

## New York decides state election results *Democratic candidates come out on top* Clinton elected to second term

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After winning the 2006 Senatorial election, Hillary Clinton appears to risk minimizing her responsibilities to New York state by possibility running for president in 2008.

Clinton's campaign was riddled with rumors surrounding the chance she might run for presi-

dent. Although Clinton maintains she is undecided about her 2008 presidential candidacy, a presidential campaign could affect her abilities to carry out senatorial duties.

Sean Carroll, executive director of John Spencer's campaign, said in order to allow the public to make an informed decision, Clinton should have made her intentions clear. Carroll said that her prospective presidential aspirations will hinder her ability to represent New York state.

"Running for president is a full time job," said Carroll. "Either run for president or commit to serving as senator."

Repeated attempts to contact a representative from Clinton's campaign were unsuccessful; however Clinton said in a September, 2006 press release that she is unsure whether or not she will run for president.

"I can't make a decision now," she said. "But if that concerns any voter, they should fac-

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## News Analysis: Faso ditched by GOP

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The Republican Party's abandonment of John Faso could be responsible for his loss in the New York State gubernatorial race, according to some.

Faso was chosen to represent the Republican Party in September Primary with 61 percent of the vote cast in favor of endorsing him. However, State

GOP head Steve Minarik said in November of 2005 that Faso was in "la-la-land" and did not have a chance of becoming governor.

Marist College faculty member William Duerr said that political parties have a lot to do with the success or failure of a candidate, but that the character of the candidate does too.

"If he wasn't able to represent himself the way he wanted and give himself a fighting chance to win, I don't think he would be the best fit for the position"

Duerr said. "And as for whether or not he was abandoned by the GOP, no. If they didn't think he was qualified to win, they shouldn't have to invest in him. They simply saw it as a poor investment."

Marist College student Michael Maloney said that the GOP did abandon Faso.

"At this point in time campaigns are built around money and support, and Faso had neither," Maloney said. "Without

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## News Analysis: Cuomo beats Pirro

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Jeanine Pirro may have come away with a bruised ego and allegations of wiretapping and fraud after a vicious and unsuccessful election campaign.

In a devastating defeat Andrew Cuomo took the victory against Pirro in the race for New York Attorney General. Democratic

candidate Cuomo, the son of former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo, was the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Bill Clinton from 1997 to 2001. Republican candidate Pirro, was the first female Westchester County judge, serving for twelve years before being elected the first female District Attorney of the county in 1993.

Pirro is under federal investigation for plotting to wiretap her husband, Albert Pirro, whom she

believed was having an affair. Jeanine Pirro's financial-disclosure records from her tenure as Westchester District Attorney are also under investigation.

Exactly how the allegations impacted Pirro's standing in the race will never be known, but according to the Poughkeepsie Journal, other political figures like Gov. George Pataki said that she deserved a prompt resolution.

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## New tech aids campus security in parking registration, selection

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The office of Safety and Security at Marist College has reinvented its parking system to accommodate more students and faculty members with better parking slots and less frustration during registration.

During previous years, students and faculty members at Marist College registered for a parking space through paper-work. The new IT department at Marist has upgraded the system to the school website.

"We have a very good IT program at the college. They've helped us out a lot with the parking program," said John Gildard, head of the department of Safety and Security at Marist College.

In the past, secretaries in the security office sent out applications to eligible students during the summer. Then, the students had to mail the applications back to the college, starting a lengthy process. All the information provided by the students

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— John Gildard  
director of Safety and Security

had to be entered into the school computer system by hand. The students then had to pick up their permits at the security office.

With the new computer systems, money has been saved on printing and mailing. Less people have been hired as temporary workers to get the permits registered on time. Students and

faculty can now enter their K account (which is given to them when they have chosen to attend Marist college) into the Marist College system and automatically receive their permits. Only students with 30 or more credits are allowed to bring their cars to the college.

There have been problems in the past with students trying to sneak cars onto campus. The Security department has instituted a whole new

system for detecting students who have brought their cars to campus illegally. There are new scanners and bar codes on Marist parking permits that allow guards to quickly check students' cars. If a car is found in an illegal spot, a Security guard will boot the car. The student, if a freshman, then loses his/her eligibility to park at



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With the help of the IT department, the office of Safety and Security has been able to make use of the Internet to expedite the process of campus parking selection selection and registration.

Marist College for the fall semester of their sophomore year. This is called being put in the "penalty box." Since the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, between 10 and 15 cars have been booted. Fifteen freshman cars were booted last year.

In order for cars to get booted, the student either needs to have three tickets, or be parked illegally. The only people allowed to park without permits are the people who come to mass on Sunday, and visitors on the weekends. Temporary permits are issued for visitors.

"We usually have the most

trouble with students trying to bring their cars and parking them illegally between Thanksgiving and Christmas break," said John Gildard. "It's more convenient at that time for the students to bring their cars since they'll be going home again in a few weeks anyway."

Some students have expressed frustration over parking. In Midrise and the Lower New Townhouses, the prime parking is the Riverview Lot because of its proximity to housing. Since Marist College grants parking spots due to credits, upperclassmen often receive these prime spots. There is also a cut-off

date for people to register by in order to receive priority for parking. After this closing date, whatever else is open is granted to the student regardless of seniority.

"We fill up the left side of campus before we grant permits for Beck lot, and we only give out enough permits to fill the lot," said Lisa Hamel, the Office Manager at the Office of Safety and Security.

There are just over 2,500 spots a year for students and faculty members. There are 4,000 parking permits out at this time because of commuters and adults taking night classes.

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## Security Briefs

### As weather turns colder, students continue to burn

By ANDREW MOLL

Leader in homeland security

A quick correction from last week's security briefs. I made mention of home decorating superstar Michael Lowell. But thanks to Jess Friedlander and her cosmic knowledge on interior decorating stars, I was informed that his name is Christopher Lowell, not Michael Lowell. Mike Lowell is the Red Sox third baseman. This saddens me, not because I got the name wrong, but because I've been trying to forget about the Red Sox season since about mid-August. Bad times.

11/1 - 12:00 A.M.



We've reached a new low. Foy C Block had a fire alarm due to boiling water. Good job people. Your parents must be very proud.

11/1 - 12:40 A.M.



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

11/1 - 1:53 A.M.



A Midrise resident stumbled out of a cab, was checked by Fairview, and allowed to go back to their suite. I'm beginning to sense a theme here...

11/1 - 2:02 A.M.



Security received a call from the call box located near the bridge leading to the Fulton Castle. Turns out it was a prank call from a young man. Wow, you, my friend, are a pretty cool dude. Seriously, I wish I could be that cool, prank calling from a call box.

11/1 - 1:55 P.M.



A guest was found doing his best George Michael impression, as he was found sleeping in his car. Not just any car, mind you, but a convertible! Well excuse me! Mr. Fancy Pants convertible guy, coming to our school, aren't you special?! Roll out the red carpet for our esteemed guest!

11/1 - 11:40 P.M.



In the Donnelly parking lot, a Marian student came out of a cab, yada yada yada...

11/2 - 11:50 A.M.



A student reported to security that a male was seen in the Beck parking lot looking into cars in the lot. Security officers responded and noticed a vehicle with the passenger window broken. A subsequent search of the area found the suspect, and a foot and vehicle chased ensued. The suspect was eventually apprehended in front of the St. Francis Emergency Room, and then arrested by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department for Petit Larceny and Criminal Mischief. Then a SNAP officer ran up and kicked him in the groin.

11/3 - 3:20 P.M.



Over at Gartland, a resident reported a stolen bicycle that was worth \$150 and had been left unlocked. Remember kids, keep your belongings locked up. Or else Lance Armstrong over there is going to have plenty of new additions to his bike collection.

11/4 - 12:15 A.M.



A Champagnat resident tried to get out of a cab. And wouldn't you know it, they had to be taken to St. Francis. Sounds like fun.

11/4



In the Fulton 7 area, the strong odor of marijuana was detected, and a small amount was confiscated. Jay and Silent Bob were heartbroken.

11/5 - 5:30 P.M.



Our friends at Townhouse A had another fire alarm incident, this time with steaks on the stove. At least that's their only problem this week...

11/6



I spoke too soon. This time, hamburgers on the stove in A3. Can you tell how perturbed I am right now? Really, it's all the same stuff this week. I've been drained of my funny. Well, I am listening to Radiohead, and they're really not that humorous. Except for Thom Yorke's lazy eye. That's pretty funny.

11/7 - 12:30 A.M.



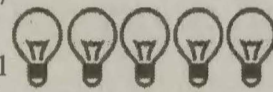
Townhouse B, on the other hand, some students were caught with the

chronic. They said they were simply "rolling their own cigarettes," which is quite economical of them. A pipe and bong were confiscated from the kitchen table, however. That's actually kind of wholesome, how they all sit around the kitchen table and get high. Reminds me of my family.

11/7

2:41

A.M.



Leo. Burnt popcorn. Too many people in my room. Have to study for my test. If you knew what happened to get these to you, you'd be proud. Goodbye for now.

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## Election 2006: New Yorkers get out the vote

### Hevesi, amidst scandal, defeats Callaghan to keep comptroller's office

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Despite ethical scandals State Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Democrat, proved to be a durable candidate in New York State.

New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi has been involved in a series of three scandals from Sept. 28, 2006 to Oct. 12, 2006. Opposition Christopher Callaghan had done nothing to downplay the allegations, but insist that his own capabilities should be the focus for voters.

Alan Hevesi is the first person

elected as New York City Comptroller (1994-2002) and left when his term was over. As State Comptroller, Hevesi served as the state's Chief Fiscal Officer and as head of the State Department of Audit and Control. Hevesi signed state checks, handled state bookkeeping, conducted audits of state and local finances, issued economic forecasts, and served as the sole trustee of the state pension system and with that Hevesi is important in the investment community, based on the value of New York State's investment portfolio.

