

## College overcomes cap on new housing

Lower Fulton expected by fall '08

By SHANNON LECOMTE  
Staff Writer

Last spring, Marist successfully applied for a variance on the town of Poughkeepsie's moratorium on housing.

This semester, Marist began preparing the site of construction for a new dorm building that is expected to house 260 students – Lower Fulton. Plans call for the residences to be completed by fall 2008.

The wording of the moratorium states, "no residential development permitted in excess of 10 units until the new zoning and master plan is adopted," said Patricia Myers, Town Supervisor.

Until recently, this cap on new units meant that Marist was unable to plan for additional housing on campus.

At a town board meeting last May, Justin Butwell, Director of Physical Plant and John Gildard, Director of Safety and Security, presented an application for a variance from the provisions of the moratorium.

"Marist submitted the first formal plan to build to the Town Planning Board in May 2007.

The final approval was given in August 2007," said Butwell. "We presented two arguments: the first that this new development will provide on-campus housing and will move students from the community back on campus, and the second that this housing project is key to the economic development center that offered a grant to be used before the time was up."

The town board voted to approve the proposal.

"Once the building permit is obtained the construction will begin," Butwell said.

Similar to the existing Fulton Street Townhouses' accommodations, these cutting edge 3-story townhouses will comprise a common area, and 8 single bedrooms.

Director of Housing Sarah English said, "The Fulton Townhouses have been the number one pick for room selection. Students have been extremely satisfied with their living experience at the Fulton Street Townhouses."

Junior Lindsey Kinel said she looks forward to the new townhouses. "I think that they are a

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## Stadium construction near end

By ANDY ALONGI  
Sports Editor

Students are back on campus, classes are in session, and athletic competitions are in full swing. However, not one Red Fox "home" soccer game has been played at the newly renovated Leonidoff Field.

Leonidoff Field is home to five of Marist's intercollegiate athletic teams: football, men's and women's soccer and men's and women's lacrosse. The new facilities will also house events for intramural sports, as well as club sports.

This is the largest renovation to what was Leonidoff Field in its 42-year existence. The new stadium features a new grandstand on the east side of the stadium with chair-backed seats throughout the grandstand area of the stadium.

Marist College Athletic Director Tim Murray said the project is not behind schedule.

"We're not behind," he said. "What we are getting is such a terrific venue, we just have to be patient. One thing that slowed us down is the stone work, but that is work that is so precise that it takes time."

Other improvements on the way are an athletic training room, team and officials' dressing rooms, rest-rooms, concessions and storage space. All of these rooms will be located in the area below the grandstand.

According to a publication on goredfoxes.com, the grandstand will be equipped with a "modern press booth, media booths and VIP suites."

Also, according to an article published in an earlier edition of "The Circle" entitled, "Weather



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Scenes of ongoing construction will be apparent for the next few weeks. The much-anticipated Leonidoff Stadium, which was supposed to be finished before the academic year began, will definitely be completed in time for the first scheduled home football game on October 6.

cooperating with vision for Leonidoff project," the west side of the stadium will not be wasted. A 12-foot berm has been con-

structed which will be available for lawn seating at all events.

According to Murray, much of the work is near completion at

Leonidoff field.

"The field playing surface is complete," Murray said. "We are preparing for the line application. The field will remain clean; the lines will not be stitched in, allowing for single sport lines whenever possible."

Other parts of the job that still need work include the walkways around the stadium, the fence work around the outer perimeter of the stadium, and the elevators are currently being installed. Also, the borings for the scoreboard have been poured, with the board to be installed by next week, according to Murray.

"Everything is progressing nicely," he said of the work on the stadium. "Any delays are from the fine craftsmanship of the workers. Really, nice work takes time. We are excited for the completion and getting on the field full-time."

Full-length glass windows are to be installed on the front of the press box. The windows will be hinged at the top, to allow for the panes to open and give the press box a more stadium-like feel. Also, the sound system will be piped into the press box. That wiring has already been run.

The first match to be played on the new field will be a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) men's soccer match, where the Red Foxes will play host to the Rider Broncos on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. The match is the MAAC opener for both teams.

The next day, Saturday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m., the Red Fox football team will play its home opener against MAAC rival Duquesne. The contest against Duquesne is the 2007 homecoming game for the Red Foxes.



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One year from now, this field will be the site of a new set of townhouses currently designated as Lower Fulton.

## 9/11 memorialized with solemn silence

By JAMES MARCONI  
Managing Editor

The sixth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks passed at Marist College hot to the sound of rousing speeches, but rather to a profound and solemn silence. Bells which normally mark each passing hour did not ring, and the single physical testament to the events of September 11, 2001 was a Celtic cross sculpted from the twisted remains of an I-beam from the World Trade Center.

"We're in concert with a number of places, including New York City, where, this year, the primary mode of expression has been silence," said Father Richard LaMorte, who coordinated the display of this year's

memorial in the Rotunda. The hope, LaMorte said, was that "silencing our campus bells...just might trigger a reflection on 9/11, the day when the earth stopped for so many people."

In keeping with that theme, the presence of the cross in the Rotunda served as a quiet reminder to the Marist community of the events six years past, according to Brother Frank Kelly, director of Campus Ministry.

"I think the purpose of any memorial is to cause people to break from the ordinary or to pause, or reflect," Kelly said. "For memory to be evoked, ritual needs to be changed up. We

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## But where has all the beer gone?:

Security reveals what really happens to confiscated alcohol

By ANDREW OVERTON  
Assistant News Editor

For decades students have tried to smuggle beer into their residences. And for decades, Marist Security has tried to thwart these attempts.

According to protocol, when a student is caught sneaking alcoholic beverages into a dormitory the beverages are confiscated and a security report is issued.

Most students are familiar with this procedure. What many Marist students don't know is where the alcohol goes after it is confiscated. That has not stopped them from forming their own theories, though.

"I think once the alcohol is confiscated, it is given to the RD," Sophomore Joe Walsh said. "They take some for themselves, then sell it to other kids and tip off the RAs. The alcohol is confiscated again. And repeat."

Not every student has

as an elaborate theory as Walsh.

There are two main theories that students have. One theory says that Marist Security simply dumps the alcohol down a sink, and the other theory says that the Security staff drinks it all.

"I heard that the security guards drink it and have their own parties," Sophomore James Freeman said.

Sophomore Eric Miller, who was caught smuggling alcohol into Sheahan Hall last year, is convinced that the security guards drank his

alcohol. "I'm pissed because I paid for it," Miller said.

According to John Gildard, Director of Safety and Security, confiscated open alcohol containers are all dumped out, but unopened containers are stored in the security office in Donnelly. Most of the alcohol is kept in a locker, but the more expensive hard liquor is on display in Gildard's office.

"It's a display for the parents to show what good taste their children have," Gildard said. "It's kind of a novelty thing."

At the end of each semester or when the alcohol locker fills up all the alcohol is donated to charitable organizations, Gildard said. In the past the confiscated alcohol has gone to church bazaars, men's clubs, women clubs, and fire departments.



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This alcohol represents a portion of the cache confiscated from underage students every year. Some is displayed by Marist Security in a humorous fashion in order "to show [parents] what good taste their children have."

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## Security Briefs

# Marist compensates for kitchen fires with rising tides

By TYLER THURSTON  
John-Gildard-in-training

No matter what we do in life, everything changes. Leaves fall from the trees, old friends lose touch, your lucky jeans from high school can't be seen to fasten themselves anymore – basically, we all go through enough change to give David Bowie enough material for another song. Even here at Marist College, our friendly neighborhood security briefs have found themselves under the dubious possession of many different authors.

I may just be the latest in a long line of satirical students aiming to make light of their less lucky peers, but the briefs themselves should mostly repeat themselves. Many a female will find themselves waking up in St. Francis wondering why they've traded their blue sequined halter top for a more form-fitting ensemble. And they still have a wristband, but this one lists their real age; seriously people, not cool.

### 9/3 – Foy Townhouses

What better way to kick off the dawning of a new school year than a nice little fire alarm. It's cute: baby's first Christmas, baby's first tooth, baby's first attempt at making macaroni and cheese? Seriously, boiling water is not hard people. I'm not sure of the exact details of how exactly this went down, but I'm going to go out a limb and say it went something like this. You return from class, finding yourself famished. Unable to whip up anything you're watching on the Food Network, you reach for the next best option – presumably something out of a box. You've seen this done before...moms do it everyday. Seriously, how hard can it be? Pour some water into the pot, slowly turn the burner on, cover; you're practically home safe. All of a sudden, out of the

next room, like a voice from the heavens calling out to you, you hear Lauren tell Heidi she knows what she did. Unable to decide between watching a pot boil water (you know they never do) and watching the drama go down at Les Deux, you clearly choose the more sensible of the options. This is exactly why they invented microwaves. Food goes in, heats up, comes out – nobody gets hurt. Well, except for Lauren's feelings and my sense of confidence in the culinary abilities on campus, but that's another story.

### 9/3 – West Cedar

Two Marist students broke two windows playing catch with a baseball outside West Cedar. Okay, after the first window broke, wouldn't you think "hmm, maybe we shouldn't make-believe Dennis the Menace right outside where we live?" Although, I guess it's only fair that each of you gets to break one. It's always nice to share. Kindergarten has taught you well.

### 9/6 – Waterworks Road

A black car was spotted driving on Waterworks Road, while the driver littered the campus with flyers promoting a local business. In my opinion, this is a brilliant marketing technique, because nothing makes me want to go somewhere faster than when their flyer literally smacks me in the face on my morning jog. Okay, so I'm lying about the morning jog – I'm not insane – but the rest is true.

