



Miers withdraws as Supreme Court Justice nominee

White House counsel's controversial nomination causes conservatives and liberals to speak out

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President George W. Bush accepted the withdrawal of Supreme Court Justice Nominee, Harriet Miers after she cracked under the tremendous pressure of conservative and liberals.

According to CNN.com, Miers withdrew her nomination after she received heavy opposition from conservatives and liberals about her lack of qualifications and records. Many conservatives and liberals were unsure on where Miers stood on many hot-button issues such as abortion.

Miers removed herself, just two weeks before the Senate

confirmation hearings were scheduled. This confirmation process would prove to be very difficult for Miers, since no one knew where she stood on any issues because she always worked in private practices.

Just four days after Miers withdrew from the Supreme Court nomination, Bush nominated Samuel Alito, a 15-year veteran of the Philadelphia-based Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, a conservative jurist.

"[Miers was] concerned that the confirmation process presents a burden for the White House and its staff and is not in the best interest of the country," said CNN.com.

According to CNN.com, in a recent conversation between Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter and

Miers, revealed that Miers was unsure about her political stance on the 1965 Supreme Court Case, *Grissold vs. Connecticut*. This may indicate that Miers has limited political stances on some controversial issues.

Although President George W. Bush said her overall range of experience in various positions is beneficial to a Supreme Court Justice, others like Jason Kovacs feel differently. Kovacs is an associate attorney at the law office of Rusk Wadlin Heppner & Matuscello, Kingston, NY.

"I am not concerned with her

lack of experience ... based on qualities, she doesn't rise up to the level of Supreme Court Justice," said Kovacs.

Kovacs had a list of potential qualities that he said would be a good Supreme Court Justice. "Some of the qualities that I feel important for a Supreme Court Justice are law school grades, law practice, public offices held, and scholarly journals," said Kovacs.

Miers had held a wide variety of private practices positions including Bush's personal attorney in Texas, chairman of the Texas Lottery Commission, and

a partner at the Texas Law firm of Locke, Liddell and Sapp. Most recently, she has been the White House counsel as well as White House deputy chief of staff.

According to Kovacs, holding a public office is a very important quality for a Supreme Court Justice.

Since Miers has not held a public office such as a Circuit Judge," said Kovacs, "her stances on many political issues are not known."

The stance of Kovacs on Miers public office is echoed in an article written by Time.com.

"She has no judicial resume and hasn't left a long trail of noteworthy memos, briefs, oral argument transcripts or law journal articles," said Time.com. Assistant Professor, political

science, Lynn Eckert, Ph.D., also agrees with the comments of Kovacs and Time.com in that Miers was a at a huge disadvantage by not holding any public office and by not being published in any scholarly journals.

"What is more problematic to me is that none of her papers are published because she is more privileged because her opinions can be kept behind Bush's doors," said Eckert.

This nomination was critical for the Bush Administration because the president had lost some vital support in the Republican Party, especially among conservatives.

President Bush will now have to see if his next nomination, Samuel Alito, can withstand this grueling process.

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— Jason Kovacs
Associate attorney

Trick or Treat in the Cabaret



Courtesy of LAUREN PAVLICK

The Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Liberty Partnership Program, was held on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Cabaret. Several dozen middle school students from the Poughkeepsie and Kingston school districts visited Marist in celebration of the holiday weekend. Campus clubs and organizations were on hand displaying traditional Halloween activities. Above, Communication Arts Society Vice President Katelyn O'Rourke and a student play "Pin-the-Face-on-the-Pumpkin," at the club's table. Other activities included mummy wrapping, sand art, and cookie decorating.

Delay charged with illegally transferring corporate funds

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It's laundry day for Rep. Tom Delay and nothing looks clean.

A Texas grand jury led by prosecutor Ronnie Earle, recently indicted Delay R-Texas, on charges of money laundering and conspiracy that could result in life in prison. The former House Majority Leader temporarily resigned because of those charges. This event has left the Bush administration scrambling for support in Congress, and the ramifications of this indictment are still uncertain.

Delay is charged with illegally transferring \$190,000 in corporate funds in 2002. The funds were reallocated into the campaigns of Republicans running for the Texas Legislature. Delay originally escaped these charges on a technicality, but came under scrutiny once again in March 2005. Reports surfaced that he had accepted funds from lobbyist Jack Abramoff to pay for travel expenses.

Igor Volosky, radio personality

and political science major at Marist College referred to Delay's actions as reprehensible.

"This is a naked power grab which allowed him to redirect Texas and win seats in the House of Representatives in order to increase the Republican majority."

The media has characterized the Bush administration as a major proponent of political loyalty. There has been speculation as to whether President

'The role of a president is to uphold the law,' she said, 'But this president seems to think that loyalty is more important.'

— JoAnne Myers
Professor, political science

George W. Bush will publicly support Delay despite his supposed crime.

Marist College assistant professor, political science, JoAnne Myers, Ph. D, said that Bush may need to change his priorities.

"The role of a president is to uphold the law," she said, "But this president seems to think that loyalty is more important."

However, DeLay doesn't seem

to need the president's official support in order to fight the accusations that could end his political career. He has already begun his crusade by demanding an investigation to determine whether prosecutor Earle tampered with the jury. Delay argues that Earle's indictment is a partisan attack to hinder the progress of the Republican majority in the House.

Marist College associate professor, communications, J. James Fahey contends that media bias is guilty of targeting specific politicians with a present agenda.

"This is nothing more than a partisan ploy on the part of Texas Democrats to weaken the presidency," he said.

Regardless of whether this is a partisan attack, Bush's support may be taking some hard hits in the near future. Bush's latest approval rating has dropped to

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Economy takes hit as nation's energy prices double since last year

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With the price of home heating fuel to increase by 50 percent this winter, Democrats are looking to raise the energy program budget by \$3.1 billion to help needy families nationwide.

Natural gas users are expected to pay an average of \$350 more

throughout the season, a 48 percent increase from the winter of 2005. Oil will be more expensive as well, increasing 32 percent up to about \$378 according to "Natural Gas Users Take Hit" on yahoo.com.

Justin Butwell, director, Marist College's physical plant, said the college will be significantly affected by the rising energy prices. He said he anticipated this year's almost 50 percent increase in heating costs and

accounted for it when creating his budget with Marist's Chief Financial Officer.

"It's the worst I've ever seen," Butwell said.

The federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) currently only has enough money to help one in every five

families who are eligible for the program. This was the reason

for the formation of the Energy Policy Act (EPA), created to help the needy pay their utility bills. The EPA expands the

maximum amount of money that the federal LIHEAP can spend each year, from \$2 billion to

'The fact that my oil bill doubled last year kind of makes me think it isn't the hurricanes.'

— Andrea Viggiano
Journalism teacher

more than \$5 billion.

