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# Flu continues to spread on campus

By KRISTEN DOMONELL  
News Editor

Merrilynn Esteve's flu symptoms started with stomach pains late Saturday night. She woke up 10 times throughout the night sweating and feeling **campus health** achy.

"On Sunday, I woke up with a fever [of 103.6 degrees]," Esteve said. "My body felt like I just ran a marathon while lifting 200-pound weights. My stomach was so nauseous and my head was throbbing. It all happened overnight; it was so bizarre."

Esteve, a junior, is one of 250 students at Marist who have had Influenza Like Illness since the beginning of the semester—a number that is sure to grow.

Esteve said she went home to recover on Monday and was instructed by Health Services not to return to campus until she had been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of Advil or Tylenol.

The Center for Disease Control defines ILI as a fever greater than 100 degrees with a cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza.

"We continue to see more cases and will probably do so for the immediate future," said Deborah DiCaprio, Marist's vice president and dean of student affairs.

She said that as of Tuesday, Nov. 10, Marist has administered 650 seasonal flu vaccines at its flu clinics, and all 400 of the H1N1 vaccines received in the preliminary batch. The college is hoping to receive more H1N1 vaccines for future

clinics.

"If we get more vaccines and more students are vaccinated it should cut down on the number of new cases," DiCaprio said.

Of the 274 colleges and universities providing information to the American College Health Association, 97 percent reported new cases of ILI on their campuses in the week ending Oct. 31 in the most recent ACHA Pandemic Influenza Surveillance Report. Of those reporting to the ACHA in New York, 46.4 students per 10,000 were affected with ILI in that week. Since the surveillance project's inception in August, 3,791 cases were reported in the state.

Senior Eric Glover is another student who recently went home to recover from the flu. He said his symptoms started last Monday with a "really bad cough" before he developed more other symptoms including chills, fever, body aches, headaches, stomach aches and dizziness. Like Esteve, Glover said he would wake up in the middle of the night sweating.

He waited a few days before visiting Health Services, where a nurse practitioner told him he had all the signs of the flu.

"She told me to isolate myself from my housemates and not go to class and I asked her if it was OK to go home and she couldn't agree with me more. She said sometimes that's the best way to get better."

Glover said his advice to other students, so they don't have to experience what he did, is to go to Health Services as soon as symptoms start and to wash their hands frequently.

## Flu Symptoms

All types of flu can cause:

- Fever
- Coughing and/or sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Chills
- Headaches and/or body aches
- Fatigue

In addition, a number of H1N1 flu cases reported:

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Source: U.S. Health Department, [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)

## INTO THE WOODS



AMY WHEELER/THE CIRCLE

At a recent dress rehearsal for "Into the Woods," the cast practiced the closing scene of Act I. The show will run Thursday the 12 through Sunday the 15. All shows will begin at 8 p.m. with the exception of the Sunday matinee which will begin at 2 p.m.



"My biggest advice would be to not share drinks or food with anyone," Glover said. "I know this is a big issue with drinking games sometimes, but it's worth it in the end to just play with water and have your drink on the side."

His advice is not unique. The Miami Herald reported on Nov. 8 that Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N.Y., banned drinking games, citing the danger of sharing cups during games such as beer pong. The Herald also reported that Mount Holyoke College, in South Hadley, Mass., is promising to send infected students home by private car if they live within 250 miles and that Penn State is delivering boxed meals to sick students' rooms.

At Bard College, in Annandale-on-Hudson, only 20 miles away, 20 cases of H1N1 have been reported since the college began tracking it last Spring, with most occurring in October and November, and no cases of the seasonal flu have been reported yet this year, according to Marsha Davis, director of the Bard College Student Health Center. The college has about 1,800 undergrads.

"We have supplies of both the seasonal and H1N1 vaccine," Davis said. "We have vaccinated over 500 students and are continuing to run vaccine clinics. As we get the campus fully vaccinated we are hopeful that the up-tick in cases will subside. All of the students who had the flu have fully recovered."

For a small college like Bard, it is not extremely difficult to have all students vaccinated, but many larger schools are having difficulty getting the necessary supplies of H1N1 vaccines. Of the first three flu clinics held at Marist, H1N1 vaccines were only available to be administered at one.

"All of us in college health are hopeful that H1N1 vaccine will become more widely available to our students in the very near future," Dr. James C. Turner, president of the ACHA, said in a weekly report in late October. "The best hope for reducing the impact of the pandemic on campuses and to prevent further transmission throughout our communities is to achieve higher rates of vaccination."





## THIS WEEK

Thursday, 11/12

### Into the Woods

8 p.m., Nelly Goletti Theatre  
\$5 with Marist ID, \$10 general  
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Friday, 11/13

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### SPC Movie: District 9

Performing Arts Room  
10 p.m., free with Marist ID

Saturday, 11/14

### Dance Club Showcase

2 p.m., Poughkeepsie High School  
\$7 with Marist ID, \$12 general  
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Monday, 11/16

No Events Posted

Tuesday, 11/17

No Events Posted

Wednesday, 11/18

No Events Posted



## Security Briefs

### BREAKING NEWS: Po-town cabbles are sketch

By CHRIS RAIK

Peace is restored at Marist College. After the most eventful week-end security has seen in a long time, students took off their costumes, dressed in normal clothes and most of us actually made it back into a bed every night

#### All week - everywhere

I'll start with a quick public service announcement to everyone. Apparently, several freshmen girls reported receiving phone calls from a deep, creepy voice and were asked personal questions. You know: what are you wearing? Are you alone? Do you know where your children are? Yikes. So here's how security is asking you to handle these types of calls. Hang up, and report it to an officer.

#### 11/5 - Cafeteria

Even though everyone always complains about the food in the cafeteria, I really miss being able to go eat whatever I want whenever I want. Before I moved to the other side of campus, I had no idea how expensive it was to eat this food that nobody really likes. So I always figured I could just find a friend who still has a meal plan and use their ID. That would beat the system, right? Wrong. Someone tried to do it over the weekend and did not succeed. He and his friends were asked to leave the cafeteria and the incident was reported to security. Boom. Roasted.