### 9/8 – Sheahan Hall

What? Crimes occur in Sheahan Hall? Anything occurs in Sheahan? An unlocked door allowed for a student to have a cell phone, cash, and a credit card stolen. When I lived in Sheahan, I was surprised if I even saw anyone else in the hallway, let alone

have them steal from me. They're kind of like ghosts – you never see them but you know they're there. Oh my god, it's the perfect crime.

### 9/8 – Upper West Cedar

A large gathering in Upper West Cedar prompted security to discover students throwing beer cans. Upon further inspection, beer cans were found assorted around the apartment, a tree was found with broken branches, and a bush was uprooted from the ground. Way to take it out on the environment. When Al Gore makes another documentary about how the environment hates us all – I don't blame global warming, I blame you. A trail of mud leading to the apartment allowed security to determine the instigators. And they would've gotten away with it, too, if it wasn't for those darn guards. Come on, guys, you used to try.

### 9/9 – Local Bar

A student reported injury after being stepped on by another student at a local bar. Now, most of these I have nothing to do with, but I've experienced this first hand. You're out a Saturday night, minding your own business, probably wondering how many times Cascada can make her way into one evening. Out of nowhere, a trio of tipsy females decide they're going to bring sexy back themselves, storming the dance floor while making sure to wedge their 4 inch stiletto heel right into your foot. It may be ladies' night, but the feeling's definitely not right. As in seriously, cannot feel my foot.

### 9/14 – Dyson Café

A left-on coffee machine caused the entire Dyson Center to exude the alluring scent of "fresh" espresso. Seriously, were people actually complaining about this? I

mean, it's not like the sewage machine was left on. Get over it. A warm room, decently comfortable chair, and the smell of coffee spreading through the air? It sounds like a dream come true. Well, minus that whole "lecture" part.

### 9/14 – Beck Place

Once again, a local restaurant decided their best bet for advertising was simply to leave flyers draped over students' windshields. I may just be one person, but I will never understand this form of promotion. If I'm switching lanes on the highway and your flyer flies onto my windshield, it doesn't make me want to gather all my friends together and enjoy a lovely dinner out. It does however; make me want to cover your restaurant in a flyer of my own – with a lot less discounts on breadsticks and a lot more, well, you know.

### 9/15 – Upper West Cedar

A student slipped on a pool of water caused by a leaking sink. You know those commercials where the old lady falls down the stairs, and despite her best efforts and cries for help, can't seem to regain her upward stature? Well, don't worry, because she's got her trusty panic button now. We all laugh because seriously, that's kind of funny. Bet you wish you had one of those now, don't you?

### 9/16 – Champagnat

A small fire in a student's microwave triggered the ever-so-pleasant fire alarm. I'm going to just go ahead and hope that this was some sort of chicken cordon bleu or roasted duck, or even popcorn or macaroni and cheese. Because I swear, if it was a pop-tart you forgot to take out of the foil, I'm going to pretend you don't go here.

### 9/16 – Foy Townhouse

The water's rising in the basements of Foy Townhouses, and at first, considering the torrential downpour the other day, I assumed it was from rain. Security lists the cause as a malfunctioning pump, yet I somehow suspect sabotage. Look, we all know Titanic was a good movie. We've moved on. There's no need to recreate Jack and Rose in the basement. And if you handcuffed yourself to a pole, well, that's just stupid.

### 9/17 – Midrise

Wow, the water is really rising. This time, an overflowing toilet caused a Midrise suite to flood. I know I somewhat accused the other guys of sabotage, but seriously, if this was the same, that's not just stupid, it's pretty disgusting.

### 9/17 – 9/18 – Fire Drills

Standard fire drills were conducted in various campus establishments, including: Benoit, Gregory, Townhouses, Fontaine, and the Steel Plant. Nothing really eventful happened, so I'll use this opportunity to vent. If there ever actually is a fire in a building, and people think I'm actually going to walk out in an orderly fashion while remaining calm and collected, they're seriously going to be disappointed. I'll be the one breaking the window with my fist, probably breaking my hand in the process, screaming "FIRE!" and running and ducking for cover while slow motion-music plays. What? I just really like movies.

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# The Roving Red Fox Asks: What made you choose Marist?

By ALYSSA LONGBUCCO



Dylan Kress,  
Freshman

Dylan really liked the campus feel and his major has a really strong program at Marist.



Karen Fetherston,  
Freshman

Karen heard that Marist had a very strong business and communications program.



Sheila Martinez,  
Freshman

Sheila liked that Marist is a private college and knows it will look good when job-hunting.



Graham Edwards,  
Freshman

Graham chose Marist because it has a Special Services Program and he liked the campus.



Nick Sweeney,  
Freshman

Nick liked the connections and opportunities that came with attending Marist.

## Editor's Corner By MARGEAUX LIPPMAN Editor in Chief

I have no clue how it happened - but it finally did. Somehow, things have aligned enough that someone - somewhere - let me be in "charge" of a publication. Whoever thought that letting me wield both a budget and a printing press was a good idea must've been out of their mind.

All kidding aside, the prospect is both exciting and harrowing. Tuesday nights - although usually reserved until only midnight for *The Circle* - are now entirely dominated by working with an editorial board to get a (hopefully good) paper out. Fridays are now dedicated to purchase orders and proper budgeting. Weekends are relegated to searching for new stories or putting together a monthly calendar.

Needless to say, although

some might say that college is the time to build relationships and a social life, I'm starting to get scared that Quark XPress and Bob at our printing press are my two new best friends while the computers in LT211 are my reluctant roommates.

Those close to me now say I need to "strike a balance," so to speak. Although the first thing they tell you in journalism is to rid your life of clichés, people keep telling me that I need to get my "ducks in a row," or "get my act together." It's harder than it sounds - but it's true.

In reality, most of life is about striking a balance. Many choose to balance a family with a career. Others choose to balance traveling the world with maintaining a home in one specific place. As college students espe-

cially, we need to strike a balance between partying it up at Darby's or studying for Mass Comm Law - not that anyone would know anything about that...

When I sat down to write this column, it was to establish an "editorial voice," which is something *The Circle* has been lacking. To get to this point alone has taken me half an hour - substantially longer than most things I write. But the more I think about it, the more I realize that *The Circle* is about finding that middle ground, that elusive balance. It might just be because it's 2 a.m., the layout isn't done and the caffeine is wearing off, but I think I'm on to something.

There's more than one adequate example of this. For instance, *The Circle's* old advi-

sor perpetually reinforced the fact that, sadly, everyone loves to hate their campus newspaper. The balance to be struck here is to realize that your school paper isn't all that bad and that it's just waiting for you to come along to help improve it.

Another example is that many people keep saying that people only write for *The Circle* because they feel that they have something to complain about. The balance? Stop complaining and start working towards change - especially if that change includes writing an article. Seriously - we need to fill up space somehow.

The most prominent balance, though, is finding a way to represent the campus community to the best of our abilities without trying too hard. The goal of *The*

*Circle* is no longer to just "put out a paper" but, instead, to be representative of an (at least somewhat) unified campus voice.

Consider this an open invitation - everyone on this campus is welcome to contribute to *The Circle* to help us "strike the balance." If something is important to you, send us an e-mail or, even better, write about it. If something we do turns out to be a journalistic faux-pas, call us out. Above all, remember that your voice matters to *The Circle* and that it's just waiting for the campus to contribute. The more representation we have, the more in-depth of a balance we can strike.

There is a small group of dedicated people who meet every Tuesday - our e-board is at the

core of everything we publish. But Marist - collectively - is *The Circle*. And that collective group - one with a passion for representation and reporting what is important to us -- is the ultimate balance.

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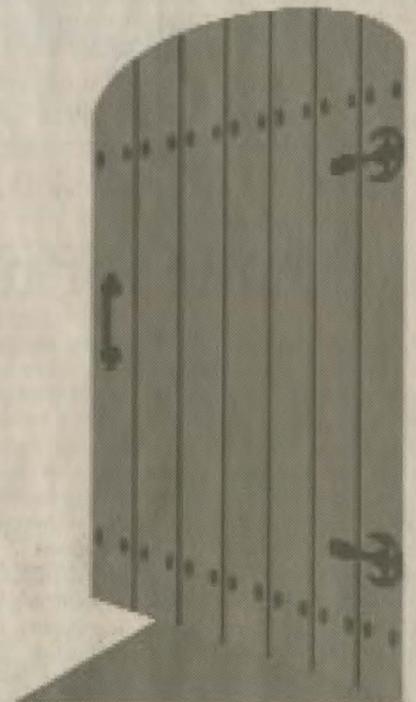
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## Months after Virginia Tech tragedy spawn weapons control debate

By CHRISTINE ROCHELLE  
Opinion Editor

The aftermath of the Virginia Tech massacre has educators, students and parents reaching for answers on what went wrong.

Ideas from psychologists, teachers, politicians and alike have offered numerous prevention methods, including the thought of school faculty having the right to bear arms.

The proposal comes from Rep. Frank Lasee (R) of Wisconsin, who said that to make schools safe for students to learn, all options should be on the table. Teachers, principals, administrators and other school personnel would be able to carry concealed weapons after receiving strict training on weapon use. (MSNBC)

Carol Pauli, assistant professor in the School of Communication and the Arts, said that if given the option she would not carry a concealed weapon on campus.

"I can't imagine very many [faculty] who would want to do it," said Pauli.

Lasee proposed the idea almost two years ago but in the wake of Virginia Tech the idea is gaining popularity. Since this past August, Nevada teachers may carry concealed weapons after enduring numerous physical and psychological evaluations. In addition, the teachers will receive bonus pay for being "school police officers."

Student-teacher Katherine

Gauthier said that if the proposal were to pass she would not feel comfortable carrying a weapon.