Richard S. Feldman, Department of Environmental Science and Policy Chair, Marist College, said that the proposed increased aid was a very good idea. Feldman said that more money should be allocated than the proposed \$5 billion. He said that the only way the administration would seek out and explore alternative energy options was if it could make more money.

"I very much support the assis-

tance being proposed, and it may not even be enough," Feldman said. "The administration will move forward with alternative energy development only so much as it is economically beneficial to the corporate interests that the administration represents."

A Marist commuter student from Poughkeepsie, junior Steve Butka said his mother will help him pay for the rising heating

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10/26 1:15 AM Champagnat

While approaching the entry desk, a student fell and cut their lip. The student refused medical attention and was allowed to return to his room.

Caitlyn Sharp: Man, it's embarrassing to fall regardless. But be glad you didn't fall in the Cafeteria like I did once. Yeah, I slipped right in front of the pasta station.

To this day, I still have no qualms, no shame and no dignity.

Brian Sabella: A student doing their best Stallone impression took on the Apollo Creed-esque entry desk and lost worse than Rocky against Clubber Lang. He caught his breath, got up, and got right back into the ring. Later that night, cries of "Adrian" were heard from the stairwell.

10/26 1:17 AM Leo

An intoxicated student couldn't navigate into the building and was taken to St. Francis.

Caitlyn Sharp: That same student also couldn't navigate St. Francis either, but he could navigate Toucans.

Andrew Slafta: The situation worsened when the student awoke thinking that he had safely arrived at his dormitory the previous night. The St. Francis staff is still trying to figure out how to take sharpie marker off of the patients in intensive care.

10/27 1:48 AM Champagnat

An intoxicated student was found in the 3rd floor ladies bathroom and was taken to St. Francis.

Andrew Slafta: The student complained to security that they were indeed sober, and in an effort to prove their sobriety went to the St. Francis bathroom to continue as they had been before security removed them. Soon after, they were then

banned from St. Francis for trying to urinate in the sink.

Caitlyn Sharp: This student still hasn't mastered the art of puke and rally.

10/27 11:00 AM

A wallet was found and promptly turned over to security by a good Marist student. Upon searching for identification, security found not one, but TWO licenses.

Brian Sabella: Uh-oh. My guess is they weren't holding it for their friend. The Po-Town Po-Po were notified and the wallet was placed in the pile of "What else is new?"

Andrew Slafta: A search has been issued for one of the IDs. If anyone has any information on a Ronald M. McDonald from Kentuckyville Kentucky, they are urged to come forward.

Caitlyn Sharp: What security also failed to include was that also inside the wallet were some McDonald's coupons. Which they happily used for lunch later that day.

10/28 1:28 A.M. Marian

A student tripped and crashed headfirst into a mirror. The student was taken to St. Francis.

Andrew Slafta: The mirror was taken to a local repair center where it later stated that its owner loved it, and it had foolishly just "fallen down the stairs."

Caitlyn Sharp: Perhaps, this student caught reflection of her velour Juicy Couture tracksuit with "Juicy" written across the bum, paired with 2 seasons ago UGG boots and tripped because she finally realized her ensemble simply was just not cool.

Brian Sabella: This campus loves Rocky movies, its official. This time it was a Marian student taking on a mirror. Poor kid wasn't as tough as his Champagnat brother, however. He was taken to St. Francis for medical attention.

10/28 11:00 A.M.

Donnelly Classroom

A sum of money was stolen from a wallet that was inside a backpack that had been set down momentarily.

Andrew Slafta: Security is hopeful the thief will try and use the contents of the wallet in the next few days, and are keeping a watchful eye on any place a student could expend 13 dollars in singles, a Quizno's coupon, and two condoms.

10/28 Upper Hoop Lot

Officers on patrol found four vehicles with broken windows that had property taken from them.

Andrew Slafta: Suspicion has arisen as to the connection of these incidents, as all four vehicles had "Security" written on them, and were parked outside of a local Dunkin Donuts.

Caitlyn Sharp: In vehicle number #1, the infamous Jetta-the stolen items were a pair of Fendi Sunglasses, a North Face backpack stuffed with the "unmentionables."

In vehicle #2, the Range Rover, the complete DVD set Sanford and Son, oh and Biggie Smalls autobiography. In Vehicle #3, the Jeep Wrangler, a Whitney Houston CD and men's basketball Nikes. In Vehicle #4, a Sebring, the car phone was ripped out, which made me wonder why people still have car phones? And whom are they calling? my guess is Don Johnson?

10/29 3:28 A.M.

A car entered campus followed by police. A student was arrested for driving intoxicated on Route 9.

Andrew Slafta: The student in question pleaded that "he was just driving to class," but later admitted to driving intoxicated when police informed him that it was 3:20 AM on a Saturday, and that he had entered campus through the chain link fence protecting the football field.

Caitlyn Sharp: Hmmmmmm... All I can say is that, this idiot missed the memo, "don't drink and drive.. you might spill your beer."

10/29 7:30 A.M.

Upper Hoop Lot

Two vehicles were found with pumpkin remains on them. No damage was reported.

Andrew Slafta: Security has named no suspects, but has reported being 15 - 20% certain the pumpkins were not the culprits.

Caitlyn Sharp: Donde esta this Upper Hoop Lot? It's been getting a lot of action these days.

And for the pumpkin remains, I'll try to remember to tell my roommate that "just because its Halloween time" throwing pumpkin remains on cars, is just lame.

10/29 10:24 P.M. Champagnat

31 empty beers, as well as two full bottles of Molson XXX were confiscated on the 5th floor.

Andrew Slafta: Students denied the presence of anymore alcohol on the premises, insisting it was part of a "Buy 31 get two free" special.

Caitlyn Sharp: 31 empty beers, as well as two full bottles of Molson XXX were confiscated on the 5th floor. Champagnat kids seriously need to get their acts together.

Like it's cool to pre-game and be all-cool, cause they're in college now, but you're always getting caught. Maybe you dudes should just all buy flasks and put some fun drinks in those.. they are easier to hide anyway.

Brian Sabella: After last week's antlers and Wild Turkey findings, the powers that be are contemplating changing the name of Champagnat to "The Canadian Hunting Lodge."

10/30 12:10 A.M.

A highly intoxicated student was stumbling on the path to Sheahan Hall and was sent to St. Francis.

Caitlyn Sharp: Well, they also

forgot to mention that he was caught with his pants around his ankles too.

Andrew Slafta: Security reported that the decision to escort the student was made when light-hearted stumbling turned into full blown fumbling; and then quickly escalated into rolling in a puddle while singing "Barbie Girl" by Aqua.

10/30 1:12 A.M. Leo

An intoxicated student was found in the 1st floor bathroom and was sent to his room.