#### 11/6 - Champagnat

First rule when you're a guest at a different college - don't lose your host. That's the worst thing you can do. A guest at Champagnat proved that when he stumbled back to security without his host and expected to get in. No luck. His guest pass was taken away and he was escorted off campus. Question: where

do all of the guests that get kicked off campus sleep? It's actually sort of scary to think about that. **10 points.**

#### 11/7 - Marian

Two more guests were kicked off campus! I hope they met up with the Champagnat guest and had their own little hang-out session at Campus Deli or Pleasant Ridge. Oh, but they got escorted away for trying to sneak in a bottle of vodka. That gives Marian **10 points.**

#### 11/7 - Fulton

Even though it's terrifying, I think it's a little exciting when fire drills consist of real fires. In Fulton, students were trying to toast a breadstick in a toaster oven, and the breadstick literally became engulfed in flames. And that's an actual use of the word literally, not a "I literally have 70 billion papers to write this weekend; I literally want to die." Don't hate me for sounding arrogant or snobby, but the misuse of that word annoys me to no end. **10 points.**

#### 11/7 - Marian

Two more guests kicked off campus for trying to sneak in a bottle of vodka! Déjà vu...? **10 points**

#### 11/7- Leo

Students in Leo are so unlucky. I feel like alcohol confiscations that happen anywhere else involve a full case of beer, or a full bottle of liquor. This Leo student got caught with five cans of Bud Light in his bag. So frustrating. But, smile, at least you got **5 points.**

#### 11/8 - Train station and Gartland

Two students reported an altercation with a cab driver on Sunday night. Here's the story. At the train

station, the two Marist girls and the cab driver agreed to two dollars a person to get back to campus. It seems like a normal, everyday interaction between students and public transportation. But once they got into the Gartland parking lot, things started to get reckless. The driver asked for five dollars a person and started screaming "thieves" when the girls handed them two dollars each. The driver demanded that they get back in the cab, so he could drive them back to the station. Naturally, the students stayed strong and refused, leading the cab driver to grab one of them by the arm to force her back into his cab. That is never, ever okay. The students eventually made it back to their apartment and called Poughkeepsie police to report the driver. Now, I know these two girls personally well enough to know for a fact that if they needed to, they could have destroyed this man both physically and emotionally. But not all of you are as scrappy and awesome as these two, so, really, be careful about whose cab you get in. Call the Marist security-approved drivers. Don't be paranoid, but be careful.

#### 11/8 - Fulton

An intoxicated student was found wandering around Fulton. When asked for his ID, he handed security a pack of gum, his cell phone, and his friend's driver's license. None of that was what security was looking for. Security returned his gum and cell phone, and he was driven to St. Francis. **15 points.**

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## Knicks fans: Prepare for more disappointment

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While most New York Knick fans are holding on to shreds of hope and optimism about this basketball season I have officially given up.

I was willing to overlook the 1-6 start and the fact that the team has trailed by 21 or more points in five of their losses if the Knicks could come out and play well against the Utah Jazz earlier this week, the start of a three game home stand that also includes games against Atlanta and Golden State.

This home stand was significant in my opinion because it represents three winnable contests, at home, that the Knicks could use to right a ship that has gone very, very off course.

At halftime of their matchup against the Jazz, New York was trailing 48-31, and it was at that point that my proverbial white flag was raised for this entire campaign.

The Knicks were getting absolutely mopped by the visitors, and by mopped I mean dominated in every facet of the game, including the non-statistical categories like hustle and determination.

I could live with the team being out-rebounded 38-20 in the first two quarters if they were at least contesting for the rebounds, but they simply weren't.

As far as optimism for this year goes, I'm struggling to find any, yet some Knick fans seem to possess a lot of it.

Most obviously, the Knicks do not feature a roster laden with top NBA players. They bring average talent



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This year Madison Square Garden will be the home of some of the most under-achieving players in the league.

to the hardwood every night, and average talent isn't good enough to win in this league.

Average talent coupled with hard work is certainly enough to compete in the NBA, but the Knicks have been unable to produce enough hustle or effort, or to make most contests competitive, which makes their situation all the more despicable.

This franchise has displayed an extremely low level of professionalism, starting with the Isaiah Thomas sexual harassment suit a few years back.

Last season, David Lee dubbed a week in which the Knicks lost to the Cavaliers, Lakers and Celtics last season as "Dream Week." He said that it was the best "0-3 week I've ever had."

Forward Al Harrington also admitted that the players would compete in dance-offs before games last season.

Knick fans, coaches and officials deserve a group that is ready to play and not take results casually. Unfortunately, they feature only a few players that fit this mold.

Lee seems to be the only constant on this team with Chris Duhon recently being benched by head coach Mike D'Antoni after his lazy effort on several key plays in the Knick's recent loss to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Guard Nate Robinson has shown the potential to bring a lot of energy to the team in spurts when he decides not to display his routinely poor shot selection. Unfortunately, he is currently unavailable due to a sprained right ankle.

Since no major upgrades were made during this off-season, it's apparent that the Knicks are trying to preserve some cap space for 2010 in order to try and sign the Cleveland Cavaliers superstar, LeBron James.

At this point there are several teams that could enter the potential

bidding war for James' services, but the Chicago Bulls may have emerged as a clear front-runner right now.

This is because the Bulls recently secured two talented forwards in the draft, and it appears that they will have in excess of \$20 million in cap room to try and sign James when he becomes a free agent this off-season. This was partially aided by the Bulls opting not to resign forward Tyrus Thomas to a contract extension after a recent arm injury he suffered.

Since the Bulls are already considered by many to be a wild-card contender in the East, that might be enough to lure King James to the Windy City.

Although the Knicks will have some space at the end of this year to try and bring James to the Big Apple, they won't be unburdened by the lofty contracts of Eddy Curry and Jared Jeffries until the end of the 2011 season.

With these restrictions, good luck to the Knicks in their attempts to try and find 10 or 11 other guys who are willing to play for near the veteran's minimum salary in order to accommodate his lofty pay.

It should also be noted that James has spent his entire life in Cleveland, playing for the Cavs and attending high school in Akron.

This is the same player that has nearly doubled the Cavaliers franchise value, so the lure of making big money and playing in at Madison Square Garden might not be as tempting to James as it may seem.

With their supposed savior sitting on his throne two states away, and a roster full of apathetic and overpaid scrubs, this season is sure to deliver a slew of disappointing losses to a team that doesn't even deserve to tread on the Garden's hollowed hardwood.