"I would hope that the school-wide safety precautions taken would be enough to

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- Senior David Clark

protect myself and my future students in the case of an emergency," said Gauthier. "Having a teacher who carries a weapon would add a sense of fear to students and would be counterproductive to the teachers overall goal of creating a safe learning environment."

Gauthier said that other measures should be taken such as implementing safety features in the classroom, not arming faculty.

In March 2007, Shelly Parker v. District of Columbia became the first case in which a federal appeals court voted in favor of the Second Amendment, which gives an individual the right to bear arms. The Court decided that weapons can be used "effectively when necessary" for self-defense.

Cait Sharp, senior fashion

merchandising major, agrees that the U.S. Constitution should continue to guarantee every individual a right to bear arms.

"You cannot depend on the police to always be there to protect you because they cannot be at every place at all times," said Sharp.

Senior David Clark said that the right to bear arms is appropriate in only certain situations.

"We don't need police in our classrooms, we need educators to teach us," said Clark. "Situations like Virginia Tech are going to happen so all we can do is ensure that administrations running our colleges train for emergencies."

The Marist College Code of Student Conduct says that illegal or unauthorized possession of any firearms is restricted on campus. The code lists recreational guns, knives, replicas of weapons

**"Any time you have more weapons in the culture it encourages other people to join. It becomes the norm"**

- Carol Pauli

Associate Professor of Communications

and explosives among others as dangerous objects which are prohibited on campus. The violation is listed under "conduct which impacts the community" and does not list a specific punishment but states that a disciplinary action will be taken.

Pauli said that counseling centers are trained to guide

professors in spotting troubled students and give support for "what to notice."

Gauthier said at an elementary level, it is difficult to monitor student behavior closely.

"It is hard when you only have your students for seven hours a day, and are mandated to cover academic subjects, while trying to catch those students who are falling through the cracks," said Gauthier.

Many high schools have created some kind of security staff, have emergency evacuation plans and some even use metal detectors. Clark said that the only security measures taken in his high school was the hiring of a security officer.

"The only thing he added to my learning environment was teaching me how to make friends with those that could get me out of [parking] tick-

ets," said Clark.

Pauli added that she was "skeptical" on whether or not guns would make a safer environment.

"Any time you have more weapons in the culture it encourages other people to join," said Pauli. "It becomes the norm."

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## 9/11 commemorated with day of silence

asked the question, what could we do that was out of the ordinary?"

This new idea, according to LaMorte, seems to have had an effect. Over four hundred cards explaining the significance of the cross were placed on its pedestal. In addition, the Student Government Association donated wristbands stamped with patriotic logos like "spirit," "honor," and "freedom."

Every card and band was taken.

"The lack of bells gave a sign that there was something different about today," said sophomore Ryan Glander. "The cross in the Rotunda...was a reminder for everyone. When I saw that I remembered the people I knew who were in Manhattan on September 11."

LaMorte noted that "several times during the day...students would come and go and pause momentarily with a great sense of respect and move on. I think that was totally in keeping with the tenor of how [the memorial] was set up."

In addition to the cross in the Rotunda, there was a mass celebrated in honor of the victims of 9/11 at 7:00 p.m. As a starting point for prayer, students spoke out at the outset, saying the name

of a victim that they personally knew, and giving a little bit of information about them.

"It was nice to have a personal sense of the mass," said senior Chris Foy. "There were people there remembering specific

people in their lives who are missing now." It's moving, said Foy, to see how students' perspectives on 9/11 have evolved and deepened since they were either just finishing middle school or entering high school. "People have matured since then...we were kids and now we are adults."

In particular, Foy said, it was spectacular to see the number of people clustered around the memorial in the Rotunda. "It's a respectful thing to do...it's a subtle symbol," he said.



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A Celtic cross made from the twisted remains World Trade Center I-beam commemorated the horror of 9/11 on its sixth anniversary. The cross, along with patriotic wristbands donated by SGA, stood a silent vigil in the Rotunda. The theme of silence was also marked by a lack of the hourly bells that ring on campus.

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## Plans made for new Fulton townhouses

really great idea due to the competitive housing situation. Everyone wants to live in Fulton and this just gives more opportunity for you to be able to live with all your friends and not have to split up."

"We [Marist] want to offer more to the students and create a nice community across the street for the juniors and seniors," said English. "Once these dorms are finished, there will be about

1,000 students on that side of Route 9."

The modern design for the new townhouses will be slightly different than the Fulton Street Townhouses.

They will be positioned in a similar fashion as the Lower West Cedar Townhouses.

"We have requested the plans from the architect and they should be rendering [them] up soon," said English.

Junior Kristine Kennen, a transfer student who is currently living in the Residence Inn due to housing shortages, spoke positively of a new housing addition.

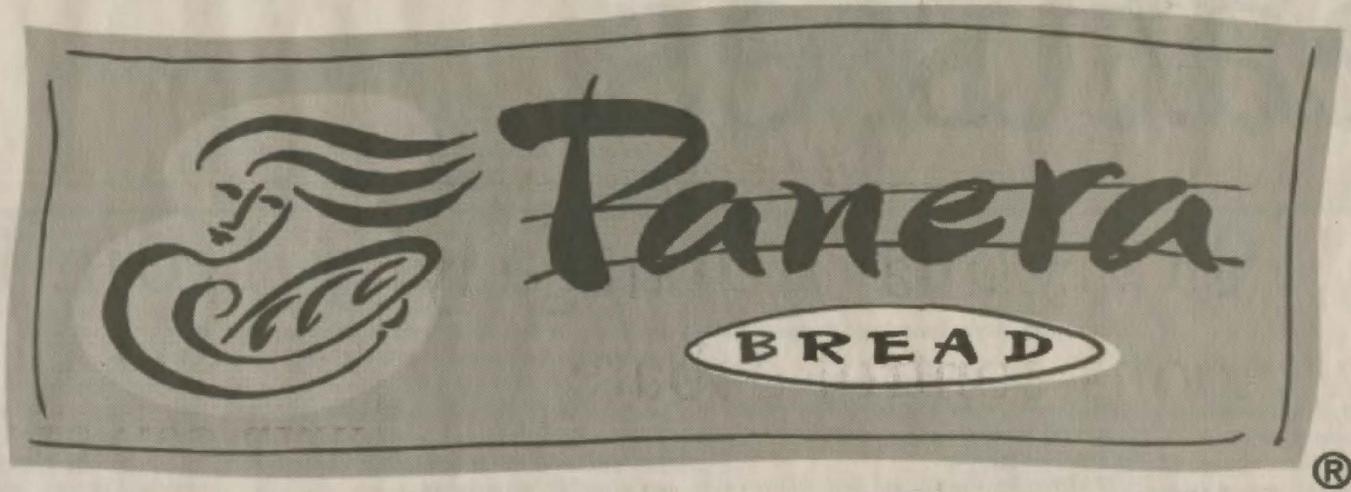
"This townhouse construction is a much needed option for students, especially transfers," Kennen said. "More beds will make it possible for students to live on-campus and gain the full on-campus experience."

In addition to the latest housing construction, other plans are in store for Marist's future. Capital additions, including a newly designed dining hall, a technology center, the demolition of Benoit and Gregory and a pedestrian bridge across Route 9 are underway.

Stay tuned to the Marist Physical Plant website for new construction pictures.

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## Dorm 101: your home away from home

By AMANDA LAVERGNE  
Circle Contributor

When arriving at Marist College as a freshman, it can be an overwhelming experience. Along with all of your other questions and concerns, one of the biggest issues is how you should set up your dorm room. Here are a few examples of how to arrange the furniture to the most efficient way to use your living space.

The classic way to set up your room is to have the room split down the middle where the beds are across from each other and each person's belongings are on "their side."

"It was set up this way when we arrived and we liked it that way. The only thing we changed was my roommate's desk and we added shelves to the

wall for more storage space," said freshman Audra Kyrk.

The only thing that Kyrk would like to change about her set up would be to raise her bed higher so she can store more things underneath to save more floor space in the room.

Freshmen Joe Rahtelli and Sean Sullivan also decided this would be the easiest way for them to set up their room.

"I love my room this way and it was the simplest way to arrange our room," said Rahtelli.

Another common way to set up a dorm room would be to put the beds in an "L" shape. Freshmen Megan Flood and Alyssa DiGirolamo talked online before move-in day and decided this would be the best way to position everything.

"We thought it would be the most spacious way to set up our room, and we're

both really happy with the way it turned out, we just want to add more decorations now," said Flood.

Another option would be to loft one of the beds or even both. By lofting a bed it creates much more floor space since that person's desk and dresser can now go underneath their bed.

"I wanted to loft my bed to help conserve space in the room and I like having my desk and dresser all in the same area," said freshman Amanda Huggins.

Freshmen Erica Allenspach and Maria Laterza had a unique yet efficient setup for their dorm room.

"Since we have a futon we had to loft one bed and put the other bed underneath that in an "L" shape to create enough space for the futon," said Laterza.

"I really like the way our room is setup, it is just that my bed is a little too close to the ceiling so

most of the time I will just sleep on the futon," said Allenspach.

Some students at Marist were fortunate enough to find out that they would be living in a single. One student who did get this luck is Jennifer Hill.

"At first I was hesitant about having a single but now that I'm used to it I'm happy I got one," said Hill.

Hill set up her room in a way that was the most efficient for her and during family weekend she plans to raise her bed so she can store a futon underneath.

If you get creative enough there are many more ways that you can set up a dorm room to fit you and your roommate's specific needs. Hopefully these different ways can help freshmen out there who are thinking of rearranging their room or just want to change things up.

### Fox Poets

#### A Woman Scorned

Her eyes an inferno,  
She dares you to breathe.  
Go ahead: inhale.