Andrew Slafta: Security became weary of inebriation when the student took over 23 minutes to brush their teeth, but were relieved when he said it was because he drank Busch Light the past weekend. He was allowed to return to his room.

Caitlyn Sharp: This only leads me to believe that the campus po-po's congratulated this freshman for his "puke and rallying" skills, because A) He most likely blew chunks before they got there and by the time they arrived at the scene B) He was little intoxicated but put on his game face to the po-po's so he could continue on with his freshman binge drinking.

10/30 7:15 P.M. Gregory

The magnetic door lock mechanism was ripped from the door frame.

Caitlyn Sharp: All I have to say about this one is that the magnetic door lock is now in Talmadge Court. Those kids livin in the hood, don't play. They need protection too ya know?

Brian Sabella: "Hey, isn't this the dorm the kid got pistol whipped in a few years ago?" Yeah it is. "Wanna rip off one of the only safety precautions we have on the building?" Sounds like a plan to me. So some crazy Gregory students did just that and yanked the magnetic door lock mechanism. Crazy guys.



Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, November 3
Western Night
with Michael Patrick and
the Suburban Hillbillies
Cabaret, 9 PM

Friday, November 4
"Mama Mia"
Bus Leaves at 4 PM

Saturday, November 5
"War of the Worlds"
PAR, 9 PM

Wednesday, November 9
SPC Concert: Raining Jane
Cabaret, 9 PM

Friday, November 11
Comedy: Late Night Players
Cabaret, 9 PM

Sunday, November 13
"Avenue Q"
Bus Trip Leaves at 10 AM

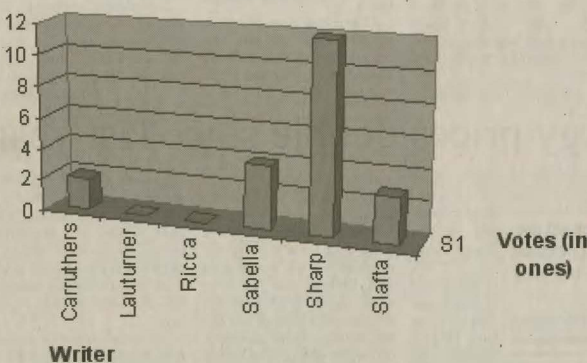
Tuesday, November 15
Survival Bingo
Cabaret, 9 PM

Thursday, November 17
"What's Your Excuse? Social
Dating with the Real Life
Hitch" David Wygant
PAR, 9 PM

Friday, November 18
"Charlie and the Chocolate
Factory"
PAR, 9 PM

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We have brought Freedom to the Campus page. Just last week the good folks at Marist College voted in their first ever Security Briefs election. Turnout was somewhat varied, especially in the rugged Northern regions stretching across Route 9, but the electoral process was an overall success. Especially heartening was the fact that none of the candidates advertised or appealed for votes whatsoever, relying solely on the diligence and undying interest of a clearly captivated student body. As you can tell from this three-dimensional Microsoft Excel chart, Sharp ran away in the first round with a whopping 12 votes, while Andrew Slafta and Brian Sabella brought up the rear with four and three votes, respectively. Daniel Carruthers came in fourth with two votes, while Kelly Lauturner and Christine Ricca tied for last with zero, not even pulling the Slafta coup d'etat of submitting a vote for themselves. Send this week's votes to briefscontest@gmail.com using your MARIST e-mail address by Sunday at midnight.

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Plame investigation casts light on Libby, Rove

By JAMES MARCONI
Staff Writer

Two years. That's amount of time in which a federal investigation into the alleged outing of CIA employee Valerie Plame was conducted. For those of you not familiar with the specifics of the investigation, let me give you a brief overview.

This all began back in 2003, when columnist Robert Novak wrote an article in which the identity of Valerie Plame, an employee of the CIA, was disclosed as such. The story touched off a federal investigation led by Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald to determine if there had been a deliberate government leak of the identity of this "covert agent," and if so, who was responsible for divulging this classified information to Novak and other members of the press.

Brought before a federal grand jury were Karl Rove, President Bush's deputy chief of staff, and I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Cheney's chief of staff. Both were questioned about their

knowledge of Plame, and their discussions of her with Novak, Tim Russert of *Meet the Press*, Judith Miller of the *New York Times*, and Matthew Cooper of *Time*. Rumors flew around the media about whether indictments would be brought against Rove, Libby, and possibly other high officials in the White House.

On October 29, Libby was indicted on five counts: one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of false statements (made during the course of the investigation), and two counts of perjury (during testimony before the grand jury). Libby immediately resigned from his position, and is currently preparing his defense for trial.

Now, I have two really big problems with this indictment. Let me reiterate that this investigation of the leak of a supposed CIA covert operative ran for two years. For two years Patrick Fitzgerald and his team labored to discover if Rove and Libby

had violated federal law by discussing Plame's identity with reporters. Yet, when an indictment is finally made, there are absolutely no charges alleging that Scooter Libby had anything to do with a leak. The only crimes alleged against Libby sprang from his conduct during the course of the investigation! Basically, Patrick Fitzgerald has said that his entire probe revealed no concrete proof that a

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crime (prior to the investigation) ever took place. If he had one shred of hard evidence that there was an illegal leak, both Libby and Rove would have been indicted alleging something to that effect. But no, Rove has been completely vindicated of any wrongdoing, and Libby, while indicted, was not charged with the crime that was the original focus of the federal probe. Fitzgerald has definitively said that "...the substantial bulk of the work in this investigation is concluded." In other words, no indictments

actually related to the leak are forthcoming.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not defending Libby if in fact he is found guilty after his trial. I'm simply saying that, in his case, there is no evidence that he committed a crime until involved in Fitzgerald's probe.

Now, my second problem with this whole controversy concerns Valerie Plame herself.

According to the Intelligence Protection Act of 1982, it is illegal for persons in possession of classified information identifying a covert agent to "intentionally" disclose "...any information identifying such covert agent to any individual not authorized to receive classified information..."

Additionally, a crime is only committed if said person disclosing classified information does so "...knowing that the information disclosed so identifies such covert agent and that the United

States is taking affirmative measure to conceal such covert agent's intelligence relationship to the United States..."

So, in order for an official with authorized knowledge of the identity of a covert agent to be guilty of a crime, three criteria must be met. One, that official must intentionally divulge information that reveals the identity of a covert agent. Second, that information must be given to someone not cleared to receive it. Third, the official disclosing the identity of

said agent must do so knowing that the information given does in fact reveal the identity of a covert agent that the United States is trying to protect.

The most basic criterion, however, for committing a crime under the Protection Act is also one that is easily overlooked. That key criterion centers on the word covert. There is a world of difference between, say, an ana-

lyst employed by the CIA and a covert operative employed by the CIA. If the person in question is not a covert agent, there is absolutely nothing illegal about revealing his or her identity.