Questions have arisen concerning Hevesi's competence as State Comptroller. The state ethics

commission announced that there was reason to believe that Hevesi had used the state funds to chauffeur his wife. In a move to quell the political backlash, he has promised to reimburse the state \$82,688 to compensate for the personal use of state funds.

Republican Candidate Christopher Callaghan is a newcomer who is quickly proving his worth in the political forum. With the downfall of Hevesi's once overwhelming public support Callaghan was closer than ever to winning the race.

Outside of proven faults, Callaghan has been questioning Hevesi's use of campaign contributions from firms that earn large fees by doing business for

the pension funds. A particular unnamed venture-capital investment chief executive, who has contributed to Hevesi's campaign, has been at the forefront of Callaghan's questioning. Hevesi has disclaimed the misappropriated use of campaign contributions and has been described by his aides as living by the current rules.

A couple of days ago New York State Comptroller Hevesi was ahead in the polls by 40 percent now after recent events have come to light he is at a mere 14 percent ahead of Callaghan despite both of them dropping in the Quinnipiac polls

According to a recent Marist College poll, 61 percent of the

voter's feel that Governor Pataki has no say in what is going on with Hevesi, and the other 30 percent feel the governor should act upon and make Hevesi resign; overall, 58 percent feel Hevesi should resign.

John Ermmarino who worked for the Suozzi for Governor Campaign is not surprised by the negative press and the poll statistics.

"October is like the political Fourth of July. Everyone saves up all their money to see who can make the biggest explosion. When Suozzi cut the Nassau County Police budget, they bussed out trailers that claimed he supported criminals. Negative press is part of the game and

sometimes people like Hevesi who have years of accomplishment behind them are suddenly thrown into the fire," said Ermmarino

Dominic S. Rizzo Esquire, a lawyer at his own firm is not as lighthearted when it comes to the issue.

"The first thing to understand is that [Hevesi] is in control of a large amount of state funds, specifically pensions. Chances are if he had no intent of paying back the state for something as simple as chauffeuring his wife around, he could be smudging other numbers here and there. Even if the guy is just a target, he painted a large enough bulls eye for his opponents," said Rizzo.

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### Clinton hangs on to Senate seat

tor that into the vote they make."

Carroll said that previous presidential candidates who ran during their Senate terms failed to adequately serve the public.

"John Kerry missed 448 Senate votes when he ran for president," he said. "Can [New York state] really afford a Senator who will miss that many votes?"

Clinton's possible ambition to become president has not gone unnoticed by the public.

Rocky Lockwood, a Poughkeepsie resident and convenience store employee, said that Clinton's potential presidential candidacy could positively affect her senate campaign.

"It's not a bad idea, she might actually be better than most candidates," said Lockwood. "She'd probably be more likely to win

[the] Senate because we know she would do more in [the] Senate to impress others to help her running for president."

Additionally, Robert Miller, a resident of Pawling, NY, said that Clinton's potential 2008 campaign may even aid her term in the Senate.

"I think that her focus on becoming a president will make her step it up a notch as senator," said Miller. "If she wants to be president, she'll have to do a great job as [a] New York Senator to prove to people that she's worthy."

However, Christopher Torres, a Marist College junior, said that if Clinton runs for presidency, it would distract her from her senatorial duties.

"She can't focus on her job in the Senate if she's going to be

eyeing the presidency the whole time," said Torres. "She's not a New Yorker- she's just using us as a stepping-stone to become p r e s i d e n t ."

Similarly, Marc Sausa, 19, a resident of Queens, NY, said that Clinton should have made her intentions known to the public before running for any office.

"I think she should have made her plans perfectly clear to everyone because if she does plan on running in 2008 she should've said that instead of beating around the bush," said Sausa. "It seems she didn't say anything because she was afraid that people wouldn't have voted for her for Senate if they didn't want her to be president."

### Spitzer wins NY governorship

the funds or their support he didn't stand a chance. His party couldn't expect to win such an important race without 110 percent support for their candidate."

Marist college student Paul Santavicca said that he did not believe the GOP abandoned Faso.

"I think that's just his excuse for seeing such weak results," Santavicca said. "I'm not saying it had nothing to do with his campaign, but I think if he was qualified enough for the position he would have had a more successful result."

After many attempts, Susan Del Percio, the spokeswoman for John Faso, said she was unable to comment on either the GOP's abandonment or Minarik's remarks at this time.

The Democratic contender,

Eliot Spitzer, was ahead of Faso in the polls early on. As of Oct. 8, Faso was 50 points behind. In a WNBC interview, Faso said that he was making a small impression on voters because Spitzer was not willing to debate him in New York City where Faso would be given more visibility," and would be more publicized.

Faso had not been working on his own publicity as much as he could have been. He spent much of his campaign attacking Alan Hevesi, the State Comptroller who was accused by the ethics commission of having a state employee drive his wife. This proved very effective, leaving Hevesi engulfed in his scandal throughout the past few weeks, but it has not done anything to hide Faso from the media.

A political attack ad endorsed by Faso was released in late Oct. attacking Spitzer for continuing to support Hevesi. Possibly in response to this ad, Spitzer stopped endorsing Hevesi shortly after.

A Marist College poll that delivered its results on Nov. 1 still showed that Spitzer was ahead 69 percent to Faso's 24 percent. Similarly, a Quinnipiac University poll showed Spitzer leading 71-22 percent over Faso.

On Nov. 6, Gov. George Pataki said that he wanted Republicans to vote with force just as they had when he had been running for office. Pataki proceeded to list the candidates Republicans should vote for, in the end mentioning everyone's name on the ballot except Faso.

## Cuomo beats Pirro after campaign rife with accusations, scandal

"It's kind of crazy to me that it comes out illegally a little over 40 days before an election," said Pataki. "And certainly those that leaked it, owe it to her to come to a quick resolution and let the public know what that resolution is promptly."

During mid-term election campaigning, citizens are left wondering how the personal lives of the candidates reflect their potential to be effective political leaders. Some like Bruce Luske, PhD, sociology, believe that a candidate's private affairs should not be considered relevant.

"A political figure's private life

ought to be of little public concern overall," said Luske. "For example, issues involving sex between mutually consenting adults ought to be off limits. Only past actions that have been proven empirically to be illegal or clearly demonstrated to be cruel or degrading to other people and animals (not just rumors or hearsay of same) should be admissible in public debate as potential negative impacts on his/her career. I also suppose that all proven private positive acts of charity, etc. ought to be admissible. Everything else ought to be off limits."

If allegations against candidates are connected to illegal activity Lauren Woodruff, a senior at St. Rose College, Albany said that the public has the right to know.

"Well I think that their private life as far as criminal records go should be looked into, but as far as family life etc, no way," said Woodruff.

This means that if Pirro was found guilty of wiretapping, the people would have the right to know before voting her into office. Christopher Tozzi, a history major at Cornell University, said that private and public life

need to be separate in order to ensure fairness.

"I don't think a candidate's private affairs should have any impact on his public life, since public and private life should, I think, be separated in all cases," said Tozzi. "Separation of public and private life, after all, is one of the Enlightenment ideas upon which modern societies are supposed to be based. If public and private lives are allowed to mix, it makes it easier for the state to interfere in highly personal affairs like religion, and I think everyone agrees that that's not appropriate."

Tozzi also makes reference to how the private lives of politicians are not likely to impact how they can perform politically.

"It should also be obvious enough that what goes on in a politician's home and any personal problems he might have would ordinarily not impact his ability to do his job anymore than private problems would impair the professional life of a plumber, for instance," said Tozzi. "Moreover, moral codes like the one Pirro is accused of violating are arbitrary, so it doesn't matter if she's done some-

thing in her home that violates social norms, even if that were the appropriate concern of individuals outside her home."

Shannon Roper, PhD, communication arts, said that the use of private information between competitors should be allowed as long as it does not obstruct the candidates ability to perform in office.

"As long as it doesn't interfere with their job," said Roper. "Then it's fine."

## World Community Grid promoted by Van Dyke's communications capping class

By ROB CELLETTI  
Circle Contributor

Do something by doing nothing. That is the slogan that one group from Professor Mark Van Dyke's Communications capping class has come up with to promote IBM's philanthropic project, World Community Grid.

The students in Van Dyke's section of capping have been charged with the task of using their communication skills to increase the amount of devices (computers) that are running on the Grid and promote awareness of the project among the Marist community.

Although the class is divided into four teams, they are working together to try and achieve their goals. Students have also met with Catharine Collins, of IBM media relations, and Sheila Appel, IBM Corporate Community Relations Manager, to discuss ideas and receive feedback about their plans.

"We believe that students are gaining important skills by working with IBM and are hopeful that these skills will transfer to their first jobs after graduation," said Appel. "We [also] hope to see participation in World Community Grid increase dramatically."

World Community Grid was

launched in 2004 by IBM and was endorsed by Marist College and President Dennis Murray. It functions by taking the idle power of computers and putting it towards calculations which contribute to medical and scientific research. Among the projects benefiting from World Community Grid contributions are AIDS and cancer research.

Much of this information may sound familiar to Marist students. That is because World Community Grid runs when most of the school's public-use computers go to a screen saver. Currently, some Marist computers are running the

"Fight AIDS @ Home" project.

Professor Van Dyke sees this capping project as unique in that students get the opportunity to work hands on with a major worldwide organization.

"This project is the perfect opportunity for students and organizations outside Marist to work together," said Van Dyke. "First, students enjoy working on real-world projects that have such humanitarian appeal. Second, organizations like IBM can benefit from the problem solving abilities of bright, young students."