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## Perspectives: World traveler returns from abroad

By AMY WHEELER  
Staff Writer



Instead of spending junior year in Lower West with seven other American girls, Jennifer Byron opted to spend her year in an apartment in Madrid with Any and Lis, an

elderly Spanish woman and her cat. Unconventional? Maybe. The best decision she ever made? Definitely.

As a Spanish and secondary education double major, with a minor in French, a homestay experience in Madrid was right up Byron's alley. After hearing great things about Marist's program from other students who had been there, she decided she would spend two semesters at La Universidad Carlos III in Getafe, a little bit south of Madrid's city center, during the fall of 2008 and the spring of 2009.

While it may seem daunting to spend a year abroad, Byron advises those who are even considering it to start planning early and talk to their adviser so they can map out their courses. For people who are considering it, Byron said, "I know

it's nerve-racking to think 'a whole year!?' but once you get there and settle down, chances are you won't want to leave!" She said that the most difficult part of her abroad experience was "saying goodbye, handing in my house keys, and leaving Madrid."

Through the homestay program, Byron really had a chance to immerse herself in the culture, allowing herself a better opportunity to practice and improve her Spanish, along with the chance to become close friends with Spanish people in her neighborhood. Her host mother became like a grandmother and friend to Byron. She said, "We got along great and had a similar type of humor. We ate meals together, watched television, etc. I miss her a lot!"

All of her classes at the university were in Spanish, which allowed Byron to challenge herself. She took all types of language classes, including her favorite, a colloquial class, and also a business language class.

In addition, she took cinema, short story and a culture class, and was able to make them count toward her degree.

While the definition of the word "fluent" can be debated, Byron said

that she is now able to speak fluently and have a fluid conversation with a native Spanish speaker.

"I learned words and phrases everyday, especially slang," she said. "If you stay for more than one semester you get used to constantly speaking the language, you get used to the pace of native speakers, and you build confidence in listening and speaking. You don't have to spend a year to become 'fluent' but you definitely double your improvement."

Though she did immerse herself in the Spanish culture, Byron also had a chance to spend time with the other Marist students who were in Madrid. They would go out at night together and traveled together. She explained that the Marist program is partnered with Stetson University in Florida, so they became close with those students as well.

While she was abroad, Byron also had the opportunity to travel to Morocco, Italy, Vatican City and France. During her second semester, she had the opportunity to travel more and was able to see Romania, Holland, Ireland, Portugal and Scotland, along with traveling within Spain.

Her trip to Morocco stood out as particularly meaningful for her.



JEN BYRON/THE CIRCLE

Jen Byron and Lyndsey Strining in front of "The Bear and The Tree" statue in "La Puerta del Sol," Madrid.

Through Marist, they did a program called "Morocco Exchange," in which they went to different cities in the country along with a mountain village. She said they tried to steer away from "touristy" Morocco and were able to spend two nights

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### cartoon corner

By VINNIE PAGANO



## The Sickness Chronicles: Sent home with "The Swine"

By MONICA SPERANZA  
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday morning, I woke up so achy it took all my effort to move. So I didn't move. After sleeping all day, I woke up at 4:00 p.m. with a fever. Off to Health Services I went.

Next thing I knew, Dr. Dunne was talking to my mother on my cell phone, saying she thought I had the flu (swine flu, specifically, because I have asthma) and she is recommending that people with flu-like-symptoms to go home if they can.

The next morning my parents picked me up, and I'm sure the moment I left, my housemates in Gartland sanitized the heck out of that place.

At first, I was really worried about missing classes. Each one of my professors have a different attendance policy, so there could have been many different consequences. Luckily, my professors were very understanding (one of my professors is germaphobic, so I had no problem convincing her I had to miss class).

I pretty much kept up with my work. Actually, having "The Swine," as my friends call it, was conducive to doing work. I've been in isolation, with my parents at work during the day, so I quickly got bored of the basic cable. I had no excuse not to tackle the piles of books that had been staring at me.

Another plus of having H1N1, is that you get to wear these awesome surgical masks when you're around people. It's great, very entertaining for others. One of my housemates interrupted my Health Services story to say: "I feel like you're about to go perform surgery." Who doesn't love facilitating a laugh?

One of my favorite parts is the reactions from people who did and did not get vaccinated. People who got vaccinated, like my mom, think they're safe, completely protected, and didn't have a problem being near me. People who didn't get vaccinated, like my dad, are very wary and are hesitant to even breathe near me. Inevitably, the ones who thought they were protected will end up getting sick, and the ones who were freaking out will not.

But, I must say, my all-time favorite part about having H1N1, is having a nebulizer.

A nebulizer is a machine that gasifies the medicine that's in an inhaler, and you breathe it in through a tube to take the medicine more directly. You're probably wondering why I think a nebulizer is so great. Well, when I use it, I can pretend to be the Caterpillar from Alice in Wonderland. The imitation is uncanny, and makes the process more fun.

I may have just convinced myself that having "The Swine" is more beneficial than bad. Hmmm.



# Talking Tarot: Letting go and dealing with "death"

By JENNIFER MEYERS  
Staff Writer



Don't let the name of the card discourage you just because it's "Death." I can't tell you how many times people freaked out and said "Oh my God! It's Death!!! Am I going to die?!" I just laugh because part of this card's message is about the unknown. This card is misunderstood on many levels so let me clear up the message here.

We are all going through a transition while here in college. A lot of it has to do with ending things and beginning a new opportunity. That is the main message that the Death card entails. We all know that the human body eventually dies off, but there is no subject like that whatsoever regarding this card; it is not physical death. It's about change—ending something, but beginning something else in its place.

Some decks draw Death as a skeletal figure dressed as a knight

riding on a horse. I chose to illustrate the Deviant Moon Tarot deck, obviously very differently illustrated, because I found that this illustration had a better picture of what's going on. Picture, if you will, the little creature being trampled upon as the part of you that you want to change. The bigger creature is who you should be transforming yourself into. We need to stop our old habits and move on. The creatures illustrated also include a skeletal head of a horse. This represents our basic instinct of when we know when it's time to let go. There is also a ship in the background that symbolizes our old habits sailing away.

Forgiveness is another message Death generates. It's to "bury the hatchet" and let go of our rage and bitterness.