There have been serious questions raised during the course of this investigation about whether or not Valerie Plame was, in fact, covert. Assertions have been made that she was working a desk job at Langley when Novak wrote his story. This really is quite central to the whole issue, because if Plame was not a covert operative for the CIA, then there was never any "secret" identity to blow in the first place! So far, there has been no evidence to suggest that Plame was covert.

Fitzgerald himself dodged the question during last week's press conference. "Let me say two things," Fitzgerald said. "Number one, I am not speaking to whether or not Valerie Wilson was covert. And anything I say is not intended to say anything beyond this: that she was a CIA officer from January 1, 2002 forward. I will confirm that her

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Stock market stability of roaring-twenties's resurfaces in Bush's White House

By DANIEL BLACK
Staff Writer

I, like many other liberal Americans, am happier than a fished puppy up to his ears in sirloin steaks. Why, you ask? Last week some unseen but potent and almost supernatural hand of justice jerked the foundational Ace of Spades from the base of the house-of-cards style republican culture of corruption and exposed it for the despicable clan of reprehensible politicians it is. Although the majority of the cards are still, for the moment, enjoying their blissful descent before impacting the pavement of reality, liberal underdogs like myself are salivating over the feast of righteous judgment we know is soon to come.

On Friday, Oct. 28, Dick Cheney's Chief of Staff, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, was indicted on five counts, including obstruction of justice, perjury and pro-

viding false statements. One must ask, what exactly is going on in Washington? A C.I.A. agent, with an undercover role, has been exposed; why would the government jeopardize one of its own? Shouldn't our political leaders function like a team? You'd think so. Do they? The answer, sadly, is no. Let's examine why.

A former National Security Council member from the Clinton presidency, Joseph Wilson, is seen today as an opponent of the Republican agenda. Three years ago, he issued an informed report that indicated Saddam Hussein was not trying to buy uranium from Niger to build a nuclear bomb. The report thus dissolved the reasoning behind going to war with Iraq. The Bush administration ignored the report and went to war with Iraq anyway, feeling that solid justification for beginning a war that will cost the lives of thousands is less than convenient and

therefore, unnecessary. A flustered Joseph Wilson wrote an article in *The New York Times* on 6 July 2003, in which he stated, "Some of the intelligence related to Iraq's nuclear weapons program was twisted to exaggerate the Iraqi threat". An embarrassed government retaliated Wilson's candor by exposing the identity of undercover C.I.A. agent Valerie Plame, Wilson's wife. Perhaps this sort of conduct is acceptable in peewee football, but when the lives of courageous citizens serving our government and the security of this country itself are at stake, a little maturity and good sportsmanship ought to take center stage over childish revenge.

With Libby on the chopping block, the bulk of republicans close to the scandal are beginning to sweat, and for good reason: they know their own. Libby, like all the rest, will have no problem exposing every incidence of republican criminal

behavior he can recall because he'll want to save his own hide. He may even confabulate a few lies just for good measure. With two thirds of the country reposing no faith in Bush's ability to maintain ethics in his own administration, and nearly half already convinced Karl Rove has done something wrong, the jury will likely believe anything.

It is not difficult to infer that, buried not to far beneath the surface, the conflict in Iraq was entirely preconceived. Iraq was guilty before she even stood trial. All diplomatic avenues the U.S. has taken in Iraq were merely facades that, once completed, led to a war that needed never be fought and the circumstantial evidence to support this is overwhelming. Cheney's affiliation to Halliburton, the quickness of Libby's resignation and his former colleagues' disposal of him, and Karl Rove's sudden identity as an innocent bystander that cooperates with the grand jury as

opposed to his trademark ruthlessness as Bush's top republican strategist all culminate as evidence that something is seriously wrong with the way business is being conducted by the executive branch. Remember Tom Delay? He must be basking in this hiatus from the criminal spotlight; nowadays there just doesn't seem to be enough illumination to go around.

In light of all that is surfacing, our nation's top democrats are demanding answers from investigators, indictments of these criminals, and atonement from Bush. Harry Reid of Nevada is demanding apologies from the president, the vice president, and Karl Rove, as well as Rove's resignation. Charles Schumer of New York offers his perspective and compares Bush's problems to those of Nixon. Last week, U.S. losses in Iraq reached 2000, Harriet Miers voluntarily withdrew her Supreme Court Nomination, and Cheney's chief

of staff, Lewis Libby, was indicted by grand jury. These events occurred shortly after Bush 'botched Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and failed to inspire the afflicted people of that region. Bush is still unable to get a handle on menacing fuel and energy prices, and he faces one volley after another of criticism from influential democrats. All the while his approval rating as a president continues to decline and is now below 40 percent. In every picture you see today of President Bush, he is making a grimacing face betraying the fact that his ability to lead this nation is straight-jacketed by his incompetence. He should smile, take solace in the fact he is still alive, unlike 2268 of the young soldiers he has sent off to Iraq and Afghanistan.

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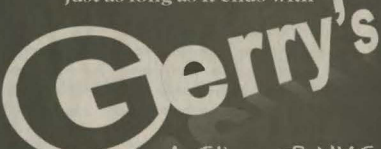
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Plans for \$50 million World Stem Cell Foundations in the works

By LAUREN RICHMOND
Circle Contributor

A South Korean laboratory with leading technology in animal cloning has plans underway to make human embryonic stem cells available to scientists in the United States and the United Kingdom. The laboratory claimed that they already have more than 10 teams throughout the world that have expressed interest in the stem cells, but chose not to be specific.

According to the National Institute of Health, stem cells are believed to be able to divide without limit and serve as a repair system for the body. Stem cells are found in adult humans, animals, placenta and umbilical cord, as well as in embryos. The ethical dilemma that arises is that to extract stem cells from an embryo (essentially a small cluster of cells at the point that researchers are interested in extracting the stem cells) would be to destroy the embryo's potential for life. Scientists believe that embryonic stem cells have the most potential to develop into other types of cells because these cells have not yet been tagged. In adults, we find stem cells but they are marked to become a certain type of cell (for example, a liver stem cell).

Many scientists are interested in focusing our efforts on embryonic stem cell research because these cells will provide the most potential for a discovery. It has been suggested that stem cells could help people with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke, spinal

cord injury, heart disease and insulin-dependent diabetes.

The U.S. policy on human embryonic stem cell research states that it is illegal for researchers to use federal funds to create or purchase human stem cell lines. Federal funds can be, however, used for research on the 60 or so stem cell lines that were created before the policy was instituted. Federal funds are also available to researchers working with adult human, animal, umbilical cord and placental stem cells. Scientists that wish to do business with the South Korean laboratory must seek private funding for their research. In addition to federal policy, 7 states have bans on human embryo cloning, but only South Dakota explicitly set forth a ban on importing embryonic stem cells.