Students have been challenged by Van Dyke and IBM to "think

outside the box" when trying to reach people and get them to sign up for the Grid. The students have responded to the challenge by coming up with a multitude of ideas.

Senior Vickie Gettler is a member of one team which has planned to shoot a television commercial, hand out fliers and promotional items at Marist basketball games, and run an "Internet Café" on campus where students can bring their laptops, sign up and receive a free cup of coffee as incentive.

"As a class, we're trying to find creative ways to connect with our audiences: Marist students, faculty

and staff and the local community," said Gettler. "We hope our efforts turn into positive results for this great cause."

Students from the class have gone door-to-door in freshman residence halls and even spoken to local high schools to try and get them to join the Grid.

One group has also planned a talent show to try and spread the word about World Community Grid. There will be free food at this event which will take place Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cabaret.

# Recent military editorial calls for Rumsfeld's resignation

By DANIEL BLACK  
Staff Writer

An amusing concurrence of unrelated events unfolded in the hours leading up to Election Day. Dick Cheney has decided to go hunting, any volunteers to accompany him? The much anticipated Saddam verdict was handed down. Death. I believe that takes the cake for least shocking court decision of recent history, though it seldom takes so much time and hassle for an imperial empire to agree upon beheading the trophy of their conquests. Ironically, this happened around the same time that military newspapers appealed to George Bush to fire his defense secretary, Donald Rumsfeld. It appears these two old friends,

Saddam and Donald, are lately having very rough days. Part of me wonders if the two men who are seen shaking hands in a 1983 picture, when Rumsfeld was working for Reagan and fully aware that Hussein was exterminating his own people, could have foreseen things unraveling as they are today.

There are, to be certain, distinct differences between the two gentlemen; only one has faced justice for his crimes and only one will be put to death. The other, Rumsfeld, has his job on the line, but I am confident he has nothing to worry about; Bush has informed us he will retain Rumsfeld until the end of his presidency. This disheartening expression of contempt toward the common people is anything

but surprising; Bush adamantly refuses to acknowledge the humanity of the military he perpetually and needlessly puts in harm's way. He has never sub-

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mitted to or even seriously considered their desires, routinely ignoring the will of his own people, and operating with absolute autonomy from any sense of justice or decency. Why would this smug style of repressive leadership suddenly change?

The river of corruption flowing forth from the White House has had periods of flooding and dry spells just the same, but Rumsfeld's protection will

apparently remain constant. We have only 2 years and 2 months to wait until America and the world are paroled from Bush's tyranny; some believe even less. At that point, Rumsfeld's immunity dissolves, and the world may deal with him according to

its will. I speak harshly about this man, a U.S. government official, but I scarcely believe anyone who is politically aware and honestly concerned for the world's health could do otherwise. There is a substantial and highly incriminating record, in print, of various crimes -violations of international law- that Rumsfeld, along with a lengthy list of his colleagues, has committed. Human rights watch, Amnesty International, the ACLU, and other non-profit NGOs have piled very high the evidence against him and many other men, and still they enjoy job security.

There is a process, an old tradition, of removing men from power, the use of which is long overdue. The Center for

Constitutional Rights, a non-profit partnership of attorneys that specialize in constitutional law, drafted four articles of impeachment against our president. Good for them; has anything of value materialized from their work? I believe that when we see these murderers fall from their power and stand trial for their actions, we can rest assured justice has been achieved. We saw Saddam fall; now he faces death. Maybe someday we shall see the American equivalents of Saddam fall as well; and they will face something, something drastic if there is, at all, justice in this world.

# Democratic win is no sweeping mandate for new policy

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

According to exit polls released the first hour of Nov. 8, the Democratic Party is projected to gain a majority of the seats in the United States House of Representatives and have currently picked up three of the six net spots necessary to take control of the Senate. The balance of power in Congress, as a result, has been wrested from Republican hands for the first time since 1994.

Democratic leaders, including Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-California) and Senator Harry Reid (D-Nevada) are already celebrating what they have characterized as a mandate for considerable change in both domestic and foreign policy.

"Tonight is a great victory for the American people," Pelosi said in a speech to supporters. "Today the American people voted for change, and they voted for Democrats to take the country in a new direction. The American people voted to restore honor and integrity in Washington D.C."

Of course, exit polls have been proven wrong before, and due to the razor thin margin between victory and defeat in several key

states, it would be premature to definitively declare overall victory in either the House or Senate for the Democrats. The final count regarding the Virginia and Montana Senate seats in particular are still a toss-up, and some contested

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Congressional districts like the eighth and twelfth in Georgia continue to cloud the final tally of this election. (www.CNN.com)

Whatever the final outcome of this election, however, there is one key point that should be kept in mind. That is, the notion espoused by pundits and politicians that a Democratic win creates a mandate for that party concerning national policy and especially the war in Iraq is simply wrong. Look at it by the numbers - in all of the key races nationwide, there was an extremely thin margin of votes determining a win or a loss. Perhaps one to three percentage points (merely a few hundred

thousand votes) separated candidates, according to CNN.com.

In order to merit a mandate, politically speaking, there should have been a broader distance in the polling data favoring the Democrats. There was not. Recall that, in the vast majority of polls conducted during the

past two years, support for sustaining protracted operations in Iraq has appeared to greatly wane. If this election really was a statement by the American people

regarding this war, voting should have reflected this so-called dissatisfaction. Going strictly by the numbers, this just

is not so.

Following this assertion, there are two possible explanations for this anomaly.

Number one, the war is not nearly as unpopular as data suggests.

The second, more probable explanation is that this mid-term congressional election did not hinge on national issues like the war. As Chris Matthews quips in his best-seller *Hardball*, "all politics is local."

So, all of the rhetoric spouted by prominent Democrats, including presidential hopeful Barak Obama, about a shift in the polit-

ical winds and a clear call for new leadership redirecting national policy is based on a mis-

**Democrat lawmakers have said on numerous occasions that they are not weak on national security and support winning the crucial war on terror. They may soon have the opportunity to make good on these promises.**

conception. However much they keep stating that the force of the American people's will backs and guides their actions, it is not so. If, as seems likely at this point, they gain the upper hand in the House of Representatives (or for that matter, the Senate), I can

only hope that they make and attempt to legislate based on a bipartisan consensus in the interest of the common good. Democrat lawmakers have said on numerous occasions that they are not weak on national security and support winning the crucial war on terror. They may soon have the opportunity to make good on these promises. There will be, however, a caveat to their newfound grasp on power - they had better not screw it up. This may seem self-evident, but after more than a decade of highlighting Republican debacles, failing to deliver in a big way could spell disaster in 2008. More importantly, it could spell disaster for this nation.

## Letters to the Editor

### Marist College Web site does not reflect "wired" reputation

To the Editor,

I can't help but overhear the tour guides in the library boasting about how "wired" Marist College is. I admit, there are cable jacks everywhere, even in

the bathrooms (for some reason). Yet, considering our status of a "technological giant", we seem to be lacking an impressive website. Our site, www.marist.edu, is quite boring and plain. I offer anyone reading

this to go to another college's website. They will be amazed at their achievements and our shortcomings. I hope this letter will spark some sort of change in the outlay of our website; in today's highly competitive col-

lege admissions process, people judge a college not by its cover, but by its website.

Thanks,  
Dennis DiBari

### Student interest in politics critical during time of elections

To the Editor,

Last week, *Circle* writer James Marconi revealed something I and a number of other Americans found very unsettling: the admission of two Marist freshmen that they are politically amiss and, as a result, uncomfortable with the idea of participating in the democratic process. I can detail extensively why this constitutes a crisis of democracy, but to do so would likely spark further disinterest in informed participation. Suffice it to say that a healthy amount of curiosity and a small amount of committed effort on everyone's part would work wonders to resolve this crisis. I feel it is necessary, however, to explain why this curiosity and commitment are essential.

Whatever it is that "confuses" some and fails to hold the "interest" of others is the precise same thing that caused the deaths of 2828 U.S. servicemen and the led to the untimely demise of, as estimated by Iraqi physicians and U.S. epidemiol-

ogists, 654,965 Iraqi citizens. An ugly truth that we must face, that some people become easily confused or simply don't care and then other people die by the hundreds of thousands, should seriously bother all Marist students who dislike bureaucratically-enveloped genocide. Those students, once sufficiently bothered (myself and hopefully at least 2 freshmen), should consider democracy and all that it implies.

Democracy is an opportunity for the common people to redistribute the power of their government, to effectively shatter the concentrations of power that, in recent history, have proven so toxic to any hope for freedom and justice as may be enjoyed by citizens and foreign cultures they directly influence, and to ensure the safekeeping of that same freedom and justice by procuring an amount of that power for themselves. A democratic society whose own people fail to know and practice democracy is not democratic at

all. We see this unfolding today in the multitude of ways that, because of collective ignorance and inaction, the public interests cannot be satisfied because they are underprioritized by government. This government, because it is not enslaved by the people, defers to different forms of enslavement, most often those found in the corporate and private interests sectors. People can only observe, powerlessly, as their jobs migrate overseas and the middle class falls prey to predatory corporations whose power swells out of control and they cry out against these trends for their elected representatives to act on their behalf. Routinely, these representatives fail their people, a pattern that illuminates the truism that the people must fight else they will become victims of their own shiftless apathy. As a matter of convention, power behaves in its own interest and will only obey the will of a people that forces its own will upon it. Because the power of this gov-

ernment is colossal, when the people decide against controlling it, surely something else will, and indeed something else has. Individuals skeptical of my assessment would do well to realize that the war in Iraq is not approved of by our citizen's majority, has never been since even before it began, but our soldiers continue to die overseas, against this nation's desires.