Having done that, Death will give us energy to give a whole new perspective on attentiveness and development. But the flip side is that not many of us are so easily accustomed to change. Even though in our minds we may know that it's time to move on, we subconsciously create a wall of excuses and we stay where we are. It kind of serves as a

security blanket because of the familiarity it provides. We may stay in an emotionally harmful relationship or a bad job all because we know what to expect and are too afraid to see what else is out there; what may be available in the future—the unknown. But if we build up the strength to let all the old habits go, we can create for ourselves a more genuine experience.

But to gain this experience, we must be able to create closure, forgive, and basically just let go of what might be standing in the way of our future plans. The "shadow" side to the Death card is that you could end the relationship or project in an untimely way, or as the book by Paul Quinn, "Tarot for Life" states, "affecting an attitude of nonattachment as a defense against the fear of loss." This means that we could be denying the truth when we've lost something, or refusing to let go and move on.

So, like it is portrayed in the Death card shown, overpower your old self, let the ship take away your old bad habits, and begin something that you'll really appreciate in the end. One last sentence that Quinn said that stuck with me also was,



FROM THE DEVIANT MOON TAROT

"the ego's fears of losing control are as intense as its terrors of a literal demise."

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## Back from abroad

with a homestay family in Rabat. "I learned quite a bit and the country was stunning!" she said.

Byron also had the chance to culminate a nine year long pen-pal friendship with a face-to-face meeting. She had been writing to a girl named Roser, who lives in a town just outside the city of Valencia, since she received her name and address in 7th grade as part of a pen-pal program, and finally had the chance to meet her over spring break. She stayed at her house in the town of Faura, and according to Roser, Byron may have been the first American to come to her small town.

After spending two very fulfilling semesters abroad, Byron did experience reverse culture shock when returning to the United States and Marist. "At the beginning, it was hard to reconnect and readjust to campus life," she said. It has been getting better, but she still misses Madrid a great deal, and misses hearing Spanish all the time. "I think about it every day and probably drive everyone nuts by talking about it."

However, she is making efforts to keep up with her Spanish so that she doesn't lose the language skills she gained. She tries to watch movies, listen to Spanish radio shows, and read the Spanish newspaper online. She also has kept in contact with both the people she went overseas with and the people



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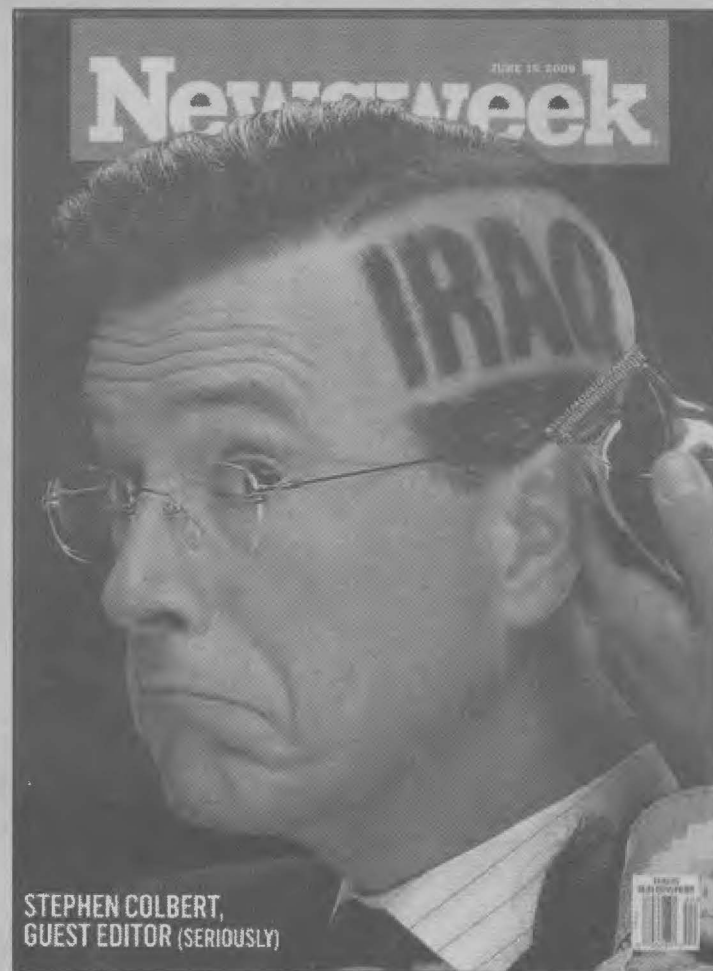
Jen and Any, her homestay host, at Jen's farewell dinner.

she met while there. "Madrid became like a second home, and I'm 'homesick.'"

As for the future, Byron has applied for a Fulbright Research Grant to Argentina. Her project proposal entails studying "socio-historical factors" that have propelled women into government positions throughout all levels. As the scholarship is very competitive, her backup plan is to go to graduate school to study Hispanic Cultural Studies, in which she would eventually like to get her PhD.

Whatever she chooses to do though, traveling will always be a part of her life and she has promised herself she will get back to her second-home, Spain, again someday.