These new centers, set to be called the World Stem Cell Foundation, plan to build near both London and San Francisco with the headquarters located in Seoul, South Korea. Each center's projected cost over 5 years \$17.5 million. The headquarters may cost up to \$50 million to build, which will be paid for by the South Korean government.

Cell lines will be created especially for each project wishing to use embryonic stem cells, according to the Wall Street Journal. The labs will be associated with in vitro fertilization clinics where the labs will have easy access to donor eggs. This specialization of cell lines for specific projects means that science may progress more quickly in that the cells will have been created for a specific purpose and the cells can be created

more efficiently than they are now.

The method of cloning that the laboratory will use replaces DNA from donated eggs with that of an adult skin or other type of cell. These cells then divide, recreating the embryonic environment. When this occurs, scientists may be able to trace what went wrong in someone who has a disease, such as insulin-dependent diabetes, that it is hoped stem cell research will help.

These laboratories will not likely be completed for a time. Scientists, while gearing up and searching for private funding for embryonic stem cells, are currently continuing their work on the other types of stem cells that federal

funding supports research on. Many are hopeful that these labs do help to push stem cell research to the next level after they are completed. The ultimate goal is that these centers can help provide us with some answers to the questions the science has been pondering for years now, such as if stem cells have any practical applications.

Right, a magnified stem cell. According to the National Institute of Health, stem cells are believed to be able to divide without limit and serve as a repair system for the body. They can be found in adult humans, animals, placenta and umbilical cord, as well as in embryos.



Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY
Health Editor

Move over Mickey, these mice can sing

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis published in the journal *Public Library of Science Biology* on Tuesday an article detailing the apparent "mice songs" they've recorded in the lab. For decades now researchers have known about the high pitched squeal mice emit in social groups. Prior to this study, the sounds were thought to be random jabbering used by individuals to identify their neighbors. However, Tuesday's report confirms that these sounds are patterned, having a melodic hook, and seem "almost bird-like" one researcher reported. The possibilities of their discovery span further than a hit album, one day they hope to use mice to study autism and

other learning disorders. Currently whales and porpoise are the only two animals that can learn new songs, and as one researcher put it, not an "ideal" choice to study.

Innovative use for EGG monitors

In a news release by the American College of Gastroenterology reported that EGG stomach monitors may be more reliable than standard ECG lie detector tests. In the study, subjects were given simultaneous electrogastrogram and an electrocardiogram, the EGG monitors muscle contractions in the stomach and the ECG monitors electric impulses across the heart. Subjects were recorded doing nothing, telling the truth, and telling a lie. When the subjects lied, there was a noticeable drop in gastric "slow waves" as compared to the cardiac monitors which showed only minor changes. This information has prompted numerous studies to look into the possibility of coupling the old with the new, in order to better aid the justice services.

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American Girl controversy, Kate Moss update, spring clothing lines and other briefs from the fashion world

By MEGHAN MCKAY
Staff Writer

— Could American Girl dolls be vehicles for liberal propaganda?

A Wisconsin Catholic school planned to hold a fundraising fashion show featuring the popular dolls along with models wearing life-size replicas of their historical wardrobes. However, the event was called off due to charges that the American Girl company supports a supposedly pro-abortion and pro-lesbian advocacy group.

Mattel, the manufacturer of American Girl clothing, dolls, and books, has helped fund-raise for Girls, Inc., formerly called Girls Clubs of America. Girls Inc., a nationwide nonprofit organization, is dedicated to educating, encouraging, and inspiring girls and celebrating girlhood. According to its website, girlsinc.org, the organization accepts lesbian sexual orientation, but does not include abortion in any of its programs and services.

The American Family Association and Pro-Life Action League disapprove. Frank Malloy, the pastor at St. Luke, said his school could not afford to be associated with American

Girl and the beliefs the company supports.

"It's a bargain we'll just have to pass up...our integrity isn't for sale," he said.

Does this mean conservative parents nationwide will retire their daughters' Kirsten dolls and reach for Bratz or Madame Alexander creations instead? A spokeswoman for American Girl said the company hasn't received any other complaints.

Meanwhile, St. Luke School in Wisconsin will have to find some alternative, less controversial way to fund their new playground.

— The white suit John Lennon wore for the infamous Abbey Road album cover was auctioned off online for £80,000 on Saturday. That's roughly \$142,000. Also sold was the two-buttoned brown embroidered Renamo jacket Lennon wore for his Imagine video in 1973. The jacket was a steal at £10,000, or \$18,000. Earlier this year, Lennon's iconic gold-green satin Sgt. Pepper jacket was sold for \$180,000. Amnesty International USA will receive part of the auction's proceeds.

— The world can heave a great sigh of relief: Kate Moss is out of rehab and headed back out onto

the runway.

The high-profile 31 year old Britain-born supermodel checked out of a clinic in Phoenix, Arizona this week after an intense 30-day cocaine abuse rehabilitation program.

Moss has been to rehab before; she attended the Priory Clinic in 1998 and admitted to heavy drinking and regularly getting high before hitting the catwalk. Apparently the program wasn't too successful.

Moss became famous after appearing in a series of risqué 90's ads for Calvin Klein fragrances. The mother of 3-year old Lila Grace, Moss infamously posed nude while pregnant for an almost life-size portrait that fetched \$6.5 million at Christie's auction house in 2002. Moss has been the cover girl for Allure, Harper's Bazaar, Elle, and Vogue. She's also modeled for prestigious fashion houses such as Versace, Yves Saint Laurent and Dolce and Gabbana.

Unfortunately, her mug has been seen most recently below headlines screaming about her drug addiction. *The Daily Mirror*, a British newspaper, published pictures of Moss and punk-rock boyfriend Pete Doherty "doing lines backstage"

in September 2005. Chanel, Burberry and H+M have subsequently canceled million dollar contracts with Moss.

Fans shouldn't worry too much about the lost income. Her waifish 5'6", 105 pound frame earned her an average paycheck of \$10,000 a day during her 1990's peak. Besides, a short vacation could be beneficial for the slightly built, chain-smoking model.

Negative publicity triggered an investigation by UK police, who arrested Doherty and reportedly interrogated the musician for over 12 hours. Investigators found heroin, Ecstasy, LSD and cocaine. Doherty was released on bail.

Meanwhile Moss, who has an estimated net worth of \$30 million and owns homes in Gloucestershire and North London, is currently looking at apartments in New York.

* Recycling isn't just for garbage-hauling bag ladies and tie-dye clad trechuggers these days.