The midterm elections have come and gone; at the time of this writing (11/3/06), I cannot speak with certainty of what their outcomes were, but I can speak with confidence that if enough voting-age Americans identify with the two freshmen, the outcomes were dire from the perspective of the public interest, dire for the sole purpose that the public has collectively failed to demand what is rightfully theirs: things numerous but that can easily be summed up in a single word: Democracy.

-Daniel Black

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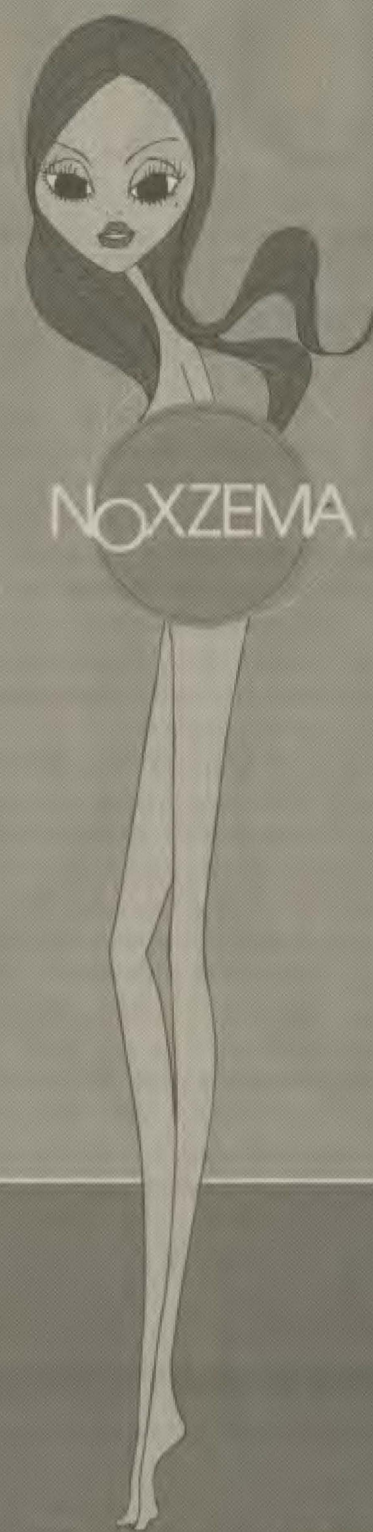
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## Broken leg blues for one of Marist's own

By ALISON BOYLE  
Staff Writer

Let's face it; for many, college is a huge transition from the simple pleasures of home. For the most part, Marist does a pretty good job at creating an environment that is not a carbon copy of home, but rather, a unique, mature, and yet still warm and hospitable atmosphere. The cafeteria food, although not mom's famous chicken parm, fits fine for most, the dorm rooms are exceptionally nice, the scenery is simply breathtaking, the entertainment brought here is remarkably up-to-date and engaging, the cabaret is the answer to any of life's late night cravings, and the teachers are some of the most down to earth, easy to get along with people. What about injured students though? Getting hurt or sick while away from home can be one of the most frightening experiences. Students must somehow balance recovering, with maintaining work standards and getting themselves to class everyday. What does Marist do to help its students, and what improvements could be made to the system?

My roommate here at Marist, Kate Fox, is a freshman on the woman's soccer team, and is one of the most active individuals I

have ever met. She somehow ends up being able to make it from practice, to class, meetings and back for homework. I also know what her life became like here at school when she broke her leg. The simplest things such as howling, walking to the cafe, or making it to class on time, became nearly impossible for her. Kate says "I have to leave at 7:15 a.m. to 'crutch' myself from Champagnat to Fontaine in time for an 8 a.m. class." Most of us know the extreme pain of having to wake up 5 minutes before a morning class, let alone having to wake up 45 minutes before hand.

So what can Marist College do to help its students in situations like Kate's? Health Services on the Marist website lists its purpose as "to foster and maintain the good health of Marist College students through preventative measures, education, and treatment of illnesses, injuries and emotional problems." The keyword in there is preventative, which is exactly what the staff in Health Services, does extremely well. I have seen first hand that Health Services is very helpful in trying to determine what is wrong with you, and if they can not, never hesitates to send you to St. Francis for further help. But after the student is diagnosed and bandaged up, there seems to be very little that Health Services

can do for a student. A member of the staff in Health Services says that there are wheel chairs that can be rented out, but only a limited number of them. So for people like Kate, when a wheelchair is already rented out, options begin to run dry. Health Services advises your next best bet would be to go across the street to a surgical supply center and rent whatever you need. You can try "Alamo Medical and Surgical Supply Co." located right on North Road but, unfortunately that is going to cost money coming right out of your own pocket.

My roommate's next thought was to contact Security on campus for some help in getting to class. Sorry to say there really is not much Security could do for her either. Like my roommate, you might find it ridiculous that security trucks can pick up a student who can walk to their dorm, but can't pick up a student on crutches. There is a reason for this though. When I spoke with the head of Security, John Gildard, he informed me that they are legally not allowed to transport any injured students because of insurance. If a student worsens his/her injury while getting in or out of the security truck, the school is liable for that. So what can you do in order to make your morning commute to class easier? If you

drive, and would like to get a parking spot closer your class buildings, you need to travel outside of Marist for help as well. If you have a serious injury that is going to last for an extended period of time, you can apply to your individual state for a handicap permit. Mr. Gildard says that Marist will never ticket anyone who has a handicap permit, regardless of where he/she parks.

One office at Marist that can actually aid injured students is The Center for Academic Advising. If a student is hurt, and will be absent for a prolonged period of time, like my room-

mate, all that is needed is a medical letter informing the school of your ordeal, and your teachers will instantly be notified. The center will even give a student their teacher's e-mail addresses in order to establish contact if you can't make it to class, either because of your injury or if you need to return home for more help and are in need of the work.

Marist College is known for being one of the best places to get a higher education from its students, alumni, and faculty alike. That is not to say that the college should not continually be trying to improve. Injured stu-

dents here at Marist can always be found, and when away from the comfort of home, need to be given every opportunity possible to be able to function daily. Hopefully, in the months to come, the college will realize the growing number of hurt students, and begin to initiate new programs of service for them (or at least some new wheelchairs!) In the meantime, take full advantage of what you can here on campus and around it, and try not to become one of the many that have fallen prey to injury this year.



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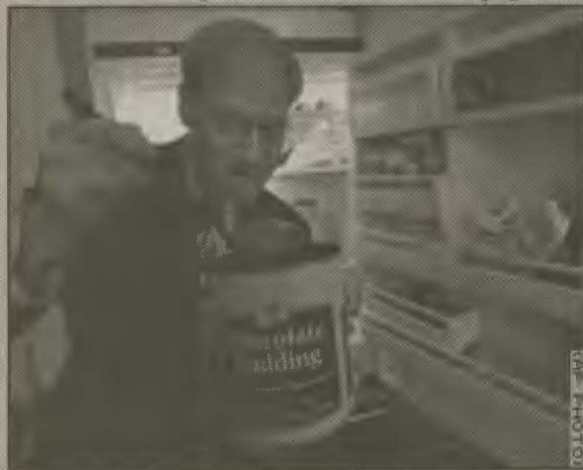
### Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY  
Health Editor

#### ONE PROFESSOR'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Professor Brian Wansink of Cornell University has spent the past few years trying to uncover exactly what drives us to repetitively sink our hands into mounds of buttery popcorn or mountains of creamy chocolate. His specialty: food psychology.

In his attempt to uncover the why we eat and what we eat he has discovered some amazing things which govern our habits. For instance, if a bowl of M&M's contains large amounts of different colors, people are more apt to eat an excess amount of candies compared to the less colorful, less full bowls of chocolate. He also found that we eat more popcorn during sad dramatic films compared to the amount of popcorn



we eat during comedic films.

In his new book, "Mindless Eating, Why We Eat More than We Think We Eat," Wansink explores the hidden reasons why we are compelled to eat certain foods and discusses strategies to help overcome these habits.

According to Wansink, the answer lies not in counting carbs, or obsessing over fat content, but in a concentrated effort to control factors which promote unhealthy eating.

Smaller plates, according to Wansink's post-doctoral research promote smaller portions, albeit, they remain susceptible to receiving more servings in smaller portions. Wansink found that people make up to 200 food related decisions per day, and that changing one's habits can often be a difficult process to break.

During his research, Wansink found that people often base their decisions on the cues offered to them in their surroundings. In a closed room experiment, participants were served tomato soup in a self filling bowl. Wansink found that without the visual cue of an empty bowl, many people ate much more than just the 12 ounce bowl of soup that appeared before them.

I decided to write things that would always have a takeaway for consumers," he said.

Some of his most provocative work casts doubt on the value of nutrition labels for consumers. He believes people are either too busy or distracted to read packages reported CNN.

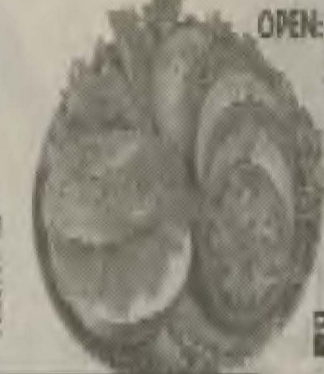
This seems to be a recurring theme for most American consumers as we are bombarded by nutritional information and misrepresented serving sizes, Wansink cautions the consumer to pay attention to their surroundings and their food cues.