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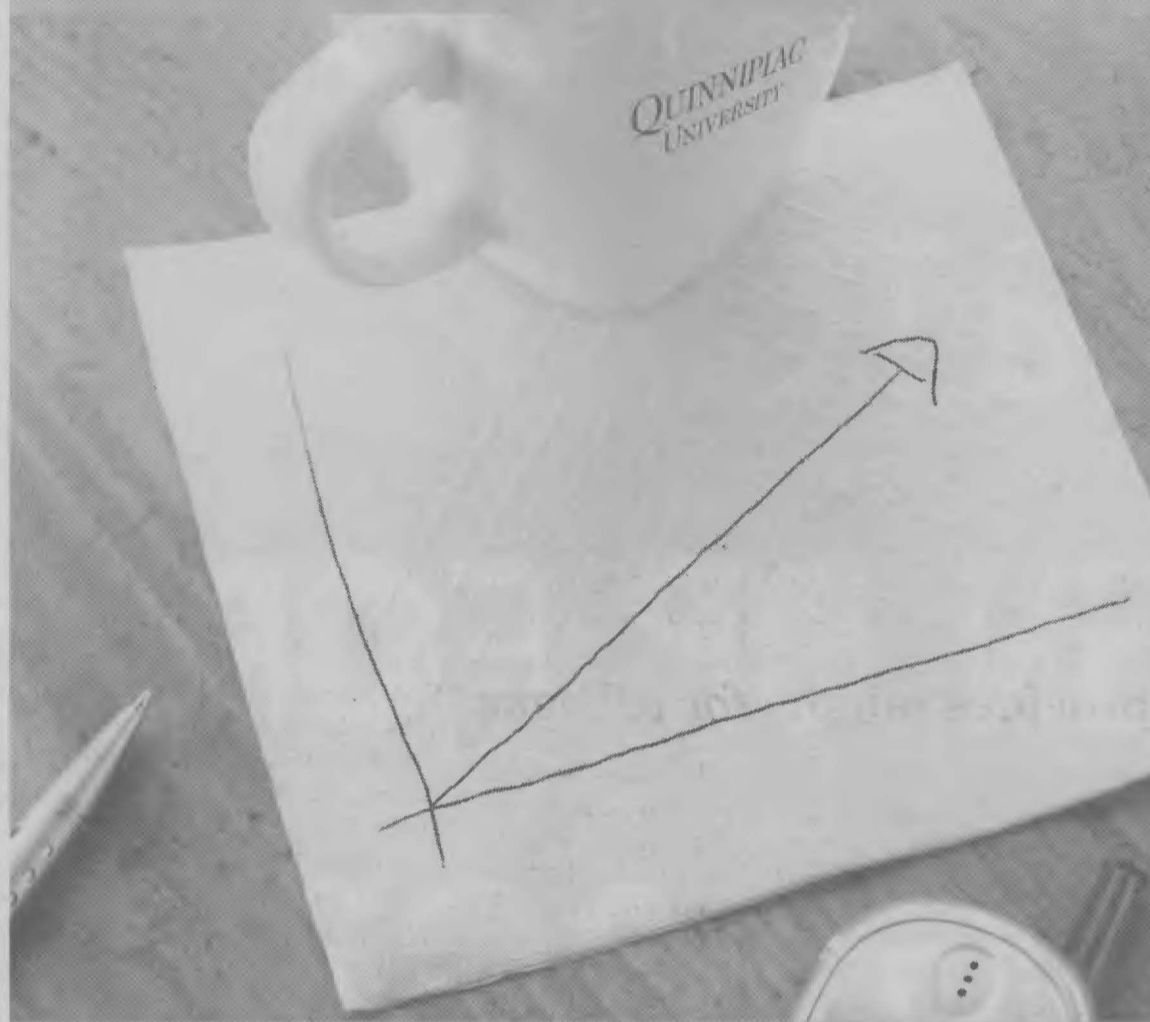
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## Dare to watch SpongeBob?



FROM THQ.COM

SpongeBob SquarePants' latest movie, "Truth or Square," featured numerous special guests, including Will Ferrell, Craig Ferguson, Robin Williams, Tina Fey, Rosario Dawson and LeBron James. The episode was also the first to be broadcast in 16:9 widescreen high-definition format.

### 'SpongeBob's Truth or Square' provides laughs for all ages

By RACHAEL SHOCKEY  
Circle Contributor

Last Friday, the premiere that the whole world has been biting its nails in anticipation over finally arrived. "Truth or Square," SpongeBob SquarePants' third movie, made its debut at on Nov. 6 on Nickelodeon

The hour-long Bikini Bottom bonanza was meant to celebrate the show's tenth year on television. Playing off of the real-life celebration, in "Truth or Square," the

clichés (at one point during their reminiscing, Krabs yells at Squidward, "Don't make me have a montage!").

As an avid SB fan myself, I feel morally obligated to not bash on anything that deals with my yellow friend too much, if at all. However, the excessive Patchy the Pirate segments in this movie irked me quite a bit, as I'm sure they did to most other fans. In addition to being creepy, ugly and human (as opposed to being a cute, animated sea creature), Patchy is annoying and

cartoon parts of the movie are narrated by Ricky Gervais, and during the human segments, Patchy makes phone calls to celebrities including Rosario Dawson, Tina Fey, LeBron James, and Will Ferrell, inviting them to his SpongeBob party. He and Ferrell get into a heated argument over who is going to have the bigger, better SpongeBob party.

Perhaps the most unexpected portion of "Truth or Square" is SpongeBob's flashback to "the time he and Sandy got married."

If SpongeBob were ever going to marry one of his friends, Sandy Cheeks, a female squirrel, is not the one that most fans would expect him to choose.

There have been numerous episodes in which there has been an extreme coziness between SpongeBob and his best male friend, Patrick Star. Consequently, over the past few years, Spongebob has been identified as a gay cartoon character by many people—both fans and foes. It's likely that this marriage tease (as it turns out, SpongeBob was remembering a theatrical performance in which he and Sandy pretended to marry) is included to make light of the absurd controversies that have arisen over Spongebob's sexuality, as his sexuality is not meant to be part of the show at all.

Regardless of Spongebob's true sexual orientation, the main message of the show is that Spongebob transcends social stigmas that may be associated with his behaviors and way of life. Spongebob is truly happy, no matter how undesirable we may consider his circumstances to be. He'll never graduate from boating school at his current rate; he holds a permanent position as a fast food fry cook; and he can only afford to live in a piece of fruit.

When someone tries to rain on Spongebob's parade, he pretends that it went right over his head, and continues on with his blissful routine. This yellow, ten-year-old household item can teach all of us something about being happy and taking pride in our accomplishments. Nautical nonsense? I think not.



FROM INSIDESOCAL.COM

The Nickelodeon cartoon "SpongeBob Squarepants" recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. In 2007, Time magazine named the animated series one of the greatest television shows of all time.

Krusty Krab celebrates its "eleventy-seventh" year of business. (that's 117th) The main characters all rush to put together a fabulous, yet costless (as it's been organized by tightwad Mr. Krabs) party at the restaurant.

In the spirit of anniversary, the movie is fraught with never-before-seen montages of Bikini Bottom memories. Still, between the gushy reminiscing, there is time to include some traditional SpongeBob humor, including literal interpretations of figures of speech (when Krabs asks Spongebob to "keep all eyes on the crowd," Spongebob begins sprouting extra eyes all over his body), jokes about SpongeBob's shape (there is a scene of a memory that SpongeBob has of being in the womb, and his mother is shown with a square baby bump), and satirical stabs at cheesy cartoon

not funny in his mission to meet SpongeBob. All he's really doing is stealing precious air time from the real show. In fact, I probably would have started stabbing my eyes with barnacles while Patchy was on, had it not been for the celebrity appearances during these segments.