Trendsetters, environmentalists and fashionistas are going wild over new Ecoist brand clutches made of recycled candy wrappers. The unique bags are handmade in Mexico from manufac-

turer-discarded food packaging and soft drink labels. Designer Marisa Rey has created the line, reminiscent of 1960's pop art, which includes coin purses, hand-held clutches and basket-style totes in a variety of sizes and brilliant colors. As if the use of 100 percent recycled materials wasn't enough, Ecoist plants a tree for every bag sold as part of a partnership with Global ReLeaf and Trees for the Future, two international environmental advocacy organizations. According to its website, the company aims to "inspire thought and a positive change in the way we treat our precious planet."

Eco-friendly elegance isn't necessarily cheap, however. A 5" long, zippered Ecoist coin pouch goes for \$28, while the largest handheld clutch retails for \$85. Then again, one boring pin-stripe suited businessman's trash is a bejeweled, bedecked, and environmentally conscious hauerfly's treasure! (Besides, it's a bargain when you're used to shelling out hundreds for a Birkin...) Ecoist plans to eventually expand their offerings to include a variety of other fashionable products. The bags are available at select boutiques in



Courtesy of GOOGLE.COM
A Catholic school fashion show, planned to feature American Girl Dolls, was cancelled due to allegations that the American Girl company supports pro-abortion and pro-lesbian advocacy groups.

the US and Japan, and online at www.ecoist.com.

— New York may be the big apple, but it's not the only runway in the states.

The Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week at Smashbox Studios in Los Angeles fashion week kicked off on October 16th. The LA event is known for showcasing designs that are more wearable, down-to-earth, and "pretty" than radical or cutting edge and tends to attract more purchase-oriented spectators.

Stars of LA's style extravaganza were Mexican American designer Louis Verdad, Sue Wong and Kevan Hall.

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'Rocky Horror' brings Halloween spirit to Marist

By LAUREN RICHMOND
Staff Writer

the show to begin. Though the wait was long, the audience would soon learn that it was well worth it.

Eddie Grosskreuz played the part of Dr. Frank N. Furter to the nines. He was dressed to impress as he stomped and strutted on the stage in his stilettos as if he owned the show - and he did. Eddie's Frank was much more masculine than the familiar Tim Curry role, but no less enjoyable. His strong vocals, combined with exceptional acting and impressive attire, truly paved the way for an incredible performance.

Many students are likely familiar with the "Rocky Horror Picture Show," the movie rendition of the play MCCTA did over the Halloween weekend. The campy comedy has developed a strong cult following over the years, complete with an audience participation portion in which those attending the show may dress as the characters and even have 'lines' to say at predetermined points in the play. Over the Halloween weekend, MCCTA put on a great rendition of the show that played to sold out houses.

Sunday night's midnight performance actually started about fifteen minutes off schedule as the Nelli Goletti Theater was packed to full capacity. As MCCTA members frantically tried to accommodate the few stragglers, the anxious audience grew more and more rambunctious as they waited for

'I thought this was one of the best MCCTA shows I've seen. The actors were really passionate about it and gave it their all, and that really came through in the performance.'

— Phil DiVuolo
Junior

man criminal justice major seemed to revel in the role. As he has not really had the opportunity to establish himself as an actor at Marist, this role was a gutsy choice for one of McManus' first times on stage. However, he played Rocky Horror very well and it was diffi-



MCCTA put on a rendition of the movie "Rocky Horror Picture Show" the weekend of October 27-30.

cult to imagine that he might have ever felt uncomfortable in the role of man-meat Rocky.

The choices for the other leads (Julia Graham as Janet and Joe Cummings as Brad) were also right on. Both were convincing in their respective roles and filled the theater with their beautiful and powerful voices.

Columbia (Katie O'Hagen) was a huge highlight of the show, with her athletic dance moves (the back flip in heels during "Time Warp") was impressive to say the least) dominating the stage. Her character also brought some of the more comedic moments in the play.

The narrator (Tophier Zibro) served to facilitate the story as well as add a few jokes of his

own. During the intermission, he truly did his job in pumping up the crowd. He brought out a beach ball and started an impromptu volley between himself and the audience. Of all the characters in the show, the narrator's role was most changed from the movie.

The plot, however, differed little, which seemed to delight those in the audience that had seen the movie before. Marist Junior Marissa Connelly saw the midnight performance and thought that MCCTA did a great job in producing the show.

"MCCTA did an awesome job with the musical. The actors were all incredible and truly did justice to the original Rocky Horror Picture Show, which has

always been a favorite of mine," she said. "It was a great way to ring in Halloween."

Junior Phil DiVuolo agrees with Marissa and thought the show was a huge success. "I thought, as far as MCCTA shows go, this was one of the best I've seen. The actors were really passionate about it and gave it their all, and that really came through in the performance."

This was indeed one of MCCTA's most notable performances, never failing to engage and entertain the enthusiastic and appreciative audience. Together, these talented students worked together to produce of the best musicals to grace the Marist stage.

The James Q. Film Review

New chick-flick is 'Prime' example of humor found amongst moderate melodrama

The breathtakingly beautiful Rafi Gardet (Uma Thurman) is a 37-year-old career woman living a posh Manhattan lifestyle. Through a mutual friend she is introduced to David Bloomberg (Bryan Greenberg), a 23-year-old artist struggling to make it on his own. Naturally they fall in love and even more naturally the 14 years between them becomes an issue. Age is not the only problem, however, as it turns out Rafi's therapist, Lisa Metzger (Meryl Streep), is David's mother. Both wacky and heartbreaking situations ensue as three people who are very close to one another try to find their niches in each others' lives.

Even though it is kind of a chick flick, this movie is pretty funny. Streep has perfected a blend of Jewish mother humor and Thurman shines with her impressive acting skills on top of being ridiculously attractive. Greenberg does well for being new to the Hollywood scene. He also got to make out and get naked with Uma Thurman a lot, which was probably pretty neat.

The plot for this movie is really trite, as are most films involving lower Manhattan and an aspiring artist whose work goes unappreciated. It really takes a dive when Rafi and David start breaking up and getting back together every five minutes. The only thing that kept me interested in this film was the humor, which was pretty on but buried in a pile of melodramatic garbage.

The Audition's new album comes with little 'Controversy'

By JIM MEARNS
Circle Contributor

Describing The Audition's album "Controversy Loves Company" is simple - take every other band in the emo/indie scene and add the average of all the aspects of their music including vocals, riffage, percussion, emotional tendencies, and overall musical urgency. This observation will make a lot of

Nothing here is deep, but I think that's perfect for the music. If the message is too deep or specific it loses its relevance to the fan and, in turn, loses fans.

emo-hungry fans grin, but when looking at the big picture of musical progression this is a big disappointment.

"Controversy Loves Company" is done just as well as the band could have hoped. The production is perfect for their style and everything about their sound fits. It's all very attractive with catchy hooks left and right and enough

emotion to have make-up sex with your girlfriend for weeks at a time.