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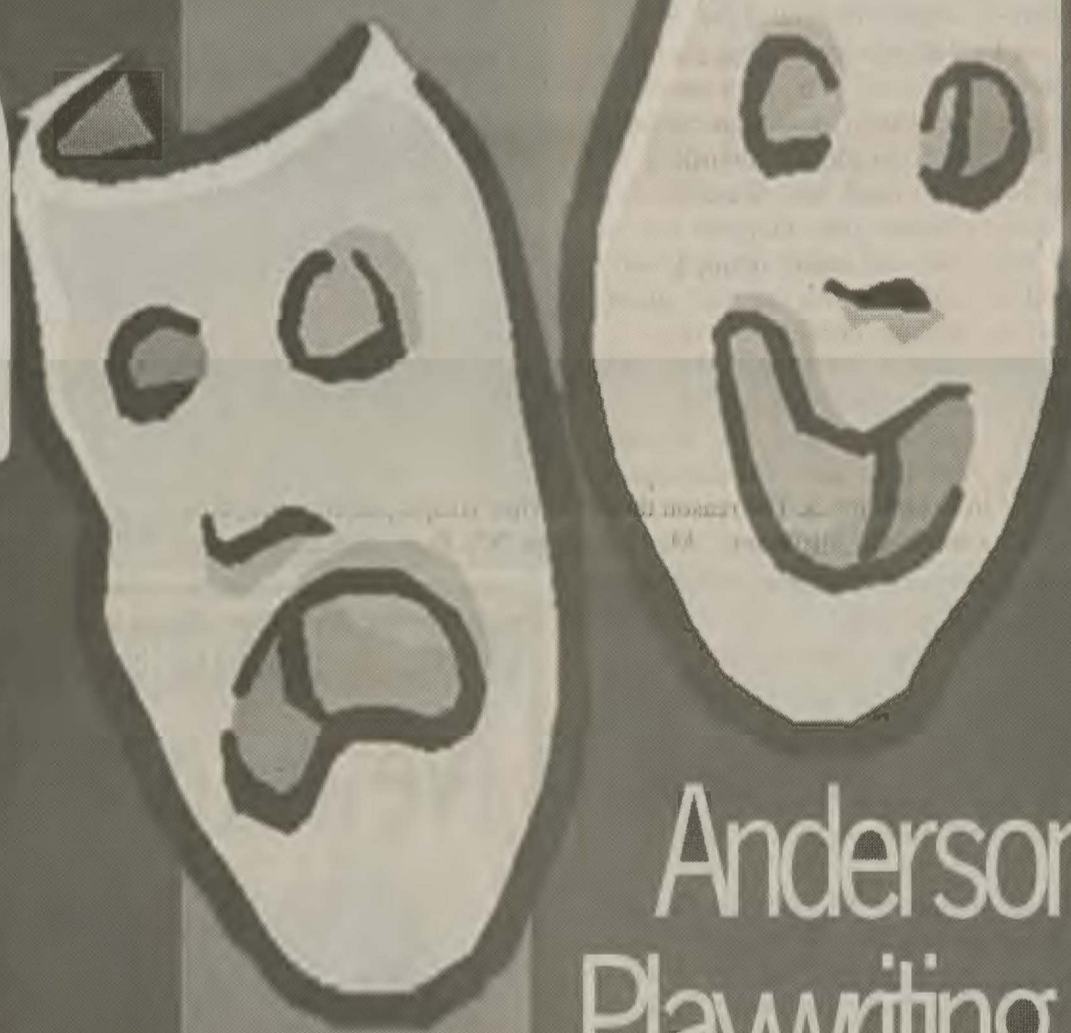
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# A night with the stars at the mtvU Woodie Awards

By ANDREW OVERTON  
Staff Writer

The "mtvU Woodie Awards" are the only awards voted on exclusively by college students. The Woodies recognize the artists that college students are listening to, and usually lead to mainstream success for many artists. Past Woodie winners include Fall Out Boy, Death Cab for Cutie, and The Killers.

On Oct. 25 the 2006 mtvU Woodie Awards were held at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City right between Broadway and 8th Ave. With performances from Beck, Gym Class Heroes,

Delonge said. "We're quality and epic."

David Kennedy, Angels & Airwaves other guitarist, offered a much simpler explanation: "We use delay pedals."

"The main difference about Angels & Airwaves was that when we created the band all of us needed to make music that made us feel like we were leaving our past lives behind," Delonge, formerly of blink-182, said. "The band has a message and a reason for its existence, rather than just trying to get girls and make money."

Delonge has grown up since the light-hearted, punky days of

line about the guy in the artwork with the umbrella," referring to the picture in the album insert.

In concert Angels & Airwaves have unveiled a new eight and a half minute long song fully loaded with three different movements.

"We wrote a song that's called 'The Star of Bethlehem, and it's about Christmas...but it is more about the idea of coming over a mountain, seeing a star in the sky, and hoping to God that you can bring something to offer, but it can offer you so much more," Delonge explained. "It had the ability to lift you off the ground a little bit and make you feel like you're flying. And it worked."

Fellow Woodie of the Year nominee, Gym Class Heroes, have ridden the success of their most recent album "Cruel As School Children" straight to the Woodies. Their Woodie of the Year nomination topped a very successful year in which the Gym Class Heroes have become a household name in music.

Although lead singer Travis McCoy claims that "Cruel As School Children" is not a concept record, "it's definitely cohesive with an overall theme of adolescent debauchery."

The Gym Class Heroes are very unique in that McCoy raps while the rest of the band play live instruments. The reason they sound so different, McCoy claims, was largely impacted by the relatively weak music scene in Geneva and Syracuse, New York where the band was formed.

"In particular areas where there is a thriving music scene a lot of the bands that come out of the area sound the same, but we did not have that privilege because there was nothing where we were at," McCoy said. "There's never been a place for us to fit in."

"So we created a place," Drummer Matt McGinley added.

The Academy Is... was also hoping that by the end of the night they could take home the Woodie of the Year.

Adam Siska, the Academy Is... bassist was very blunt, "I want to get a Woodie tonight, no pun intended."

Currently, The Academy Is... is excited to begin recording their new album. Siska expects their new tracks to bring some more Woodie nominations.

"All that we're focused on, and all that we're thinking about is making the best record that we can for each other and for whoever will listen to it," frontman William Beckett said. "The more people that listen to our record

that's better for us... We feel like we're already blessed being here, right now, at the Woodie Awards."

Atmosphere was the last Woodie of the year nominee at the show. Just like Beckett of the Academy Is..., Slug of Atmosphere was very grateful to mtvU for the chance to be part of the show.

In addition, Slug was also looking forward to the live performances. "I'm really interested in seeing Radio on the Radio perform," Slug said. "I like how [the Woodies] is a showcase; you get a little of this band, a little of that band."

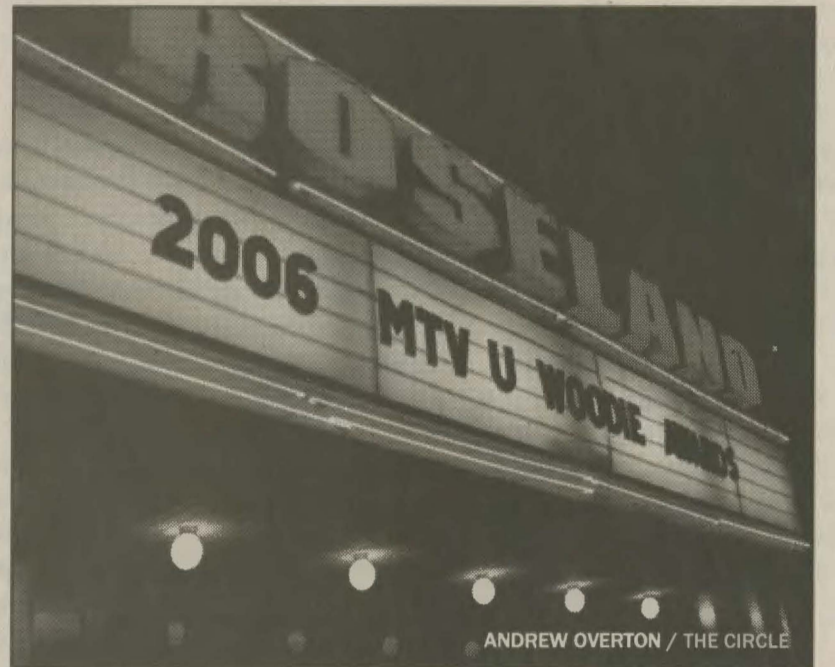
When the last of the invitees had graced the red carpet, the first of the performances began. Imogen Heap was ready to kick off the evening with a haunting performance of her international hit "Hide and Seek."

"A lot of the reason why I'm here today is because of 'The O.C.'" Heap said. "Hide and Seek" was featured in the third season of "The O.C."

Heap was nominated for two Woodies including the Left Field Woodie, given to the most original artist. Heap's sound is very unique blend of electronica and singer-songwriter material.

"I would like to coin a new genre: eclectic," Heap said.

After Heap's performance, college DJs from across the coun-



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Action), Gorillaz (Best Video Woodie-Animated), System of a Down (The Good Woodie), Taking Back Sunday (Road Woodie), A.F.I. (Alumni Woodie), O.A.R. (Streaming Woodie), and The Subways (International Woodie).

For the Plain White T's and The Subways this was a completely new experience. Neither band had ever attended an awards show before.

"We're more nervous than anything. We've never really done awards shows." The Subway's guitarist and vocalist, Billy Lunn, said. "We're still these three English kids from small town England, and we're just playing rock and roll. So stuff

"Guero." Beck was joined on the big screen by marionettes, which replicated his and his band's move.

Before the show, Beck was asked about the marionettes. "They're a little bit unreliable, the puppets. They're troublemakers." The marionettes added a little something extra to what was a truly good performance even for Beck.

The Gym Class Heroes, Woodie of the Year hopefuls, took the stage before the Woodie of the Year Award was actually announced. Their performance featured the hit single "The Queen and I" and "Cupid's Chokehold" during which William Beckett of The Academy Is... came out and sang the chorus.

Finally, Ghostface Killah, formerly of Wu Tang Clan, came out to announce this year's winner of Woodie of the Year.