Squarepants' show has been known to attract a myriad of hard core celebrity fans (fun fact for Spongebob skeptics: basically any guest character on the show is voiced by a celebrity who resembles the character in some way. You never know who will pop up!). As expected, this Spongebob special was jam-packed with celebrity appearances, though most were live this time, rather than loaning their voices to the cartoon.

The movie starts off with a funky-fresh rendition of SpongeBob's theme song by Gnarls Barkley. The

## currently singin'

By RYAN RIVARD  
A&E Editor



Rihanna  
"Hard" f/ Young  
Jeezy – After the dark, Rihanna-noir single "Russian Roulette," the 21-year-old pop artist returns with bold confidence in

this reggae flavored hip-hop joint. This Rihanna is not mourning over her abusive relationship with Chris Brown, but instead standing on top of the pop world.

Julian Casablancas "I Wish It Was Christmas Today" – The Strokes' frontman Julian Casablancas has released a cover of a Christmas jingle made famous by "Saturday Night Live" in a sketch starring Horatio Sanz, Jimmy Fallon, Chris Kattan, and Tracy Morgan. The song's quirky melody gels perfectly with Casablancas' style providing hipsters with an "acceptable" Christmas jaunt.



FROM PRETTYMUCHAMAZING.COM

Lady GaGa is set to embark on her "Monster Ball" tour with opening act Kid Cudi. The tour will stop in NYC for two appearances at Radio City Music Hall in January.

Lady GaGa "Dance in the Dark" is one of two promotional singles (the other "Alejandro") released to spur up excitement for GaGa's "The Fame Monster," an album featuring eight new tracks. This song takes a drastic change view of fame, sex, and relationships. An intimate GaGa sings "She looks good but her boyfriend says she's a mess," before belting out a gargantuan chorus singing "Baby loves to dance in the dark / Cause when he's looking she falls apart," as she tells the story of a woman in an abusive relationship. The emotions are raw within the lonely synthesizers. Like "Alejandro," GaGa borrows influences from Madonna, this time referencing "Vogue" in the bridge, acting as an uprising against this domestic violence. Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is paving her own path in pop music history.



# Season preview: men's basketball

By JIM URSO  
Staff Writer

Who are these guys?

If you attended Marist madness, **men's basketball** you may have been wondering this as freshman Sam Prescott dunked a basketball off the shot clock and 6'10" center Casiem Drummond tried his hand at point guard.

The 2009-2010 Red Foxes will feature nine new faces, seven of whom are freshman. The additions bring increased size and athleticism. The challenge for second-year coach Chuck Martin will be fitting these parts together in the most effective way.

"You don't know when they're going to be good collectively yet," Martin said. "But you do know that they're going to be good, and that's the exciting part."

The Red Foxes finished the 2008-2009 campaign at 10-23, winning just 4 of 18 conference games and just one road contest. On the upside, Marist was competitive, losing nine games by six points or less. They beat Iona in the first round of the MAAC Tournament, and nearly took down conference champion and NCAA sweetheart Siena.

"It was a learning experience," Martin said regarding his first season at Marist.

This season, Marist will return only six players who suited up for them last season, none of whom scored more than seven points per game. Mostly, young players will look to junior guard Dejuan Goodwin for veteran leadership.

Key departures include forward Ryan Schneider, who led the team in scoring, guard David Devezin and forward Lawrence Williams. Devezin unexpectedly ran into eligibility issues, and Williams transferred.

This past summer, team members partook in summer school. Each player took two classes, attending school from 8-12. Afterward, they played pickup games and worked out together, investing time in each other.

"It was the best thing we could have done," Martin said. "It allowed us to create chemistry, come together, and get to know each other and it's showing now. It took us much longer last year to create

that chemistry."

The two most notable acquisitions for Marist are Daye Kaba and Casiem Drummond.

Kaba, a junior transfer from Boston College, will add a great degree of versatility that could cause havoc for opposing teams. Certainly, this will help Marist at the onset of the season, when they will be shorthanded and undersized.

Originally from France, Kaba, 23, came to the U.S. in 2004. His age and experience in the ACC will be an asset.

Drummond transferred from Villanova, and will be eligible at the end of the fall semester after finishing his year in residency. At 6-10, 265 pounds, Drummond will be one of the most dominant forces in the MAAC.

Perhaps more important than Drummond's inside presence is the size added on the perimeter. New faces Rob Johnson (6-7), Dorvell Carter (6-6), Candon Rusin (6-4), and Sam Prescott (6-3), all of whom are freshman, add increased height on the outside.

This will force defenders to work harder to contest shots and makes it easier for Marist to contest shots defensively. It will allow the Foxes to get better outside looks. Last year, Marist's dribble drive offensive was mostly inept because the team lacked sufficient outside shooters.

Point guard Devin Price should help further develop Martin's offense. Price is 6-1 and averaged 16 points and eight rebounds a game as a senior at St. Bernard Catholic High School, and was a McDonald's All-American nominee. He possesses elite athleticism for his size and his style should thrive in Martin's dribble drive system.

"We really recruited to fit our style of play," Martin said.

Sophomore point guard and 2008-2009 All-Rookie selection R.J. Hall is academically ineligible until the end of the fall semester. This will allow Price added minutes and experience early on.

Also, Marist will be without 20-year-old freshman center Menelik Watson, who they expect to red-shirt due to physical conditioning issues. Watson is 6-8 and 270 pounds, and would've provided an added inside presence alongside Drummond.

Marist was picked to finish last



RYAN HUTTON/THE CIRCLE

The Marist men's basketball team opens its 2009-2010 campaign with a road game against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, the start of a six-game road swing to start the season. The Red Foxes have their first home contest on Dec. 12.

in the MAAC in the coaches' poll. Don't be surprised if the Foxes come out of the gate slow. It should take time for the young guys to get used to Division I play. Missing Drummond eliminates a forceful scoring and rebounding presence. Their first six games are on the road, where they won just one game last year. Marist will have to play small ball, and if they can do it effectively enough, they could catch some teams off guard.