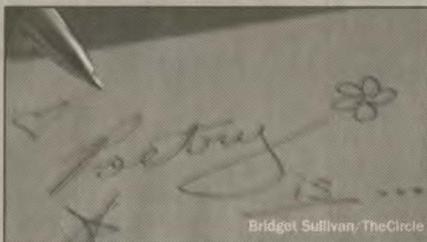
Krysten Manke

#### Untitled

Knowing the countenance of his spirit  
Brian had sworn off these ventures,  
But upon this particular day  
He felt one necessary and pleasing.  
So he took it upon himself,  
While the evening light played upon the window-pane  
To retire to his room.

This trip, not of ordinary standing,  
Proceeded to exceed all expectations.  
One might have had on previous knowledge of this chap.  
He shed his daily demeanor in favor of a more tired one.  
This demeanor, once found, proved worthy  
To bring said boy, our hero Brian, to his bedchambers.  
These chambers, however daunting they appeared on normal days  
Were defeated easily and restfully on this particular one.  
And with a strange and defeated feeling  
The room gave way to nighttime behavior  
Though it knew it was not yet night.  
This behavior, swiftly and soundly executed  
Pleased Sir Brian upon his waking.  
Then, satisfied and refreshed, he continued his day,  
Hoping that none were ever the wiser to his doings.

Kelly Geus



Bridget Sullivan/TheCircle

### A view of some freshman setups:



Audra Kyrk and Emily Longhi's dorm room exemplifies classic style and comfort.



With matching pink accessories, Alyssa and Megan Flood's room is coordinated and welcoming.



The ordinary style of Sean Sullivan and Joe Rahtelli's room makes it a comfortable area to do homework or simply relax.



The double windows in Jennifer Hill's single room create an amazing view and the ideal place to unwind.

### column about nothing:

#### Beauty in the Breakdown

By ASHLEY POSIMATO  
Circle Contributor

Stress, in any form, is a debilitating emotion that makes any task regardless of simplicity seemingly insurmountable. It is without question then that everyone encumbered by the effects of heightened anxiety must undergo some variety of remedial procedure before resuming their ordinary activities. Some people escape into their fantastical worlds composed completely of music, others divulge into the artistic realm of their minds adding color and texture to their favorite medium. It could be assumed that the competitor uses their aggressive workout to serve as a sufficient curative.

Also existing and prevalent is the brave individual who pours their heart out, to a family member, a friend, even an omniscient third party despite their unwillingness to listen. Here we have the musicians, the creators, the athletes, and the story tellers.

While some people sing, some dance, and others paint; I write. I write not only to organize or disorganize my current mental framework, but to free myself of all tension and reestablish my position in reality. It is the option to write that allows me to relinquish my detrimental sentiments and ultimately recreate a sense of clarity; emancipation.

Albeit the prerogative to write has always been viable, I have not always taken advantage of its availability. In fact it is until recently that I was able to utilize a methodical approach of stress relief.

Previously, I defined my feelings by examining how others felt around me. Being introverted by nature I have always found difficulty with facing my emotions; expressing them was a completely foreign concept. I related weakness with the use of any emotionally communicative practice. Suppressing my emotions was a much more appealing alternative. But the accumulation of unspoken words, unattended thoughts, and false expression bombarded my mind and I was completely unaware of it. I became incapable of locating any level of sovereignty over my emotions. I was inherently numb; I had forgotten how to feel. My reluctance to disclose any personal information clouded me with overwhelming anxiety. I was forced to amend my position, and develop a suitable channel of expression.

Writing has become my reprisal over the preceding defiance that ruled my behavior; I instituted an outlet. I have reaped an array of benefits from strategically transforming my emotions into words, and employing a means of distribution. I am no longer troubled by determining my feelings, they have become distinctively vivacious. I am able to verify my stance, channel my emotions, and share my experiences. I challenge all people to do the same. Stress can be detrimental, yet ubiquitously conquerable when the proper technique is employed.

Musicians will play, artists will create, and I will write. Suppose sometimes victory can only be achieved through surrender. Maybe there really is "Beauty in the Breakdown" (The Aesthetic Scene).



Jennifer Hill/The Circle

In this room, Amanda Huggins and Grace Hatcher's decision to loft one bed creates a spacious atmosphere and effective working environment.



Jennifer Hill/The Circle

The decision to add a futon makes Erica Allenspach and Maria Laterza's room a unique and entertaining space to spend time in.

From Features

IT Girl:

a column by a techno-savvy chick

By LISA BRASS  
Circle Contributor

Let me get this straight. You're a lazy, unmotivated student who originally came here all bright-eyed and shiny-faced. You declared a few of the following false statements: "I WILL study ahead of time for every single exam that the professor schedules three months in advance." "I WILL make that graph for my math course instead of going out with my friends." "I WILL eat salad occasionally and avoid the convenient grill and pizza stations."

The eventual reality will involve you, some tears, and a fail, either by letter grade or by principle.

I can't help you when it comes to salad versus pizza and burgers. I'm rather at a loss myself.

I can, however, point you to a few downloadable computer tools that will organize your pathetic fail of a life. Even if you're the least computer-savvy person you know, the following three open-source (i.e. free!) programs will revolutionize how you procrastinate.

1. **OpenOffice.org 2**-This impressive suite contains the tools needed to create word documents, spreadsheets, presentations, databases, graphs, and even complex diagrams. In fact, it's almost like the Microsoft Office Suite. The one major difference: it doesn't cost a whopping and ridiculous \$399 (but only \$149 for students! How cost effective!). OpenOffice programs are especially helpful when it's 3 AM, you just finished your essay to be sent to your professor as a Word document, and you realize that you have Microsoft Works. I know from experience that it's a hassle to convert documents to a Word format that you can't even view on your own computer. Do yourself a favor.

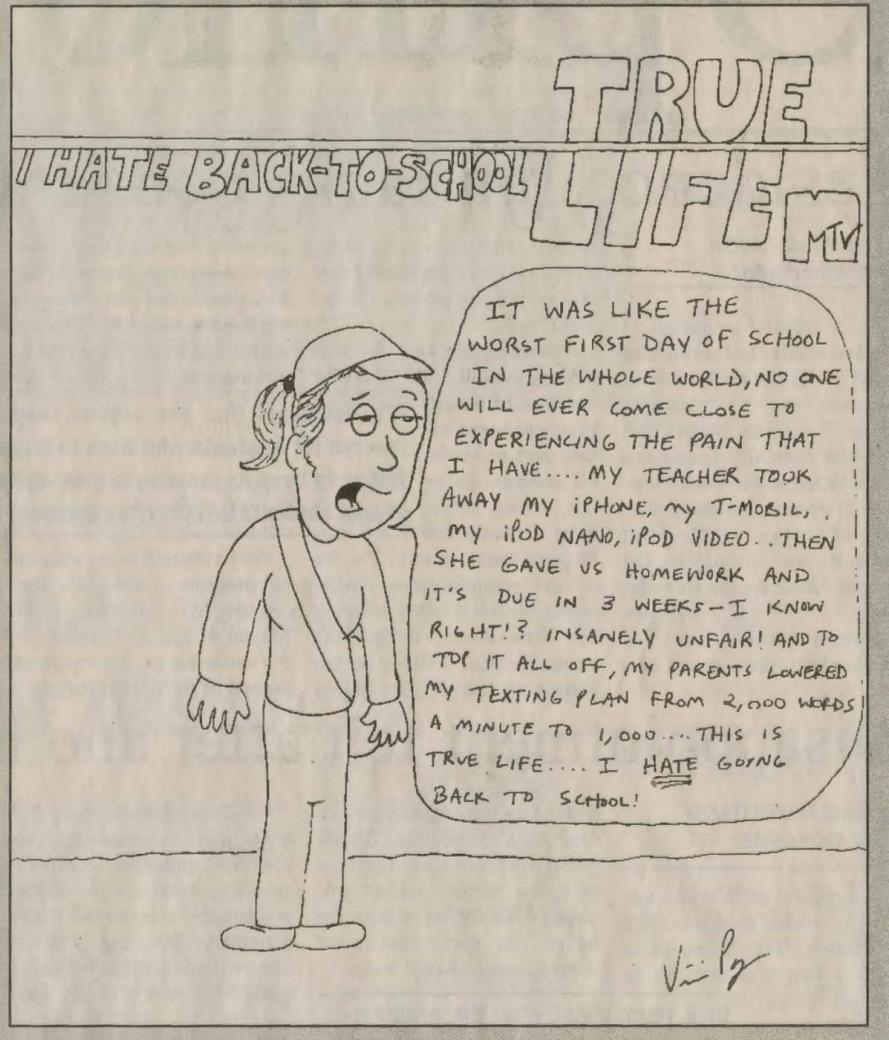
Download the suite at <http://OpenOffice.org> and enjoy the seamless saving of Microsoft Office format in a stick-it-to-the-man creation.

2. **GeoGebra**-This program (available at <http://Geogebra.org>) is the one to use for your math homework. It used to be so easy to draw those graphs charting how many times Betty sneezed each day from your fifth grade textbook. Now you have to find derivatives and graph horrendous-looking equations. Why do all that work when you could use GeoGebra? It will graph whatever you need. In addition, you can download interactive worksheets to help you with assigned problems, and that's only the tip of the iceberg. GeoGebra has proved itself so useful that it's won nine awards from both Europe and the US.

3. **Tubes**-Although Tubes is less than a year old, it's already made my favorites list. Why? Because eventually this year, you're going to need to work on an annoying group project. Each group member will have to meet at the same time in the library in order to combine their work, which is usually stored on individual laptops. Then you have to email it to each other. Then you have to email back updated versions. But there is a better way! Each of the group members simply downloads the Tubes program. The group leader creates a private tube named, for instance, "College Writing Project" and invites each group member to join. Once you're a member, you simply drag a file of any type off your own desktop and drop it on "College Writing Project". Any member can then access that file at their computer from the comfort of their dorm room. You can edit and reupload the file or quickly trade something back and forth. Download this innovative program at <http://Tubesnow.com>.