The Gym Class Heroes, Atmosphere, Angels & Airwaves, and The Academy Is... were all shifting in their seats as Ghostface opened the envelope. "The winner is...Angels & Airwaves," Ghostface screamed.

Delonge and Kennedy strolled onstage to accept the Woodie of the Year.

"It always feels good to be acknowledged for something," Delonge said. "Just two years ago I was in a different band, and I had no idea that I would be here with Angels & Airwaves. But, I must say that there's a couple things that I've learned. If you have the vision to see yourself doing something you can do it, you can feel any way you want to feel, and you can do any fucking thing you want to do...Challenge yourself to change the world."



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Above, Tom Delonge, formerly of blink-182, accepts the Woodie of the Year award. In his speech, he challenged the crowd to change the world and advocated an open-minded approach to living.

tries were joined by an assortment of presenters to announce and award the various Woodie winners.

Some of the winners included Plain White T's (The Breaking Woodie), Gnarl Barkley (Left Field Woodie), 30 Seconds to Mars (Best Video Woodie-Live

like this, New York, and red carpet, it's just another world to us. We just want to get in there, moonwalk, have a beer, and have a good time."

The next act on the stage was alternative-god, Beck. Beck performed "Naseau" from his newest record and "E-Pro" off of



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Above, Beck performs at the mtvU Woodie Awards.

TV on the Radio, and Imogen Heap, along with a star-studded guest list, the show was sure to not disappoint.

The guest list included Katt Williams, Plain White T's, Lupe Fiasco, Ghostface Killah, Lady Sovereign, 30 Seconds to Mars, Angels & Airwaves, Feist, Cage, Atmosphere, MURS, The Academy Is..., Gogol Bordello, The Subways, and Nightmare of You.

As the artists arrived they were greeted on the red carpet by VH1 and Vibe magazine, but most notably by eleven college journalists from across the country. The artists were more than willing to talk about everything from the Woodies to their sex lives and everything in between.

The nominees for Woodie of the Year included Gym Class Heroes, Panic! At the Disco, Angels & Airwaves, The Academy Is..., and Atmosphere.

Tom Delonge, the lead guitar and vocals of Angels & Airwaves, was not too shy to share how his band separates themselves from the rest of the Woodie nominees.

"We're fuckin' awesome,"

blink-182 and this musical maturity has paid off - Angels & Airwaves debut album "We Don't Need To Whisper" sold over 100,000 copies in the U.S. it's first week.

"We made a record that spoke to us in a very optimistic, epic kind of way," Delonge explained. "We really are trying to be a part of a movement with a bunch of different people that want to be involved, that look at the world differently, and feel different in that world as well."

When plans for "We Don't Need To Whisper" were first announced, so were plans for a corresponding film. Consequently, there have been countless rumors floating around concerning the film. Delonge cleared up most of the rumors.

"We're working on two different films. One is basically the inception of Angels & Airwaves," Delonge said. "It's got C.G.I., performance footage, documentary, and in-the-studio footage."

Delonge refused to reveal anything about the second film except that it's "a fictional story-

great theater owner Mr. Zangler, is forced into the family banking business. He is sent by his controlling mother to Deadrock, Nevada to foreclose a piece of property. It is in this lethargic and provincial town that Bobby meets and immediately falls in love with Polly who owns and has sentimental attachments to the theatre which he is meant to shut down. In an attempt to win her heart, Bobby plans out an entire scheme to rejuvenate the theatre. It all becomes a whirlwind of confusion and misunder-

standing as the once sluggish town spirals into a chaotic disarray of emotions.

I was extremely impressed with the overall production. Everything ran smoothly from start to finish, engaging the audience with slapstick humor and realistic emotions. Matt Wolfe, who played the lead Bobby Child, put his heart and soul into the performance. It was apparent that he truly understood his character and enjoyed every second of portraying him onstage. Polly Baker, Bobby's love interest, was

acted by Cali LaSpina, whose performance grew stronger as the play proceeded. The two leads both had amazing vocal talents as well as acting skills, and truly made the play into a sophisticated rendition of the famous Broadway musical.

The entire cast had an intense liveliness that energized the audience. I particularly enjoyed the Cowboys, a group of goofy guys who at times were nothing less than hysterical. Their antics created the greatest positive response of the audience, mov-

ing us all into fits of laughter.

Although I thoroughly enjoyed "Crazy for You," from the acting to the props, I thought that compared to the strong leads, the backup singers did not have the strongest voices. Singing as an ensemble they were outstanding, but when they sang or spoke individually it was often hard to hear them. They were incredibly skilled dancers, however, and I especially enjoyed the large dance numbers that included the entire cast. The only true blunder that was perceivable to the

audience occurred when a puff of white powder blew up from the hair one of the performers who was portraying an old man. The actors handled it well though, keeping in character as the audience laughed loudly.

Overall, the cast and crew of "Crazy for You" put on a phenomenal show. Witnessing such talent certainly entices me to see more MCCTA productions.

## It is easy to go 'Crazy' for MCCTA's "Crazy for You"

By KAITLYN ZAFONTE  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the Marist College Council on Theatre Arts (MCCTA), performed its fall musical "Crazy for You." Based on the book "Girl Crazy" by Guy Bolton and Jack Mc Gowan and featuring songs by Ira and George Gershwin, the play chronicles the struggles of an aspiring performer in the quest for stardom and love. Bobby Child, after failing to impress the

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## Homogeneity characterizes student population

### Admissions works to break the Marist mold

By BRIT FIORENZA  
Circle Contributor

Moving on to college acts as a transition from our sheltered hometowns into the real world. During the college search we all went on our fair share of tours in search of the school we could identify with the most. While visiting Marist I saw a beautiful campus and heard of all its attributes, but what I was most concerned with was trying to picture myself going here. The first time I came to Marist I had a tour guide who had just gotten back from studying abroad in France, and she was boasting about trips Marist offered into Manhattan. I identified with her right away and immediately tagged Marist as the college where I would fit in. Looking back this choice seems pretty deliberate; however, it was completely subconscious or at least second nature.

Now I wonder, did I find Marist's student body so appealing because I was able to identify with

someone who was living out my aspirations, or did I find it comforting that I found my persona replicated in a junior at Marist College? Everything in life is categorized and stereotyped, its human nature. There are the Ivy League schools, the prep schools, the artsy schools, the community schools, and with each of these different schools there are stereotyped students, and there is a trend with students flocking to the school that generally correlates to their character. It seems the typical Marist student is a white, upper-middle class, prep from New England.

There is an effort to increase diversity, not only on our campus, but on campuses nation wide, according to diversityweb.org, "When students went off to college this Fall, they entered more diverse campuses than ever before."

One must understand that there are two different types of diversity. The first being geographic diversity, the second being ethnic diversity. Both of these aspects must be addressed in order to fulfill

the ultimate amount of success on campus. Diversityweb.org also mentioned, "A survey of the most recent research suggests that, indeed, campus diversity is leading to significant educational and social benefits for all college students."

Under Marist website's Admissions page the average GPA, SAT, and ACT scores are posted as well as the geographic diversity at Marist College. For instance, students from the Midwest, the west coast, the north, the south, even Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands are currently enrolled at Marist. The only flaw with this information is the fact that for all we know, only one student may represent Virginia.

Luis Santiago, Marist's Director of on campus visits and events stated "In Admissions we're looking to increase geographic diversity as well as ethnic diversity, while recruiting the best and brightest high school students." Admissions seems to be focusing on scouring the country even the "unrepresented markets" for the best students. Therefore,

it is not conscious on Marist's part to seek out one general area, or profile its students based on ethnicity or economic backgrounds.

The Admissions Department is simply interested in finding exceedingly intelligent students. In efforts to maintain this standard, Admissions is partnered with the National Hispanic Recognition Program which is involved with the infamous College Board. This organization seeks students with exceptional PSAT scores. In addition, other programs such as Metro to Marist, host trips to Marist to familiarize high school seniors with our campus.

Fortunately, our college is insightful enough to include each and every aspect crucial to all of our success. The question of students choosing campuses based on their ability to assimilate into the student body is essential so long as there is an equal opportunity for geographical and ethnic diversity.

## Typical suburbia characterizes Marist's student body

By MATT SPILLANE  
Circle Contributor

Uniformity. That is the best way to describe Marist's student body in one word. Everyone here knows that almost all Marist students are the same. We have all heard the same jokes about the similarity: walking around campus is like looking in a mirror, etc. But the fact is, it could not be truer. Most of us are white, Catholic kids from New England suburbs who come from well-off families. There are few kids who do not meet these criteria, and they are quickly engulfed by the prep culture.

Every guy wears a tight, Abercrombie polo shirt with jeans and flip-flops. It could be ten degrees below zero and they would still be wearing that same outfit. The guys all have the same, short haircuts that can be blown out. They sport the preppy

look, but at the same time listen to rap as if they had grown up in Harlem. I do not even know how many times I have heard some white boy yell, "Ballin!" in the past couple weeks, as if they can relate to Jim Jones. Every guy was a big jock in high school that drove their own brand new car, owns a house at the Jersey Shore, and has enough money to go out each week and party. I cannot distinguish between the Ugg-wearing, Hollister-loving girls either. The Gucci sunglasses and trips to the tanning salon make me think that I am in Laguna Beach, not Poughkeepsie.

The similarity does not stop at appearance. Most kids hail from Northeast suburbs, which make students feel as if everyone is from the same hometown. About two-thirds of the student body consists of people from Long Island or New Jersey, which can make them feel like they never even left home.

They do not get to experience how people from other locations live, because almost everyone lives in the same area. All they know is white suburbia, which gives them a limited perspective and range of knowledge.