Once Drummond returns and the younger players gain some experience, the Foxes could make some noise during the latter half of the season, especially with more home games. The coaching and talent in

the MAAC have vastly improved, so passing other MAAC bottom dwellers Iona, Canisius, and Manhattan and moving up into the middle of the conference would be a realistic improvement for this young squad.

Martin's goal is to avoid the play-in game for the MAAC Tournament and to finish sixth or better in the conference.

The Foxes tipoff the 2009-2010 season this Saturday Nov. 14 at Rutgers at 2 p.m. Martin expects to start Goodwin, Prescott, Kaba, Johnson, and Korey Bauer, but changes could be made closer to game time.

## Two more conference games remain on football schedule

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here to play 60 minutes."

Quarterback Scott Darby finished the game with 289 passing yards on 57 attempts, and also ran for 79 of his team's 98 rushing yards.

Although the sophomore ended up with substantial numbers on the stat sheet, the effects of his offensive production were not felt by the Red Foxes until late in the contest.

"They [Georgetown] chose to attack us through the air," Parady said. "We bent a little bit with some of those [later] drives, but we also got stops while it was a 20-7 games."

Marist will now travel to Davidson,

N.C. this week to face the Davidson Wildcats, a PFL opponent, in the Red Foxes second to last game of the season.

Davidson, who recently defeated the San Diego Toreros, currently holds a 3-4 record in the PFL, and fell to the Red Foxes last year 24-19.

"Their defense is playing very well, they show multiple front and coverages," Parady said. "They motion the heck out of you offensively, so we're going to have to be ready to make some adjustments."

**Senior Day**

The final home game of each foot-

ball season is designated as Senior Day, when that year's graduating class is honored in a ceremony before kickoff for their hard work and dedication to the program.

Although Parady and his staff will say good-bye to 24 seniors after the season is completed, at least the seniors' final memories of Tenney Stadium will be positive ones after the team walked away with a victory.

"It feels good to win five in a row, we get congratulated by teachers and students," senior center Neil Walsh said. "The whole campus embraces it, so it's really for us as them."

Parady recognizes the amount of commitment and dedication that it takes in order to play four years of college football, and how that commitment can impact players in their life after football.

"The guys who finish their career, you have to give them a lot of credit," Parady said. "It's going to be a lifetime benefit because as they leave here they are going to know that they persevered through some tough times. It's a nice day, it's a sad day, because in a few weeks they're not going to be with you anymore."



# Marist rolls over Siena to end season

By SCOTT ATKINS  
Staff Writer

To conclude the season, the Marist men's soccer team welcomed Siena to Tenney Stadium on Friday, sending its three seniors out with a bang, shutting out the Saints 3-0.

Unfortunately, their success had a disappointing ending, as Marist finished fifth in the conference, one spot away from reaching the MAAC tournament.

The Red Foxes ended their year with a record of 8-8-2 overall and 4-4-1 in the MAAC, which is a significant improvement from last year and a sign of a successful future.

"It was a good way to finish up," coach Matt Viggiano said. "We open up with them in the conference next year, so it sends a message. It's a good way to send it off."

Freshman Stephan Brossard tallied a goal and two assists, while junior goalkeeper Joe Pilla made six stops en route to a shutout. For their efforts, they were named MAAC offensive and defensive players of the week, respectively.

The Foxes showed great progress from their 2008 record of 3-13-2. This year's team was the first to finish with a .500 record since the 2005 squad. Also, they were able to achieve four victories in conference play after going winless in all nine matches in 2008.

The Foxes finished the season ranked eighth in the North Atlantic Region, and Viggiano was extremely pleased with how his team has developed.

"Three seasons ago when I took over here, I knew that there was a big rebuilding project in front of me," he said. "I knew the talent level and I knew it needed to improve. [Last year] we started 11 underclassmen each game, but you could see we were trending in the right direction. Now I would ven-



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Junior forward Joe Touloumis scored six goals and had 14 points this season for Marist. He played in a team-high 18 games and had three game-winners.

ture enough to say that we've probably had one of the best turnarounds in the country. Is it good enough? No. But is it in the direction that we need to go? Yeah, absolutely."

Brossard finished as the team's

leading scorer with 18 points, including seven goals. Viggiano was thrilled with how his young star competed during the season.

"As a freshman to be second leading scorer in the conference is pretty impressive," he said. "For my

money he's the rookie of the year."

However, Viggiano knows Brossard's strong play will make it harder for him in the future, and wants him to continue to work hard.

"He might have snuck up on some guys this year, but he's not going to sneak up on anyone next year," he said. "He's got to work hard in the weight room and further expand his knowledge of the game. But he's got a great work ethic and he's a great kid. Unfortunately for him I expect more out of him next year."

Another star for the Red Foxes was Pilla, who was dependable in net all year long. Touloumis's shutout against Siena was his sixth goose egg of the season, the highest tally for a Marist goalie since 2004.

"He gives us a solid presence in goal and the guys have confidence in him," Viggiano said. "As the year went along he became more comfortable in his role as a leader, and the same goes for him as I expect him to be even better next year."

"As a coach I'm disappointed that we didn't make the final four because I know we had the talent level and ability to get there," Viggiano said. "When we come to play I think we can beat anybody. One more win would have gotten us in the tournament."

As far as the future is concerned, Viggiano wants to continue to build his team and develop the undeniable young talent on his roster. Led by Brossard, the underclassmen have shown tremendous promise.

"Our most talented players are young, so the sky is the limit," Viggiano said. "[Next year] our expectation is to get to the final four. I could tell the guys that there are no moral victories, but when you step back and take a look at the bigger picture, we're going in the right direction. But now we have to take that next step."

## Red Hot Fox: Marist's star athlete of the week

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
Sports Editor

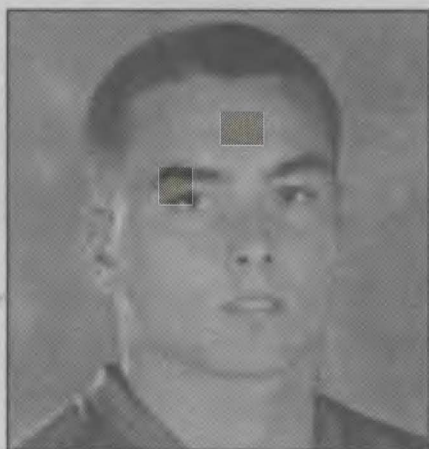
Playing alongside Obozua Ehikioya, a prolific rusher that tallied over 1100 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, it wasn't hard for James LaMacchia to be in awe of his teammate.