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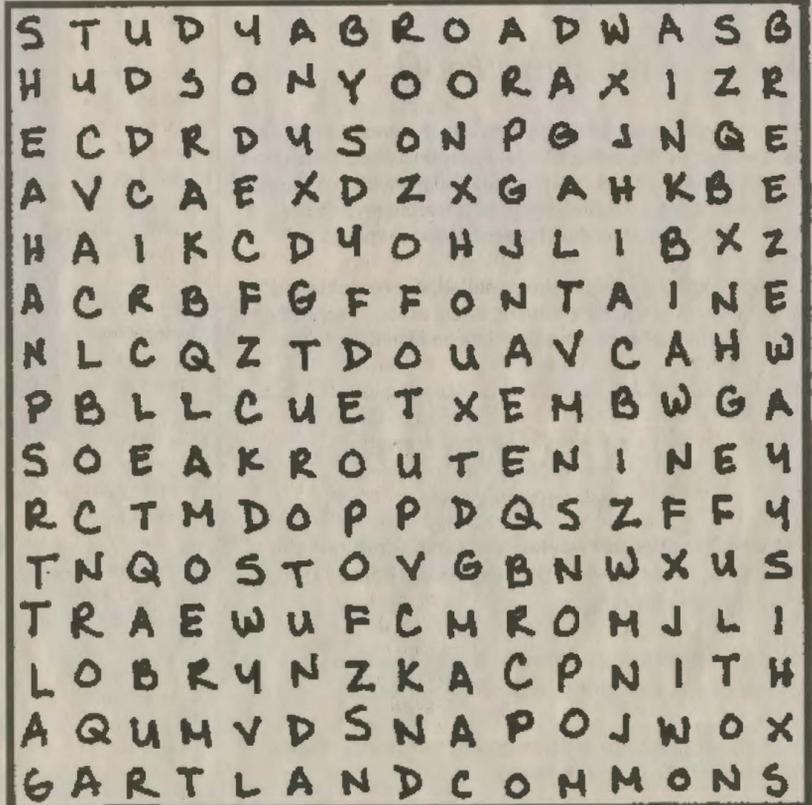
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The Circle CrossSearch

By ISABEL CAJULIS

Here's a crossword and a word search put together for your gaming pleasure.  
**Instructions:** Solve the clues below then find the answers hidden within the letters.

- International study program
- River alongside the Marist campus
- Building that houses the fashion program
- "Haunted" freshman residence
- Connects Champagnat Hall to the Student Center
- Marist College; "Home of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Campus club for animal welfare
- Liberal Arts building
- Slang for Poughkeepsie, NY
- North End Housing
- Highway outside campus
- Where the bookstore is located
- "Marist College's Student Newspaper"
- Upperclassman housing across Route 9
- Marist's athletic division



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## Residence Inn lacks convenience of on-campus housing

By CHRISTINE SAVOIA  
Circle Contributor

As a transfer applicant, I received a letter last spring that happily informed me I had been accepted as a "Resident Student" for the Marist fall semester. Naturally it came as a shock to me a few weeks later when I learned that the definition of being a "Resident Student" was living in the Marriot Residence Inn six miles from campus. Although a second letter had reassured that there would be a

campus shuttle, phone calls were soon made explaining that said shuttle was really a non-existent "typo."

Having been here for two weeks now, I've stopped loathing the idea of having to spend my first year at Marist off campus. To be fair, living at the hotel certainly has its perks and its pitfalls. Yes, we do get complimentary, continental breakfast every morning and free dinner during the week. We have 24-hour access to the pool, hot tub, gym and we

get maid service. Our rooms came completely carpeted and furnished with a pull-out couch, kitchenette, marble bathroom vanity, and free cable and wireless internet.

**It's ridiculous that the school keeps no housing on reserve for students who wish to transfer in, let alone failing to keep its promise to give sophomores who were Marist students last year "on campus" housing.**

As I've heard many on-campus students express, this place sounds like paradise, right? Maybe, if you don't mind giving up some of the traditional aspects of college life. Living in

a hotel means we can't be loud because some of our neighbors are families and IBM employees. Also, being so far removed from the campus and its facilities has made the process of

making new friends much more difficult than it would have

been living in a normal dorm. The distance to school isn't terribly far, but there are students who don't have cars and have been told to rely on other students and public transportation

to get to class.

Overall, the Residence Inn is a win-lose situation. We have nice material benefits, but at times it can be hard to feel like part of the Marist community. Earning priority points becomes even more of a pain because it's inconvenient to hop in our cars to go to club meetings and social gatherings on campus--most of which are at night.

I personally believe Housing did the best it could to accommodate for the huge surplus of students who would have no place to live otherwise. However, I also think it's a poor

job on the part of Admissions for accepting students they knew the school didn't have room for. It's ridiculous that the school keeps no housing on reserve for students who wish to transfer in, let alone failing to keep its promise to give sophomores who were Marist students last year "on campus" housing. While free breakfast and pool usage are nice, free transportation to and from school is much more necessary. Frankly, it's a bit irresponsible to not have that transportation when there are kids here who don't even have cars.

## Disappointment felt after another promise of progress in Iraq

By MIKE NAPOLITANO  
Circle Contributor

Progress is defined as a forward or onward movement to a destination. The definition in itself is simple enough for an

elementary school student to comprehend. But the problem lies not in the denotation but the connotation. The Bush administration

has been telling the world that progress is being made in Iraq since the initial invasion over four years ago.

The first piece of information one must look at is what destination progress is moving toward. Early on in the Iraq fiasco it was to overthrow Saddam in a type of international coup. OK, mission accomplished, but wait there's something inherently wrong with that, too. Mission was declared accomplished a full six months before Saddam was captured.

Right, so we'll scratch that theory. The next well known destination or "bench-mark" for Iraq was to get a "democratic system" up and running. There was a "free" election held with streamers, celebration, the Iraqis casted their votes, filled their parliament and elected a president. For once it seemed like it all worked out, except

that the Iraqi government is riddled with corruption. That's aside from the fact that they took the entire summer off, amongst all the turmoil in the nation, an eerie replica of another congressional body.

**In a roundabout way, the problem is uncovered; progress can be anything, and what it has become is just another talking point for a very unpopular administration.**

The government aside, what's next on the agenda is stability. Based on what Gen. Petraeus told Congress and what the president is now saying, it looks like there's been a lot of progress made but a lot more is going to be made, so as long as we "stay the course" and leave the troop levels elevated for another few years.

It really is amazing how few Americans still have patience with Iraq. Can't you see that we've been making progress since we first invaded nearly five years ago? In a roundabout way, the problem is uncovered; progress can be anything, and what it has become is just another talking point for a very unpopular administration. There is a distinct reason for why this administration is trying to sell this sad story to the people of the world and it involves nothing more than their own vested interests.

The Bush administration, with the help of congressional appropriations committees, persists at spending American tax dollars at a rate that was over \$8 billion a month in 2006. Surely all this money is going to the troops but sadly, it's not. Figures have indicated that nearly half of the Iraq budget has gone to private contractors and not the kind that fix up your house.

The phrase "private contractors" is political jargon for corporations and numbers indicate that some of the leading corporations have reaped up to \$50 billion since the war began.

Corporations such as Bechtel rebuild infrastructure while companies like Aegis Defense supplies weapons and armaments that subsequently destroy the infrastructure that was just built. There's one word that resonates loudly from a practice like this: corruption. One of the leading theories towards practices like this is called the Military Industrial Complex. Basically, the MIC revolves around an iron triangle consisting of an interest group, a gov-

ernmental agency, and the military. In this case, the components are an oil company such

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as Exxon or Chevron, the White House or the defense department, and the military. Their combined vested interest is to make money by perpetuating combat activity.

The result of this practice is the seemingly irreversible quag-

mire known as the war on terror. Iraq is simply one theater to a broad network of military mobi-

lization and corporate sponsorship. Whether or not progress is legiti-

mately being made, money is still being spent towards an operation designed to never end. In the meanwhile, American tax dollars are being used to pay off enormous government contracts awarded to the largest corporation.

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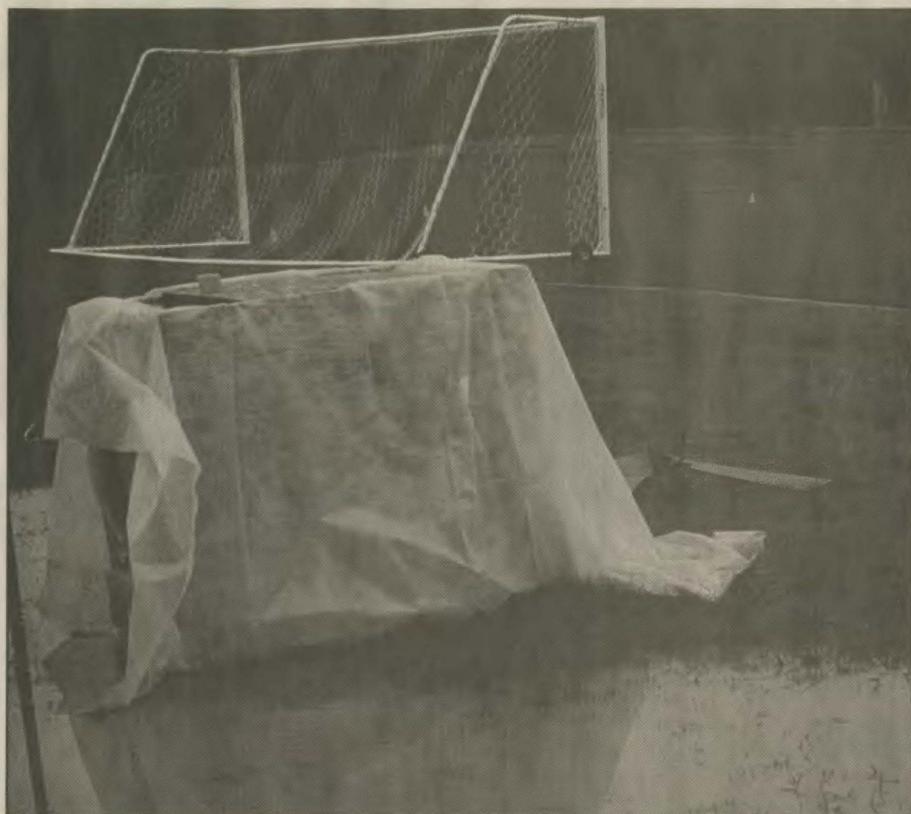
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The soccer field on Leonidoff will be vacant for a few more weeks, as the men's soccer team waits for renovation of the field to be complete. The team breaks in its new home on Oct. 5 against MAAC opponent Rider.

