m. where they look to improve upon their 1-3 conference schedule.

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## Marist football garners both MAAC offensive and defensive player of the week awards

coffin almost three minutes later when Mitchell tally his third touchdown of the game with 5:09 left in the third quarter. Mitchell carried the ball eight times for 94 yards and three touchdowns. After a scoreless fourth quarter, Marist finished the game with a final score of 41-13.

Marist's defense held LaSalle to only 80 yards on the ground, which head coach Jim Parady attributes to the Marist defensive players penetrating the Explorer's backfield all day.

"I think the big thing for us was we got a little bit of pressure on the quarterback this week and we were able to shut down the run game," Parady said.

Red Fox Head Coach Jim Parady said that it was good that the Marist defense was kept off the field as a result of the offense's success moving the ball.

"I think it was nice for them [to get some rest] but we scored pretty quickly offensively too, and on some of the possessions, it wasn't that we had long

drives," Parady said. "I think the whole team just fed off of each other. It was good."

Hansen said that the offense went into the game with a lot of intensity and accomplished its goals.

"We felt real confident [going in the game]," he said. "We all came to play and to get the job done, and we did. We all came together."

Marist sophomore defensive linebacker Nick Andre also took home MAAC honors as Defensive Player of the Week

with 12 tackles.

Coach Parady credited the offense for doing an excellent job moving the football and converting yardage into points.

"We came out and scored on our first six possessions offensively," he said. "Any time you're able to do that you gain the momentum of the football game. We established the line of scrimmage up front and our run game was the big difference in this week's game."

The Red Fox running game dominated the conference match

up. Marist's offense collected 387 yards, 301 of which came on the ground. Coach Parady recognized the offensive line's contribution to this exceptional performance.

"With the holes that they opened up for the running backs, our running backs were able to get to the second and third level without being touched," Parady said. "Once they were through the second level and once they got to the third level, they were able to make some people miss and that was why they were able

to get some big runs."

Marist stays on the road this weekend as they take on the Fordham Rams in the Bronx this Saturday at 1 p.m. Coach Parady said that the Red Foxes need to take some of the lessons from this week's win and apply it to the upcoming game.

"We need to go into the environment and play a consistent game like this week," he said. "We need to bring the intensity in any game, and from there we'll see how it goes."

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## Leonidoff Stadium begins to resemble planned form

By **ANDY ALONGI**  
Managing Editor

Marist College's major playing field, Leonidoff Field, is currently going through a major facelift, changing all facets of the multi-functional field.

The field should be completed by the summer of 2007, allowing three months for the field to grow.

The improved Leonidoff Field will have field turf, similar to the make-up at Giants' Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The playing surface will be the last ingredient to the completion of the field.

Tim Heneghan, assistant athletic director for facilities and operations, said that there has been substantial progress in the construction of Leonidoff Stadium.

"All the excavation foundation pits are completed," he said. "We are beginning to assemble the concrete forms on which the grandstand columns will be placed. We removed some landscaping, built a construction vehicle entrance in the northeast corner, and Tuesday, we began work on the storm sewers."

Jason Corriher, assistant athletic director and sports information director, said by Thanksgiving, the students will see a framework of the new stadium that will be a

good indication of how it will look when it is completed.

"The student body will be able to see the framework of the new stadium," he said. "This will be a multi-purpose field that will cover the whole gamut of sports, including club and intramural sports. It will serve not only the student athletes but the student body as well."

Before the field turf is installed, a circular sidewalk will be installed around the entire complex. Landscaping will surround the area and an area for lawn seating will be on the west end, where the current bleachers are located.

To build the 12-foot high berm for the lawn seating, the excavated soil from the grandstand will be used to give the hill its shape and slope.

Marist stone, the same stone on the Greystone building, will all be put in the field complex to improve the look of the area.

Heneghan said the finished product will look similar to the complex at St. John's University.

"The stadium will look somewhat similar to Belson Stadium at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens," he said.

"They have had NCAA tournament games at St. John's and we're bringing that Big East-type facility to the MAAC [Metro

Atlantic Athletic Conference]. All the amenities are right at the field. This is very exciting for our athletes to have access to this top-notch facility, rain or shine."

As for the seats, they will be on the east side of the complex with major construction set to kick-off after Red Fox football's last home game on Nov. 11, vs. Iona. Pre-cast construction will begin at this time.

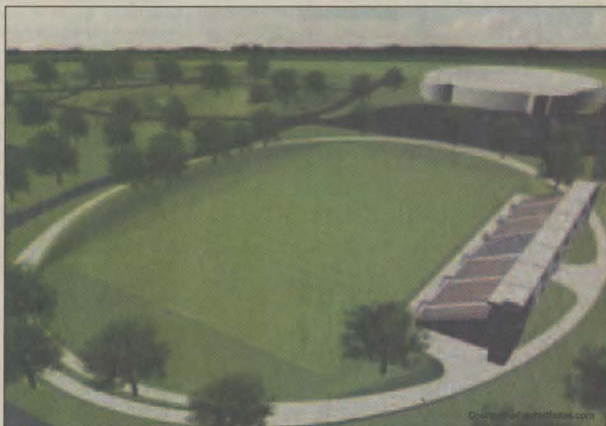
Located in the stands will be a new press box as well as, potentially, four individual suites with the capacity crowd to be 2,100 in the stands. Just over 300 of those seats will be chair-back seats in the center section of the grandstand.