In addition to growing up in white suburbia, most students share religion and economic standing. Catholicism and affluent backgrounds are common among Marist kids. A good amount of students attended Catholic prep schools, and even the ones who attended public schools are often of the same religion and come from wealthy families. This results in a lot of students sharing the same beliefs and values. They have also grown up with the same luxuries, which include BMW Beamers in the driveway, trips to their summer houses, money in their pockets, and the freedoms of a partying lifestyle.

Every year Marist proclaims that the school is growing more diverse and reaching out to students of different ethnicities and backgrounds. Programs that support minority students, as well as helpful admission criteria, are supposed to be increasing the number of ethnicities and backgrounds in our student body. So far, though, it is still a bunch of identical Catholic kids from prosperous New England suburbs. Right now our student body has as much variety as our cafeteria. Drawing in minority students is a difficult task, because when they visit Marist all they see is the evident consistency of racial and ethnic backgrounds. Until the school does something to change that, we will continue to see nothing but kids who look like they just walked out of an Abercrombie catalogue.

## Freshman roommates: match not made in heaven

By CHELSEA MURRAY  
Circle Contributor

Every incoming freshman fills out a brief questionnaire at orientation that will determine the course of their first year's roommates. The questionnaire is brief and asks non-descriptive and non-personal questions that determine living situations and roommates for the next year. This system provides two new students with their own re-enact the popular show, "The Odd Couple," throughout their first year.

Many students have complained about the way roommates are chosen and I can personally say that the system doesn't match people together perfectly. Representatives from the

housing and residential life office said that they aren't planning on changing the housing questionnaire to make it any more advanced or in-depth. As a freshman, I have observed some bizarre match ups that may not have occurred if the questionnaire was more thorough and personal to each student.

Another housing issue that has been a concern to many students is where the transfer students from the Residence Inn hotel and the study abroad programs will be placed. Sarah English, the director of the department of housing and residential life said, "It's hard for new people to come in because they don't have a base [of familiarity with the college]." These students will be able to make requests with whom they

want to live with by the end of the semester. These students are also placed in vacancies of graduates, study abroad students or those that withdraw regardless of the reason.

Many different students have requested for the housing department to make a new questionnaire for the initial freshman roommate selections. Many of the students that I have come in contact with during the first few months wished the roommate process was more precise and a better match. I have had major roommate issues this year and maybe that could have been avoided if the process of choosing a roommate was more personal to my likes and needs as an incoming Marist college student.

## The gotham connection: Gray's Papaya is the best papaya

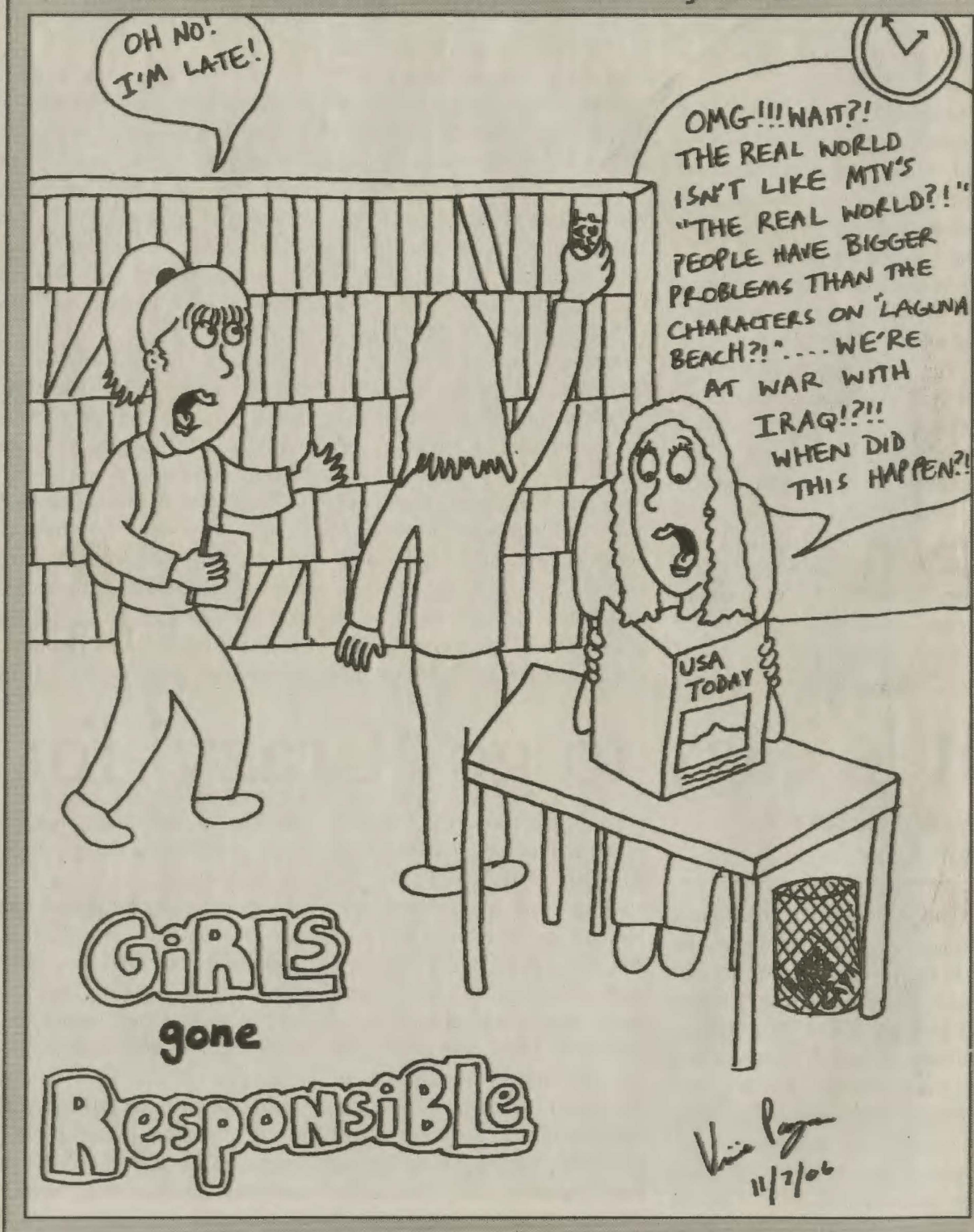
By JUSTINE MANN  
Staff Writer

Ever considered a meal of hot dogs and piña coladas? Okay, so it doesn't sound like the most appealing combination, but from what I have tried, it's yummy-delicious. Gray's Papaya serves this devilish duo (trio if you want another hot dog, which lets face it, everyone does) daily for the equally delicious price of around two bucks. Every hot dog is grilled to perfection and slipped into a nicely warmed puff of dough. Your order may appear to be ordinary hot dogs, but just one bite will prove them superior to their peers. While the menu is small, consisting of hot dogs

- hot dogs - hot dogs, their drink menu is composed of both extensive and exquisite shakes and smoothies. A personal favorite of mine is the piña colada, but their papaya smoothie takes the top spot as their most popular drink. When you're a hot dog restaurant in New York City you're expected to be good, and Gray's Papaya is one of the best. Unfortunately, when you're good, and not far from Chinatown, there are bound to be knock-offs. Many restaurants, such as the Papaya King, have sprouted up around the area, and have taken it upon themselves to steal not only the menu, but the name. Don't be fooled; the original is always better, which can be found at 72nd street and Broadway.

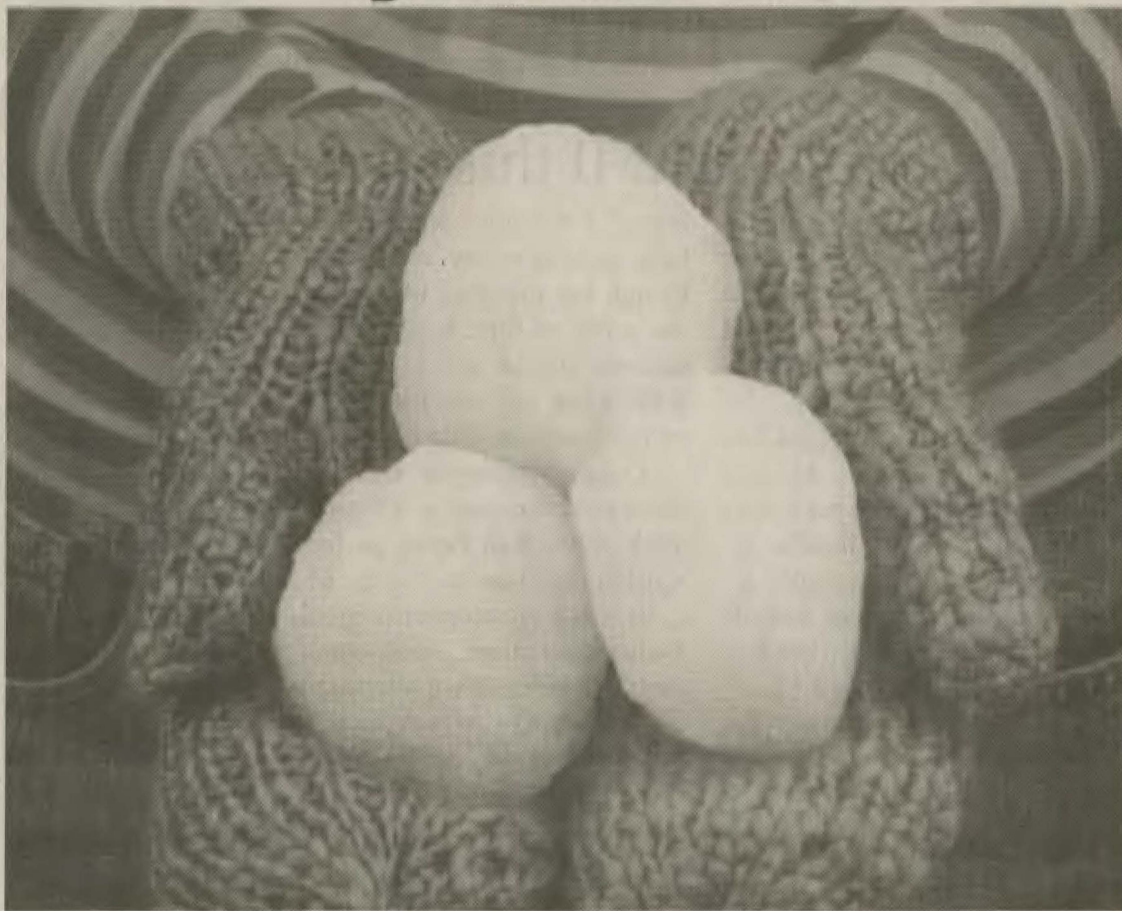
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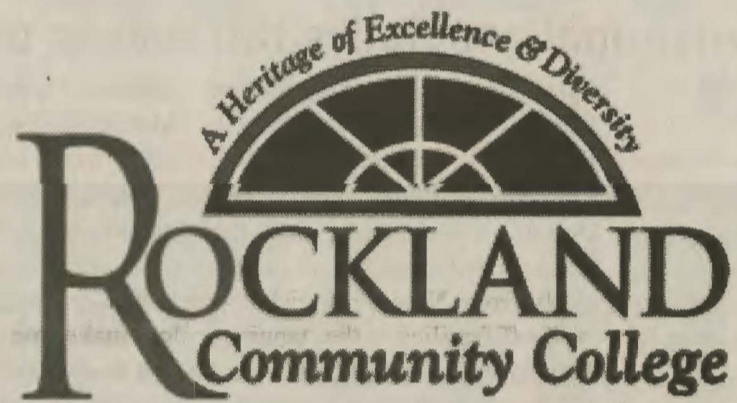
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## Marist gives up two fourth quarter TDs, fall to Hoyas 24-21