## Foxes await stadium opening

By MATT SPILLANE  
Assistant News Editor

The Marist community is anxiously anticipating the completion of renovated Leonidoff Field, but it is hard to imagine that many people are as excited about the new facility as the men's soccer team.

Due to setbacks in construction, the team has been forced to play every game so far this season on the road. The Red Foxes will not have a field to call their own until their ninth game of the year, when they host Rider on October 5.

Without the luxury of a home-field advantage, the team has struggled early on, compiling a 1-3-1 record. Head Coach Matt Viggiano acknowledged that playing strictly on the road may have contributed to his team's record.

"It definitely does not help," he said. "It hurts us, but the kids are learning quickly to deal with adversity, and they'll be battle-tested because of it."

Postponement of newly renovated Leonidoff Field's completion caused the team's home opener against Hartford on Sept. 4 to be relocated to nearby Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., as well as its Sept. 19 contest against Central Connecticut State.

However, Viggiano said his players do not dwell on their nomadic situation. He said they just want to play, and that they do not worry about what they cannot control.

Viggiano said playing on Leonidoff Field will be a welcomed change from playing their "home" games at Mount St.

Mary, where the bumpy surface is unfavorable to his team's strengths, speed and agility.

"Leonidoff is suited for our game," he said. "Mount St. Mary has that thick, northeast grass, and is more suited to Central Connecticut State."

Sophomore defender Scott Cameron noted that his team has had to adjust to hostile crowds in addition to unfamiliar fields.

"Other teams have big home crowds, and their friends and classmates there heckling us," he said.

Cameron said his teammates will be energized by turning the tables.

"The Rider game will be huge, a big morale booster," he said. "It will definitely have a positive effect on us."

The game against Rider will kick off league play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Playing on their brand new field and in front of cheering fans will give the Red Foxes the confidence they need to start conference play on the right foot.

"Winning the conference means everything to us," Viggiano said. "The kids are foaming at the mouth in anticipation for this game. Right now it is like the calm before the storm."

Before they can prove themselves against Rider, the Red Foxes need to dig themselves out of their 1-3-1 hole. The team earned its first win on Friday, Sept. 14, in the Army Tournament, beating Air Force 2-1 in double overtime, before falling to Quinnipiac 3-1 two days later to conclude the tournament.

Marist travels to Stony Brook

and Albany on Sept. 25 and 29, respectively. Stony Brook is on a four-game winning streak, but Albany has lost four of its last five games, providing the Red Foxes with a perfect opportunity to see where they stand before MAAC play begins.

Sophomore midfielder Tyler Vinal stressed the importance of this two-game stretch preceding the team's home opener.

"We have an opportunity to get out of our slump," he said. "We started the season off slow, but we have the talent and skill to be successful."

Cameron and Vinal agreed that in order for their team to reach that success, their teammates must gel both on and off the field. They mentioned the major's youth and inexperience as major reasons for the early struggles. Of the 26 players on the roster, 19 are freshmen and sophomores. Working those freshmen into the rotation, Vinal said, is something the older veterans have to adjust to.

Viggiano said his young players must improve their focus, and not be so susceptible to mental breakdowns.

"We have to be a little hungrier," he said. "We need a better sense of urgency."

The home opener is still three games away, but the coach reiterated his players' anticipation.

"We're excited, the community and student body are excited," he said. "We hope there will be a big crowd to come out and support us. We're a fun team to watch, and we'll be flying around the field that night."

against MAAC opponents.

Schultze said fan support has greatly increased this season.

"This year we have had a lot of fan base, and I think that helps us a lot with our momentum and getting excited," she said. "When there are a lot of people backing you, it is so much easier to push through hard points. We have had a big increase on how many people are coming on average. It makes it a lot easier to play for your school when there are people coming to support you."

## Foxes fall flat

### Marist suffers third straight loss on the road

By GREG HRINYA  
Staff Writer

For the third straight game, the Red Foxes staked an opponent to a big lead, and the deficit proved to be too much for the Marist offense to overcome.

To begin the season, Marist has gone down by at least 24 points in all three road contests, with the latest coming at the hands of the Wagner Seahawks last Saturday in Staten Island, N.Y. After just 31 yards in the first quarter, Marist would find itself down 24-0 with 3:36 elapsed in the third quarter. The Red Foxes would rally to score the next 14 points, but the comeback proved futile as the Seahawks held on to take the game 24-14.

The story of the game, and the Red Foxes' season for that matter, has been the inconsistency from week to week. After struggling mightily in the first two games, the Marist defense rebounded with a strong effort, only to have the offense endure a stretch that included four turnovers in five possessions from the 6:27 mark in the second quarter to the 13:34 mark of the third quarter. The four Marist turnovers would lead to the 14 offensive points Wagner would score during the contest. The

other 10 teams. **We haven't put all three phases of the game together, and we need all three against these caliber opponents.**

Marist Red Foxes Coach Jim Parady said the Wagner

defense did not surprise his offense in any way, but the team just needed to make a few more plays.

"They did everything we expected them to," Parady said. "They ran a very basic defense, with eight and sometimes even nine guys in the box. We just couldn't make a guy miss when our running back got into the third level."

Although the Marist offense struggled and turned the ball over, the team continued to rely on the run, despite being without team captain Bo Ehikioya.

Coach Parady believes Ehikioya should be ready to go this Saturday against Columbia after being a game time decision and late scratch against the Seahawks.

"I'm expecting Bo back this week at 100 per cent," Parady said. "He ran very well last Sunday and he should be ready to go."

After falling behind 24-0, Marist junior running back Ray Fiumefreddo got the Red Foxes on the board at 6:11 of the third quarter with a 1-yard plunge into the end zone. Fiumefreddo led Parady's running back-by-committee system with 55 yards on 22 carries. Senior Adam Hansen also tallied 55 yards on the ground on eight carries.

Parady is looking forward to getting Ehikioya back, but the other three running backs will see considerable time, especially against a Columbia defense that yielded 323 yards on the ground to Fordham.

"It's really all about match-ups and we will still do it by committee," Parady said in reference to the running game. "Bo still has to get into game shape. We liked what Adam Hansen gave us. He ran really well and broke some tackles. We liked Fiumefreddo because of the match-ups at the

line so we gave him the ball a little more."

After Fiumefreddo's touchdown, the Marist offense would tack on another score after senior quarterback Steve McGrath connected with receiver Daniel Dulac for a 13-yard touchdown with 22 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The touchdown to cut the deficit to 24-14 would be as close as Marist would get, and the overriding theme of the day would be the mistakes that led to Wagner points.

Coach Parady said the team is ready to start winning, as long as it can play consistently on both sides of the ball and on special teams.

"We haven't put all three phases of the game together, and we need all three against these caliber opponents," Parady said. "We've had possessions in these games to get it within one score but we need to be better at finishing drives. We're close to having success, but we can't get down 24-0 and 28-0."

Fiumefreddo said the offense is starting to come into its own and the team plans to improve in the coming weeks.

"I feel that our offense is starting to gel," Fiumefreddo said. "We just need to get that swagger back and start playing with

some emotion."

The next challenge - Jim Parady for the Red Foxes

will be the Columbia Lions on Saturday at Lawrence A. Wein Stadium in New York, N.Y. This will be the first time in Marist history that the team will face an Ivy League School.

In Columbia's first game of the season, the Lions lost to the Fordham Rams 27-10 and allowed 323 rushing yards in the process. This bodes well for a Marist offense that looks to get Bo Ehikioya back and already has a rushing triumvirate that has enjoyed some success early on this season.

Despite the success Fordham had against the Columbia Lions, coach Parady is weary of the Lions defense and realizes the offense will have to make plays to get past them.

"Fordham really only had four big runs that accounted for about 200 yards," Parady said. "Columbia didn't tackle well and the one runner broke five tackles before going in for the touchdown."

Junior offensive lineman Jake Dembow believes the team's experience early this season and game plan for Columbia will allow the Red Foxes to dictate the flow of the game Saturday.

"Columbia is an undersized but very fast defense that relies on a lot of stunts with the line and linebackers," Dembow said. "We will use a lot of zone blocking and make it so we won't have to worry about one individual defender."

Dembow feels confident in the offense's ability to start making plays and performing like the team expects to.

"We have a number of talented skill players capable of big things and facing the talent we have has only made us tougher," Dembow said. "A lot of the mistakes we made in the earlier games will be cut down."



## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's male and female star performer for the weekend of Sept. 14-16.