The separation between the songs is noticeable, but not remarkable. The same tactics are used in each track - sudden silences for dramatic effect, drum-vocal interludes for heightened sensitivity, clichéd lyrics that describe generic scenarios of teenage crushes all work together to enhance the overall sound of the album. Nothing here is deep, but I think that's perfect for the music. If the message is too deep or specific it loses its relevance to the fan and, in turn, loses fans.

The Audition went out into the world as a band with the objective of getting a lot of connections, friends and fans. Being on Victory they are definitely going

to get all three, but whether or not they can make an image for themselves is something I can't really predict at this time. With a little experimentation they might do it because they have the talent, they just need to get away from the scene. If they stick with what they have they will surely be forgotten.

If you want something similar to Bayside but a little less morbid, The Receiving End of Sirens but a little less progressive, or Hidden in Plain View with a little less urgency, buy The Audition's "Controversy Loves Company." If you're sick of cookie cutter



The Audition's "Controversy Loves Company" (cover art shown above) includes many tracks with catchy hooks and much emotion.

bands and need something refreshing, you're going to have

to wait for the possibility of a second release.

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Marist IT department contemplates FCC mandate

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Campus Editor

Marist College is taking a "wait and see" approach when it comes to the new FCC mandate to their computer networks in the name of homeland security.

The mandate, intended for all colleges and universities in the United States, is an extension of a 1994 law called the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act. CALEA originally required telephone companies to self-finance upgrades to their switching sys-

tems to allow for easier surveillance by the Justice Department, while the new order applies the same principle for academic computer networks. An Oct. 23 A1 story in the *New York Times* estimated that the order will cost \$7 billion nationally to implement by the spring 2007 deadline, while Marist's Information Technology Department is still calculating its own costs.

"With those proposed rules, it's not clear what things are going to be required," said Harry Williams, IT Director. "The implementation could be fairly

complex... some schools I know of believe it'll double the cost of their networking."

The article added that countless university coalitions planned to challenge its fiscal feasibility while civil liberties groups will sue on the basis of its constitutionality. Marist is member of at least two groups contemplating

legal action, including Educause.

"It's unclear what the actual usage of this is going to be," said Williams. "CALEA is being sold

as an anti-terrorism opportunity. I have seen several other people write that they're concerned about what

other uses could be, there's wide potential there."

Williams said that the govern-

ment already has the capability to monitor any college network, but it requires a court order, installation of equipment, and a lot of help from the school's IT staff.

"What the proposal basically does is requires us to set up a procedure where they could do this monitoring without us even knowing," he said. "It would potentially require a bunch of equipment, we'd have to automate things, or even hire additional staff to monitor it all."

Williams said there could be a slippery slope for CALEA if the

Recording Industry Association of America got involved.

"There is nothing technical that would prevent record companies from monitoring downloads of pirated music [even further]," he said. "During the spring semester we received 34 cease and desist orders. We have received subpoenas from the RIAA asking for students' names, so in theory, they could be in one of the rounds of students sued by them."

From Page Three

Blame on Plame falls mainly on Libby and Rove

association with the CIA was classified at that time through July 2003. And all I'll say is that, look, we have not made any allegation that Mr. Libby knowingly, intentionally outed a covert agent."

Notice that Fitzgerald only identified Plame as classified, not covert. If Valerie Plame [Wilson] was truly a covert operative, why not just come out and put all suspicions to rest? It certainly can't be to protect her

identity, because allegedly blowing her cover is what set off this whole mess in the first place! If Plame was ever indeed covert, she certainly isn't now, so there really would be no point to withholding the proof now.

Based on the information available, it seems to me that this indictment has, at best, some serious flaws and gaping holes in logic. Scooter Libby may well be guilty of the charges leveled against him. Unless proven

guilty, though, I will presume innocence on his part. I remind you, though, that the charges alleged in the indictment were the result of Libby's actions and testimony during the probe, not before. Had there never been an

investigation, there would have been no crime. So, if Libby had originally committed no felony, why on Earth would he have felt the need to lie during the investigation?

From Page Five

Tidbits and style tips from the world of fashion

Verdad's spring collection channeled Katherine Hepburn and femme fatale Marlene Dietrich. Important pieces were pencil skirts, tiny bolero jackets and puffed-sleeve secretary blouses. Models strutted down the runway accompanied by petite Pomeranians, Chihuahuas and Terriers clad in elegant but edgy, feminine 40's and 50's silver screen looks in a palette of coral, pistachio, apricot, lilac and

tangerine. His well-cut retro-glam aesthetic has attracted fans like Lucy Liu, Madonna, Jack Osbourne and Paris Hilton, to name a few; Verdad is definitely a designer to watch.

Kevan Hall presented an assortment of suits and to-die-for gowns inspired by the mythical lost city of Atlantis. Embellished with abalone, lace, crystals, sea glass beads and pearls, the dresses were cut from bias silk, chiffon, washed brocades, satin, tulle and taffeta. Slim halter and scoop-neck bodices and bustiers topped sweeping flared skirts in shades of soft pastels paired with bold blues, pinks and greens to evoke the beauty of an undersea tropical coral reef.

Sue Wong's over-top collection was eclectic and multicultural. Jewel-toned sundresses called to mind the Amazon rain forest, and a silk leopard-print gown with

elaborate animal-beaded bodice suggested exotic Africa. More breathtaking creations were inspired by India, Mexico, and Asia. Poufy ballerina-style ball gowns in celedon, aqua, and raspberry and jet-beaded retro flapper dresses rounded out the assortment. The show closed with vintage white Edwardian-style wedding gowns accessorized with short lacey gloves and parasols.

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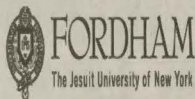


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Luft's four touchdowns carries Foxes past Peacocks

Four different Red Foxes put points on the board to take early lead

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

Depending on senior quarterback James Luft's arm, the Marist football squad buried Saint Peter's 52-34 last Thursday night.

Luft completed 11-of-16 passes for 319 yards, finding three different receivers for touchdowns and scampering 12 yards for another score.

Luft wasn't the only Red Fox to enjoy success as the offense piled up 500 yards.

Sophomore running back Bo Ehikioya and junior running back Frankie Farrington combined on 17 carries for 141 yards and two touchdowns on the ground to pace the Marist rush-

ing attack.

The tandem also hauled in three passes from Luft for 78 yards and another score.

The victory was Marist's fifth of the season, and improved its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) record to 2-1.

Saint Peter's endured its seventh overall loss of the season and third in MAAC play.

Ehikioya began the scoring parade for Marist late in the first quarter with a 5-yard dash. He

scored his second touchdown of the contest just under eight minutes later, as Marist jumped out to an early 17-7 lead.

Six minutes of further action contained two more Red Fox touchdowns, as Luft found Guy Smith for 39 yards, and reserve running back Brian Crimmel tallied the first touchdown of his career on a 2-yard run.