By BRIAN LOEW  
Staff Writer

After allowing two fourth quarter touchdowns in a game they clearly dominated, the Marist Red Foxes handed a 24-21 victory over to the Georgetown Hoyas Saturday in Washington D.C. The loss dropped Marist to 3-7 overall as Georgetown improved to 2-7.

An interception by Georgetown defensive back Derek Franks on the Georgetown 30-yard line with just 36 seconds left in the game spoiled a Marist comeback, after the Hoyas scored the go-ahead touchdown with under two minutes to play.

Marist got on the scoreboard first when the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) co-offensive player of the week, Adam Hansen, finished off a 54-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to put Marist up 7-0 with 3:55 left to play in the first quarter.

Two possessions later, freshmen O'Neil Anderson took over for Marist's offensive running game and ran for a 7-yard touchdown with 6:44 left in the second quarter. The play capped off an 84-yard drive that chewed up nearly seven minutes of the clock. Anderson lead the team in rushing on the day with 11 carries for 84 yards.

After Marist was called offside on the kickoff, sophomore Kenny Mitchell made Marist pay dearly with a 57-yard kickoff return that took the ball to the Marist 19-yard line. Three plays later, junior quarterback Matt Bassuener completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to running back Charlie Houghton to put the Hoyas on the board 14-7 with just 4:38 left to play in the half.

The Marist defense played an outstanding first half allowing only 69 total yards of offense in the first half by the Hoyas while the Red Foxes accumulated 207 yards of total offense.

The second half saw the Hoyas score first with a 26-yard field goal by Eric Bjonerud at the 9:44 mark. The 26-yard boot closed the gap to 14-10 Marist.

Marist's third touchdown of the day came after junior quarterback Steve McGrath lead a 73-yard charge down the field, including completing a critical 33-yard pass to senior wide receiver Daniel Dulac. McGrath completed the drive when he dove across the goal line for a 1-yard score, putting Marist up by 11 with 5:24 left to go in the third quarter. Unfortunately, this would be Marist's final score of the day. McGrath finished the day completing 19 passes for 232 yards with 3 interceptions and no passing touchdowns.

During Georgetown's first possession of the fourth quarter, Bassuener closed the gap once again when he completed a lofting 17-yard touchdown pass to linebacker Matt Cooper. After a failed two point conversion, the score remained 21-16 Marist.

On Georgetown's next possession which ate up nearly eight minutes of the clock, Bassuener struck again completing a 9-yard touchdown pass to running-back Erik Carter. The touchdown, followed by a successful two-point conversion, gave the Hoyas its first lead of the game 24-21 with only 1:57 left to play.

Georgetown's final push was enough to topple the Red Foxes. Marist's final chance to tie the game came when the Foxes made it to the Hoyas 46-yard line. McGrath's pass intended for Dulac, which would have put them in range for a Bradley Rowe kick, sailed over his head into the waiting arms of Georgetown's Derek Franks.

Marist was unable to convert on its three possessions in the fourth quarter and the Hoyas retained the lead from there to make the final score a heart-breaking 24-21.

Despite the outcome, Marist head coach Jim Parady said that the team played very well, they just had trouble closing out the game.

"We played a great football game throughout, we just came up a couple plays short at the end," Parady said. "Everything was there. It was a great college football game, as I told the team after. We just ended up coming out on the short end of the score. I was very happy with the way we performed, we're just going to have to learn to make one or two more plays to finish a game."

Parady said that Marist played well, but a few unfortunate plays resulted in the failure to keep the Hoyas at bay.

"If we had had the ability to get a few more first downs and flip the field, just to make them go a little bit further, I think we would've been okay," Parady said. "Our defense had to go back out after a three-and-out [at the end] and I think we just got a little tired."

The big focus for the Red Foxes this week is their upcoming conference match-up. Marist closes out the regular season with a home game versus conference rival, Iona this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Leonidoff Field.

A win Saturday would mean a share of the MAAC Championship title with Duquesne. Coach Parady said that the team has been focusing on winning the conference all season.

"We know a conference championship is on the line this week," he said. "If we win this game, we get a share of the conference championship, and that's been our goal throughout the season. It's right here in front of us, so we know that if we play our game and we win, then we'll get a share, and everybody has been excited to have that Saturday's loss to the Hoyas. The Foxes will take on Iona opportunity." on 11/11. A Red Fox win will earn them a share of the Senior MAAC title with Duquesne; their first since 1994.

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wide receiver Mike DiGiaino have the ability to make the plays, we just have to execute them," he said. "The coaches are instilling great game plans, and all we have to do is execute what they're telling us, and we're going to come out on top."

"We have the talent and we

## Foxes host Seawolves in opener on Friday



Meg Dahlman and the Red Foxes open the '06-'07 season on Friday at 7 p.m. vs. Stony Brook in the McCann Center.

By ERIC ZEDALIS  
Co-Sports Editor

The number two teams of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) and American East Conference in pre-season polls, Marist and Stony Brook, square off Friday in the McCann Center at 7 p.m.

Both teams boast two all-conference players and one all-rookie team member, who, according to head coach Brian Giorgis, create some intriguing individual matchups.

"You've got defensive player of the year, [guard, Alisa] Kresge, against probably the best offensive player in their conference in [guard] Mykeema Ford," he said. "Then you've got our best offensive player back in [forward/center] Meg Dahlman against their conference's best defensive player of the year in [forward] Dana Ferraro. There are some very intriguing matchups to go along

with some nice role players on both sides." Stony Brook's forward/center Jessica Smith and Mykeema Ford each earned conference second-team honors while Ferraro earned All-Rookie Team accolades. Ford went on to capture both titles with 17.5 ppg and 5.0 apg, while Smith was tops in the league with a .545 field goal percentage. Ferraro also finished seventh in the nation in rebounding.

Marist's Dahlman and Kresge earned first and third-team conference honors respectively and Julianne Viani garnered all-rookie team accolades as well.

Unfortunately, the Red Foxes will be without Viani because of a dislocated thumb she suffered in practice on Monday; however, Giorgis is confident in junior guard Nikki Flores.

"Nikki has stepped in before, when Julianne was sick last year, and done a great job," he said.

According to Giorgis, containing the Seawolves' potent scorers, attacking their defense inside where it has a size advantage, and handling their athleticism are going to be the keys to winning the game.

"How well we can contain Smith and Ford is going to be important. I think our ability to attack inside is

going to be important because we do have a size advantage. And then just how well we handle their athleticism, because they're just an outstanding team," he said.

For Marist to win, Giorgis also emphasized that it will require a team effort, not just one player carrying the load.

"We need a team effort from everybody if this is going to happen," he said. "We can't have one person trying to carry the load for us, we've got to do it as a team."

Not only will two outstanding teams fight it out on the court Friday night, two outstanding coaches will do battle from the sideline as well.

In head coach Maura McHugh's first season at Stony Brook last year, the Seawolves enjoyed their best season in school history with 20 wins.

Giorgis, in his fourth season at Marist last year, also led the Red Foxes to new heights with 23 wins, and finished off the year with both a regular season conference title and tournament championship.

McHugh has over 25 years of coaching experience at both the collegiate and professional levels. Before Stony Brook, she spent five seasons with the Sacramento Monarchs of the WNBA as an assistant coach from 1999-01 and head coach from 2001-03.

In the four years he has already coached at Marist, Giorgis has cemented a legacy of his own which includes at least a share of the MAAC coach of the year for the last three years.

Giorgis said he got to talk to McHugh this past summer, and he admires her not just as a coach but as a person.

"She's just a great lady," he said. "She's a great coach, she's coached professionally, coached at a big-time level in college at Oklahoma and Arizona State. She's not only a true, quality coach, but a real quality person as well."

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