In the southeast corner of the grandstand, an elevator will be installed to get to the press level complex. Underneath there will be concession stands, locker rooms, public restrooms and an athletic training facility.

The entire upper level will be backed with lexan glass. This provides privacy since one cannot see inside, while still providing natural sunlight to the area.

Heneghan said the location of the field allows a number of people to see the facility on a daily basis.

"The stadium is a high visibility location - it's right on Route 9," he said. "It's very rewarding



The new Leonidoff Stadium is set to be completed in the summer of 2007. The bleachers will have over 300 chair-back seats in the center of the unit. Also there will be as many as four suites and a press box in the center of the top of the grandstand. On the west end, lawn seats will be available on a 12-foot high berm.

that hundreds of thousands of people can see our finished product while on the main road."

After all the ground has settled, the field will have a wide variety of usages. Club sports as well as intramural sports will have access to the field, which is a big change from the clubs and intramurals being confined to North Field by Gartland Commons. Also, the field will be open for

the use of local high schools on occasion for games and potentially tournaments.

Ultimately, the refined complex will help the Red Foxes receive bids for MAAC Championship tournaments bids. The sports that the college has attempted to bid for are in men and women's soccer and men and women's lacrosse, and potentially an NCAA opening round match-up.

Heneghan said that the field will help in many facets of the game.

"Our soccer teams have had success in the past," he said. "It has been part of the plan to have a facility of the caliber to host an NCAA soccer match. It will be a step ahead for the department and the college. Hosting the game would give Marist a national name."

## Basketball season kicks-off with third annual Red Fox tip-off

By **ERIC ZEDALIS**  
Sports Editor

The Marist men's and women's basketball programs look poised for championship glory this year, and starting this Friday, Oct. 13, the student body is invited to join them as they begin their journey to the Arena at Harbor Yard.

The third-annual Red Fox Tip-Off, formerly known as Midnight Madness, takes place this Friday night at 8 p.m. in the McCann Center. Admission is free, and the first 1,000 fans receive a free t-shirt. The event will also be broadcast live campus-wide on MCTV (Marist College Television), channel 29.

Red Fox fans will be introduced to the men's and women's basketball teams, and they will hear from a representative from both teams, in addition to both the head coaches.

The fans will then be treated to some fanfare throughout the night. There will be a new routine from the dance and cheerleading squads, a student dodgeball tournament, a three-point shootout and slam dunk contest, and two student contests (the nature of which cannot be disclosed) each for the prize of a \$10,000 scholarship.

Those in attendance will also have the privilege of hearing the band debut the new Marist College Fight Song, written by Band Director, Art Himmelberger.

Himmelberger said he hopes the fight song will give Marist an identity in the same way that Notre Dame's fight song does.

"I believe that a fight song gives identity and provides a line of tradition to an academic institution," he said. "When I think

of some of the major colleges and universities in the country like Notre Dame, certainly the Notre Dame fight song is synonymous with that university."

The night will conclude with a half-court shot attempt for a prize that is to be announced.

For those who cannot attend, look no further than to channel 29, MCTV, for a live show which will include coverage of all the action during the event and packages about the new fight song, the cheerleading squad and the dance team.

MCTV assistant sports director, Andrew Batti, said that viewers will get an in-depth look at not only the players and coaches, but the people around them who help make the basketball season a special one.

"The coverage will preview the season for both teams and give people the chance to get to know those people who will be involved in the season," he said. "Not just the players and coaches, but the band, the cheerleaders and the members of the athletic department."

According to assistant athletic director/external affairs, Travis Telitocci, the purpose of the event is to get students involved in the basketball season.

"We like to showcase our teams, what we're going to have this year, and also to get fans excited about basketball," he said. "This event is to look at the upcoming season, and it is a fun way for the students to get introduced to the teams and actually take part in contests with the teams. That's not something you get to do everyday."

Telitocci said the fans at Marist have been great throughout the years, and the Red Fox Tip-Off

night is the first step to generate excitement so that the fans will have a presence at home games during the year. Telitocci added that he hopes the students will wear the t-shirts that are handed out during the night throughout the season.

"This year we made sure to target a shirt that the students can wear all year long," he said. "The shirt doesn't say 'Red Fox Tip-Off,' it says 'Marist Basketball.' And that's because we want the students to wear the shirts at all the games this year."

Last year, the Marist women's team went to its second NCAA Tournament, and set a school record with 23 wins. The Marist men went 19-10 last season and finished third in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

This year, the women's team may have the chance to play against both participants in last year's national championship game, and the men may appear on the ESPN family of networks up to six times, including its Bracketbuster game on Feb. 17 at the McCann Center.

Both programs are quickly stepping into the national spotlight, and Telitocci said that now, more than ever, the fans need to change the environment at the McCann Center.

Telitocci said that he would like the Red Foxes to have a substantial home court advantage.

"We'd really like to make it a feared place for teams to come into, and also to move more in the direction of the bigger programs."

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