Dan Smith  
Football, Senior



The senior captain led the defense with 11 tackles in a 24-14 loss to Wagner, last Saturday. He sacked the quarterback once, while recording 2.5 tackles for a loss. The tackles cost the Seahawks nine yards.

### On the horizon:

The Red Foxes return to action Saturday when they travel to Columbia to take on the Lions. This is the first Ivy League opponent Marist will face in program history. Kickoff is set for noon.



Allison Lane  
Soccer, Freshman

Lane notched her first career shutout in a 3-0 win against Temple, last Friday. She has yet to give up a goal in her collegiate career in 175 minutes of play. With this, she was named MAAC co-player of the week along with teammate Laura Zasly.

### On the Horizon:

The Red Foxes will return to action when they take on Seton Hall, Sunday, Sept. 23 at noon.



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## Marist continues MAAC schedule

MAAC rookie of the week Tuesday, it was her first honor of the season. She recorded 52 digs with just one error in the Greyhounds' two victories in Buffalo, N.Y.

Hanna is more concerned about the quality of the passes Born makes, rather than the number of passes she makes.

"Thirty-three digs is certainly great," he said. "She gives her team opportunities to keep us from scoring, and gives them more opportunities to score in transition. I'm always concerned with how the libero passes. If the libero is a solid passer, she is

pretty much going to pass perfect balls for them, and she is going to be in there all six rotations, that's a big problem."

The 'hounds were picked to finish sixth, one spot below Marist in the MAAC pre-season coaches poll.

Loyola will face-off against Siena on Saturday, Sept. 22, the day before the Red Foxes travel to Baltimore for a date with the Greyhounds on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Upon the Foxes completion of the road trip, Marist will return home to the James J. McCann Center for a four-match home stand. All four matches will be

# Women's soccer anticipates Leonidoff Field completion

By RICH ARLEO  
Staff Writer

As the season starts to get into full swing for the Marist women's soccer team, coaches and players are extremely optimistic after their 2-1-1 start.

They are very excited for the rest of the season.

Head Coach Elizabeth Roper was elated after the teams' 3-0 win over Temple this past week, and has been very pleased at how the team as looked in all of their games so far this season.

"This is my third year here and this is definitely the best start we've had," Roper said. "In fact this is basically the best start the team has had in about the last 10 years."

"It was nice to have that win over Army in the opener," Roper continued about all of their games to date. "When we went out to Lehigh we played very competitively. It was unfortunate to lose but we kept fighting back in the game and didn't quit. In the Albany game we didn't start out as strong as we could have as we went down quickly, but it was great to come back with the two quick strikes and then pretty

much dominate the rest of the game. When we went down to Temple, I had asked them to come strong, and they did. It was nice to look up at the scoreboard fifteen minutes in and see us up 3-0...it was kind of nice," she said.

In their match at Temple, the Red Foxes were able to get a 3-0 shutout led by two goals by sophomore Laura Zasly's with assists on the first and second goal by sophomore Maria Baez and Teresa Ferraro respectively. They also had strong play from their freshman starting goalkeeper Allison Lane who had five

saves, en route to her first career victory, as well as her first career shutout.

After a performance like that, it's no wonder Coach Roper is so excited about the rest of the season.

"We've had really great leader-

ship from our seniors Keri Koegel and Melanie Ondrejik, it's been really important for us," Roper said. "They've played a

had at Marist in my third season here."

The team has been off to an impressive start, but they also

was mostly positive.

Coach Roper said she was fine with going to Vassar for the home game, and is mostly just anticipating it being even more exciting once they finally do come home to the newly renovated Leonidoff Field.

"We had to play one game at Vassar and it was a nice field and nice facility, we even got a big crowd of people supporting us," Roper said. "I think it's great that we have such a great relationship with our neighboring college that we were able to do that, and I think not playing on the home field yet really will just make October that much sweeter," Roper continued, "and we can't wait to have our home crowd there, but we're willing to wait for such a great facility to be fully completed."

Sophomore Teresa Ferraro said that although she's a bit unhappy that the team can't play at home yet, there are still some positives in waiting for the field to be ready.

"It's disappointing just because

we lose our home field advantage with a lot of our family and friends not being there," she said. "But the waiting does increase our anticipation for the field and makes us that much more eager to make it to the MAAC [Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference] tournament."

The team has three more non-conference games to go before facing Siena in their first conference matchup of the year on Oct. 6.

They have their first home game two days later against Columbia, then continue with a string of MAAC games. The team and their coach are really excited at the early results, and are all looking forward to the big games come October.

"We were close to winning many games last year but it was a tough season," Roper said. "This year however, we are definitely in games without a doubt, and we want to keep playing well in our non-conference games and be prepared for the conference games and we are going to be really excited come October."



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Freshman goalkeeper Allison Lane makes one of her five saves in a 3-0 shutout at Temple last weekend. Lane has not allowed a goal in 175 minutes of play in her collegiate career.

big part in why our program is heading in the right direction. We also have a great core of juniors and have had great contributions from sophomores and freshman. We have great chemistry and this is collectively the best team I've

haven't had any true home games yet, with their one "home" game being played down the road at Vassar. I asked the coach and a few players what they thought about not being able to play at home, and the response

## Senior led Foxes look to improve on last year's program best season

By STEVE SCHULT  
Staff Writer

The Marist College men's cross country team is off to a hot start and looks to have one of its best seasons in school history.

Following victories by junior David Raucci at the West Point Opener and junior Girma Segni at the Boston University Invitational, the Red Foxes are currently ranked 10th in the

Northeast region. They look to continue their dominance in the Iona Meet of Champions this Saturday, Sept 22.

Senior captain Mike Rolek feels that this meet will be a true test as to how good the Red Foxes really are.

"This is one of the best meets in the Northeast and will have a lot tougher competition," Rolek said. "At BU and West Point there were only five teams, but this one has 20 teams from all

over the region. Iona is currently ranked third in the nation and this will be a good barometer for where we are at."

With the team's unprecedented success has come a change in the training regiment, which has led to an overall different team

attitude. The team has been in the weight room more often and been doing more specified drills.

They also make sure that they are able to recover after their

training by taking ice baths after most practice sessions. This helps them feel fresh the next day.

"Every team puts in the miles, but we work on the little things," Rolek said.

This year's team has a good mix of talented freshman to go with a core group of upperclassmen, and they have meshed

well. The incoming freshman class is headlined by Adam Vess, a

Connecticut native who was the national high school champion in the 5000- meters. Mixing this type of talent with the hard-working upperclassmen like David Raucci, who is one of the Red Foxes' top runners, will make this season special.

After last season's 17th place finish in Regionals and a second place finish in the MAAC championships, the running Red Foxes will be disappointed if they are unable to attain and sur-

pass their achievements from last year.

"We know the kind of talent we have on the team this year and guys just continue to get better," Rolek said. "Last year was our best year, but we are still looking forward. Iona is untouchable and we will finish second in the MAAC, but anything less than a top-10 finish in regionals would be disheartening."

## Marist to compete against eight ranked teams at Iona Meet of Champions

By JUSTINE DECOTIS  
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The main goal of the Marist women's cross country team this weekend at the Iona Meet of Champions; beat Manhattan.

The Red Foxes will be competing against Iona, Manhattan and about 24 other colleges and universities this Saturday at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, N.Y. Marist will face tough competition as eight of the teams are nationally ranked. There will also be many local colleges, including Metro

Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rivals Iona and Manhattan.

This is the team's third meet of the season following the West Point Opener and the Boston University Invitational. Sophomore Brittany Burns has been the Red Foxes top finisher in both meets. Burns, from Watertown, N.Y., was one of the Foxes top finishers in her freshman year, and continued that success in the first meets of the 2007 season.

Head Coach Phil Kelly said that Burns is a "very solid runner, who works hard, is a good

competitor, and wants to get better."

In high school, Burns was a First-Team All-State selection for a cross country and a member of the 2006 state championship team for basketball, showing all-around athleticism.

The Van Cortlandt Park course is well-known in cross country circles. It is often used to assess runners, and compare times because of the familiarity of it to many coaches and athletes. One difference is the course at Van Cortlandt is 6K or approximately 3.73 miles as opposed to the more common

5K, or approximately 3.1 mile races.

At first glance a runner's time for the course may not appear to be decent but the course is longer than most.

Kelly said that this difference does not change the way that the team has trained over the past two weeks.

"We continue to train hard, and constantly try to improve," he said. "The Red Foxes have three more meets at Van Cortlandt Park this season, and have had many over the past few years.

Senior Chrissy Snyder said

that the familiarity with the course definitely helps.

"It's helpful knowing distances," Snyder said. "Especially when hills are coming, and how much is left."

The Red Foxes have not yet entered the meat of their season, and there are goals all around before they get there.

Kelly said that though everyone has performed solidly so far, there is a lot of potential with team.

Snyder agreed, saying, "It's tough to come in and run. It takes awhile to get going," she said.

Both Kelly and junior Colleen Ryan acknowledged the need for constant improvement and finishing the season strong.

Snyder said the earlier part of the season is usually the toughest.

"It's difficult to come together early in the season," Snyder said.

There were two constants that both coach and athletes acknowledged as Saturday's meet approaches, the tremendous potential of this team and the desire to beat chief MAAC rival Manhattan.

## Three men win respective backdraws at Brown Intercollegiate Tournament

By CASEY LANE  
Staff Writer

What started Brown on Friday ended Red on Sunday. Three members of the Marist men's tennis team won their individual draws over the weekend at the Northeast Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by Brown University.

Sophomore Michael Land won the back draw in the Fifth Flight singles. Freshmen Jack Famiglio and Jordan Keen won the Sixth and Seventh Flights, respectively.