Following the 2008 campaign, Ehikioya graduated, leaving a large hole in the Marist College offense that needed to be filled as the team entered its first season as a member of the Pioneer Football League.

LaMacchia, along with his teammates, were certainly up for the challenge, and the senior wide receiver has responded in a big way during his final year in a Red Fox uniform.

"I knew we had backs like O'Neil Anderson and Willis Dendy, and they would be able to step in too," LaMacchia said. "There wasn't too much pressure, I didn't feel that I had to try and carry the team on my back."

Through nine games this season,



James LaMacchia  
Senior- Football

including a recent 105 receiving yard effort against Georgetown, LaMacchia has totaled 56 catches for 933 yards.

With his effort against the Hoyas, LaMacchia now holds the program's single-season record for receiving yards. He also tied the single-season program record for receptions.

"It's definitely an honor," LaMacchia said. "I wasn't even sure, I didn't know I was breaking any

records until I came to the game and they told me how many yards I needed."

Quarterback Chris Debowski, in his second season with the team, has mentioned that LaMacchia has been his go-to receiver in tight spots, and that communication between the two players has been excellent.

In addition to the remarkable offensive statistics that he has recorded, LaMacchia has improved drastically on his blocking, aiding the Marist running game immensely.

"That's [blocking] the area that he's improved the most in," head coach Jim Parady said. "We always knew he could catch the ball, but he has played very well physically inside. When we have him in the slot, he has to take on linebackers or strong safeties all the time."

Even though LaMacchia is a senior and the football team is in the latter portion of its schedule, his job as a Red Fox isn't quite done yet. Marist has two games left on their

schedule against Davidson and Dayton.

Currently holding a 4-2 record in the PFL, Marist is in fourth place in the standings behind two undefeated teams and one squad with a 5-1 record.

"We're definitely not finished, no one is content at all," LaMacchia said. "To get to 8-3 would be a school record, so that's our goal at this point."







## Sweet send off for seniors at Tenney

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
Sports Editor

As far as conference standings go, the win means absolutely nothing.

As far as history goes, the victory means a great deal.

**football** In its 23-21 last minute win on Senior Day over the visiting Georgetown Hoyas, a non-conference opponent, the Marist football team clinched its first winning season since 2005 and also achieved its first five-game winning streak in its 32 years as a varsity program.

"The guys have really worked hard to get these victories," coach Jim Parady said. "Our seniors, I'm so happy for them because they have seen us transition through this [joining the Pioneer Football League] during their career. The success, it's a great feeling for them and as well as everyone in the program."

Freshman kicker Jason Meyers connected on a 37-yard field goal attempt with one second remaining in the contest, giving the Red Foxes the victory over Georgetown. Since Georgetown is a member of the Patriot League, the victory will not improve Marist's PFL standings.

Although the Red Foxes maintained a 20-7 lead for nearly 40 minutes of the contest, Marist gave up two touchdowns late in the fourth quarter that allowed the Hoyas to take a 21-20 lead.

Marist punter Kevin Pauly pinned the Hoyas at their own six-yard line with 1:15 remaining in the game and the score 20-14.

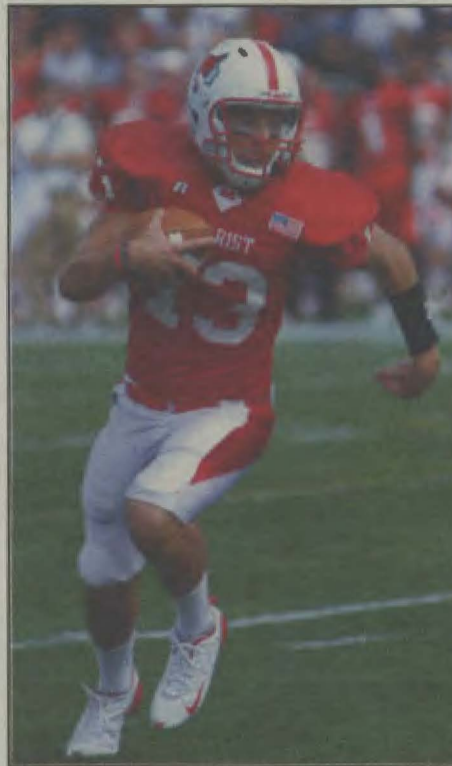
Georgetown then proceeded to cover the remaining 94 yards and take the lead in just five plays, including a 68-yard touchdown strike to Brandon Floyd.

"We were on the field [for] too many plays," associate head coach and defensive coordinator Scott Rumsey said. "Even though we're rotating guys, we had some pass rushers in there that were tired. We had a guy there to make the tackle, and he didn't make the tackle."

Marist began its final drive on its own 24-yard line with just 49 seconds remaining in the game.

After two completed passes to James LaMacchia and Joe DeSimone and a 15-yard facemask penalty committed by the Hoyas, the Red Foxes had possession of the ball on the Georgetown 22-yard line.

Quarterback Chris Debowski then



RYAN HUTTON/THE CIRCLE

Senior Chris Debowski threw for 144 yards in Marist's win over Georgetown.

rushed for two yards, but Marist could not advance the ball past the 20-yard line before Meyers made his way onto the field to kick the game-winning touchdown.

In a game earlier this season against Bucknell, Meyers missed a 28-yard field goal as time expired

that would have given Marist a victory

"After the Bucknell Game, I just wanted to make up for it and do it for the seniors" Meyers said. "It felt good helping out the program."

Three rushing touchdowns from sophomore Ryan Dinnebeil paved the way for the Marist rushing attack, which also featured a pleasant contribution from senior Khori Whitter, who finished with 64 yards on the ground.

Although the Hoyas entered the contest with a 0-8 record during the 2009 campaign, the Georgetown squad had faced four teams ranked in the top 25 of Football Championship Subdivision teams in the country before traveling to Poughkeepsie to play Marist.

None of its season long struggles were displayed on their first drive of the game as Georgetown showed extreme poise and confidence during a nine play, 66-yard drive that culminated with an eight-yard touchdown reception from Brian Josephs.

"They ran a couple of different formations on the way down," Parady said. "That made a statement to our football team that Georgetown was

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