Sophomores Loic Sessagesimi and Christian Coley, as well as freshman Landon Greene, all reached the semifinals of the main draw. Sessagesimi competed in the First Flight, while Coley and Greene did the same in the Second and Third Flights, respectively.

Marist head coach Tim Smith was very pleased with his team's play in the first tournament of the fall season.

"I was extremely happy with the overall results, especially considering we have such a young team," Smith said.

"Any time we can get three players to advance in the main draw with 15 colleges that includes the likes of Brown and Harvard, I'm very happy."

According to Smith, this was the first of many steps en route to a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championship.

Winning three flights "was a good indication that we have some kids that are tournament tough."

The Red Foxes will play in another tournament this weekend that features a wide-vari-

ety of participating schools, the Georgetown Classic.

This will be the Foxes' second consecutive appearance. Marist will be competing against schools outside the Northeast region, such as George Washington University and naturally, Georgetown.

The tournament begins on Saturday, September 22 and concludes the following day.

While he was pleased with the team's early success, Smith is focused on seeing continued development this

weekend in Washington, D.C.

"These matches aren't team against team, they're player against player," Smith said. "In the fall, it's really about testing your kids to see where they are."

Smith tries to give his team numerous opportunities to compete during the fall season in order to help the mental aspect of their game.

"I have the responsibility to get our kids as many matches as possible to put their confidence at a level where they'll think they can win the

MAAC," Smith said. "If you think you can, then you will."

During the first half of the season, the coaches determine who the top-six players on the team are.

Tournaments like the Georgetown Classic help that process. However, Smith doesn't demand perfection out of his players.

"As Andre Agassi said, tennis isn't about playing your best out there. It's about playing well enough to beat your opponent that day."

## Marist primed to repeat as MAAC Champions under coach Roge Nesbitt

By MIKE WALSH  
Circle Contributor

I honestly know very little about the sport of tennis. I didn't know what to expect as I made my way across the street to the courts. First off, the place is beautiful. With wooden pillars and green vines, it matches the breathtaking views of Marist College. I

arrived at the gate and found the courts bare with the exception of two girls hitting a ball back-and-forth. I approached them and they informed me they were part of the women's team I was searching for.

Cassie and Alexa Strange are twin sophomores from California. Cassie plays first doubles with captain Christine Ong and also second singles.

Alexa plays second doubles with the other captain, Erin Godly. The girls were very helpful in pointing me in the direction of Ong's residence.

Ong explained that this group of girls has been put together from various backgrounds. Ong is also from California, and Godly is from Kentucky.

The Foxes also have juniors, Emily Zampello and Mirelva

Colon from Texas and Puerto Rico respectively.

The woman responsible for bringing this team of outsiders together in New York is head coach, Roge Nesbitt. Nesbitt is in just her second semester (first fall season) with the team.

Though the girls say she is a strict leader when it comes to team rules, no one can deny that she has brought out the potential

that was buried in this talented team.

After being named no. 1 in the MAAC, Ong told me "it was really nice, because we saw all of our hard work pay off."

Christine is excited about this season due to the mix of exciting new talent and veteran leadership.

"We have a talented, deep team this year," she said.

Godly has already turned in a stellar performance, making it to the ECAC semifinals by defeating Dana Potsupack of Fairfield.

While the team's season is just beginning, they do have a big tournament this weekend at Georgetown. They also have the Binghamton Tournament the following weekend in Binghamton, N.Y.

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## Foxes look for weekend for boost after falling to Gaels

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The Red Foxes returned home Sunday, after defeating the Manhattan Jaspers in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) opener for both teams. The win ended a six-game road trip, and a six-match losing streak.

Marist stood at 1-0 when the Iona Gaels came to Poughkeepsie to take on the Foxes Sunday afternoon.

### THE MATCH

The Red Foxes were handed their first MAAC loss of the season by the Gaels, taking the defeat in four games. The scores were 27-30, 30-23, 30-25, and 30-27. The Gaels remained perfect at 2-0, while Marist fell to 1-1 in the MAAC.

Sophomore outside hitter Alexandra Schultze led the way for the Foxes, tallying 17 kills on the match. Freshman outside hitter Joanna Foss contributed 12 kills of her own. Sophomore setter Dawn Jan set 44 assists in the loss for the Foxes.

On the defensive side of the ball, freshman libero Emily Brosky had 20 digs, while Schultze added 15, and Foss posted 11 digs of her own.

The Foxes jumped out to an early 21-12 lead.

Then Gaels senior outside hit-

ter, Kristin Allain took the serve. Allain tallied six aces over the next ten points to bring the Gaels right back into game one. Allain made the score 23-20 by the time her service turn was over.

Schultze said Allain had an incredible top-spin jump serve.

"They had one girl who was doing an incredible top spin jump serve," Schultze said. "It was a very hard serve. It took us a while to get used to what she was doing. I think that's why it took us so long to break what was going on. Once we finally got it down, we stopped her momentum for the rest of the match. That helped a lot, but it definitely hurt our momentum because it was a long stretch of how many times she served."

However, the Foxes did not falter as Foss had the game-winning kill to win the first game of the match for Marist.

In the first game, the Red Foxes had just five errors on the attack. This gave them a hitting percentage of .379, a match high.

Tom Hanna, head volleyball coach, Marist College, said the key to being solid is with consistent passes to the setter.

"We need to stay in system [passing the ball to the setter]," he said. "We need to just get the ball to the setter within a pretty comfortable radius of the setting slot, 70-80 percent of the time.

When we do that we are going to be very, very dangerous. We may run the fastest offense in the MAAC, in terms of tempo. In order to be successful, like any team, we need to be in system. When we are in system we are very good. [The] Rutgers [match] is the best example of that. We were in system all night and we won the first two games by 19 points combined. It just comes down to being in system."

Marist then dropped the next three consecutive games to give Iona the win.

To clinch the match, in game four, Iona had just four attacking errors, while posting a hitting percentage of .341.

### THE [NEAR] FUTURE

Marist has yet another road trip, this one just two games long. Both of these are MAAC matches against St. Peter's and Loyola (MD) on Saturday and Sunday respectively. Currently, the Red Foxes road record is 2-7.

The Peahens are currently 0-3 in the MAAC, after suffering losses to Fairfield, Iona, and Siena. The Peahens are on a 10-match losing streak, and have not won a match since Aug. 26, against St. Francis (N.Y.).

Hanna said he is more concerned about the way the Peahens played the Gaels than their 0-3 record.

"I'm not so worried about what

their record is," Hanna said. "The fact that they went 15-13 in the fifth game with Iona concerns me. The other two matches were against the top two teams in the conference, so the results I would expect. I'm just concerned with what we're going to do. Irregardless of what they are running defensively, what they are running for a side out offense, we need to be in system. We have a lot of kids that can attack the ball with a good amount of velocity, and who can hit a variety of different sets, we just have to put them in the position to do that. That's one of the biggest differences between last year and this year. We have more live arms."

St. Peter's is a team with a great deal of youth, nine freshmen, two sophomores, and three juniors.

The Peahens were slated to finish eighth in the MAAC pre-season coaches poll.

Loyola is on the other end of the MAAC volleyball spectrum, a perfect 2-0 in MAAC play and the top team in the conference; the only team with a winning percentage greater than .500 overall.

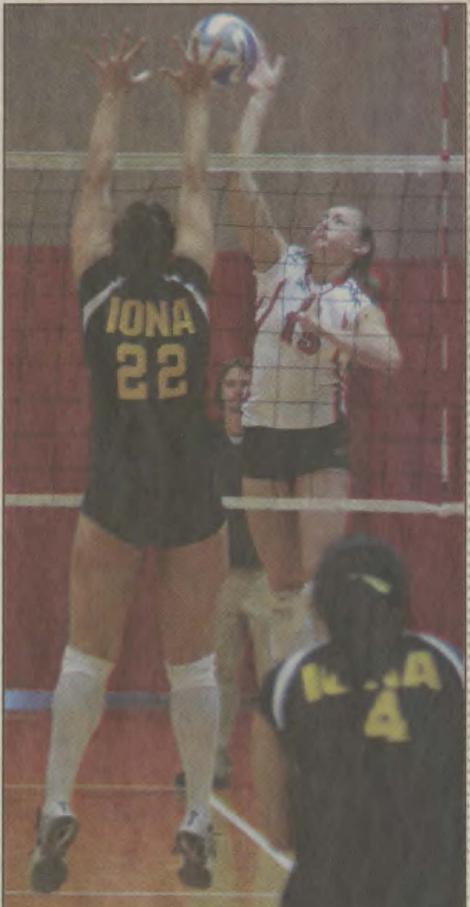
The Greyhounds completed a swing in Buffalo, N.Y., as they defeated Niagara and Canisius in five and four games respectively.

Hanna said transition offense

will be important against the Greyhounds.

"The result at Canisius is a good result for them," he said. "In terms of what we have to do to slow them down, if we're in system they have to stop us. They do run faster; they are kind of similar to us, they run a faster tempo offense. So they have a better shot at defending us because they see it every day in their practice gym. We need to dig some more balls and create opportunities in transition."

Loyola freshman libero, Foxes with 17 kills in a 3-1 loss to Iona. Marist fell to Brittany Born 1-1 in the MAAC with two big matches this weekend.



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Monday, February 5  
12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Info Table - MAP Alumni

Marist Abroad Comes to Donnelly  
Monday, February 6  
12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Info Table - MAP Alumni

Marist Study Abroad Fair  
Wednesday, February 7  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Student Center Rotunda

Marist Abroad Comes to Lowell Thomas  
Monday, February 8  
12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Info Table - MAP Alumni

Marist Abroad Comes to Fontaine  
Monday, February 9  
12:00 - 2:00 pm  
Info Table - MAP Alumni