— Jake Dembow
freshman

Four different Red Foxes put points on the board in the first half, and freshman offensive tackle Jake Dembow said he felt

variety was the reason for success.

"They knew we were going to come out with Bo," he said. "But we mixed it up, and used some other weapons they [Saint Peter's] weren't expecting."

Dembow and his fellow lineman were a big reason for Marist's offensive success, as Luft was hurried or sacked only twice throughout the game.

Outstanding protection allowed him to complete passes of 60, 50, 39, and 38 yards, continually challenging the Peacock defensive secondary.

Luft did the majority of his damage in the second half. His 12-yard scamper into the end zone extended Marist's 17-point halftime advantage to 38-14, and

he connected on two fourth-quarter touchdown passes.

The first, to Farrington, started as a short swing pass. Ehikioya laid a huge block on a Peahen defender, and Farrington sprinted 60 yards for the score.

Junior receiver Prince Prempeh found the end zone on his second reception of the night, as he hauled in a 38-yarder from Luft to push Marist's lead to 52-28 late in the fourth quarter. Prempeh snagged two catches on the day for 71 yards, and Guy Smith posted four catches for 132 yards.

The pair, each with a touchdown catch, tied the school record for scoring receptions in a season with five.

Luft's passing total of 319

yards was the most ever by a Marist quarterback in a single game, and he now holds nearly every major single-game, single-season and career-passing record by a Marist quarterback.

Despite the convincing victory, the team faces a difficult three-game stretch to close out their season.

They travel to Iona College this Saturday for their final MAAC contest before facing San Diego on the road. The Toreros are ranked first among mid-major football teams and average more than 40 points a game.

Marist will close out the season on November 19th at home against the Stony Brook Seawolves.

Andre's game-winner yields Red Foxes fifth MAAC win

Detelj, forward, plays through pain while netting his seventh goal of season

By DREW BUDD
Staff Writer

The Marist men's soccer team stretched their winning streak to four games with a victory over the Siena Saints, 2-1, last Saturday night.

In what was called an exciting game by Marist head coach Bobby Herodes, the game did not see a goal for the first 71 minutes until Marist's Bobby Van Dyke found his way into the 18-yard box.

Once inside Van Dyke was able

to feed Keith Detelj with a great pass that was headed past Siena goalkeeper Patrick Henry for the first goal of the game, and a 1-0 lead for the Red Foxes.

"Keith was hurt most of the game with a thigh injury," Herodes said. "We put him in, he scored the goal, and then we took him right out."

A couple of minutes later, Luis Andre scored the second goal of the game on what many described as an odd scoring chance.

A Siena defender attempted to

play the ball to his own goalkeeper but it was rocketed off the crossbar. The ball bounced right to Andre and he put it in for his first career goal and eventual game winner.

Daniel Owens got the start in goal for the Red Foxes and was once again impressive.

Marist has not lost a game when Owens is in the net with a record of 5-0-1.

Herodes said he plans on keep Owens in net as long as the team keeps winning.

"We have four keepers," he

said. "He's [Owens] on a roll, and he'll stay in their as long as we keep winning and playing well."

Owens made two saves on the night.

Siena's first and only goal came at 83:31 by Thomas Ciavocco, which cut Marist's lead to 2-1.

The Saints had many opportunities to tie the game, but the Red

Foxes' defense was able to hold to the win and gain a very important victory.

With the win, Marist has kept a winning streak of four games in tact.

Herodes said there has been a lot to do with the winning streak.


"Earlier this season, we were unlucky," he said. "At other times, we just have not been able to score, but

as far as changes go, we haven't made many extensive changes to be recognizable. Soccer is really a game of inches; we've just been able to turn things around."

Marist remains tied for second place in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), and they are one point away from taking first place from Fairfield University.

The Stags will come to Marist this Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in what proves to be a great game.

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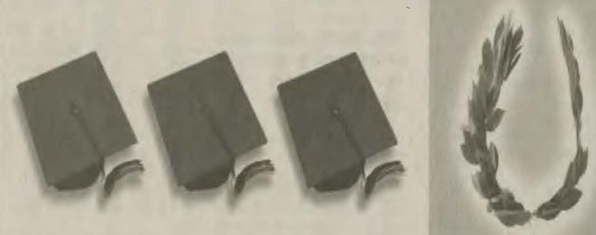
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Women fall to Niagara in overtime during MAAC semifinals

By MATT CREASEA
Staff Writer

The Marist women's soccer team's quest for a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title came to a heartbreaking end with a 2-1 overtime loss to second-ranked Niagara in the semifinals of the MAAC tournament held in Orlando, Fla.

The Red Foxes were ranked sixth in the tournament and upset third-seeded Siena in order to play in the semi final match. Marist's post season run came to an end when Niagara's Amber Niece converted a penalty kick three minutes into the first overtime.

Coach Giorgis strives to take third consecutive MAAC championship

By BRIAN HODGE
Staff Writer

The title of the Marist College Women's Basketball media guide states boldly: If it is to be, it's up to we.

And while this is certainly a clever exercise in rhyming, it is, in the eyes of head coach Brian Giorgis, essential.

"We're not about individual accomplishments," Giorgis said. "If we play as a team, those will come - it's a team concept here." It was this concept of team play that parlayed itself into a 16-game winning streak last season.

After red shirting one year, Viani looks to bring fire to Marist backcourt

By ERIC ZEDALIS
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Red-shirt freshman Julianne Viani has spent over a year waiting to begin her collegiate basketball career for Marist College. After a brief stay at the University of Rhode Island, the former New York State high school player of the year came back to her hometown of Poughkeepsie to play for her former high school and Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) coach, Brian Giorgis.

Under NCAA rules for transfer players, Viani could not dress for the entire 2004-2005 season, and was forced to watch from the bench as the Red Foxes won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) regular season title.

However, this Our Lady of Lourdes High School alumnus, who before coming to Marist had already worked under Coach Giorgis, was still allowed to practice with the team and get better acquainted with Giorgis' system.

Viani said that it was a battle to keep practicing and working hard and yet, but she watched the style of the games from the bench as well as practicing with her teammates.

"Sitting on the bench last year taught me the value of patience. It was definitely hard, but I did learn a lot," she said. "I got to get the system under my belt a whole year before I play. I understand things better than I would have if I had been rushed through to get playing time."

Not only did this year of practice only make Viani's transition even smoother than it might have been, but Viani did not lose a

year of eligibility. "We get the best of both worlds," Giorgis said. "She's gotten to work within the system, and she still has four years left."

Though it seems everything is in place for Viani to make an easy transition into collegiate basketball, she, rather ironically, will be put right to the test against five-time NCAA Champion UConn and then top-25 ranked Villanova.

"I can't ease my way in," she said. "I have to come in ready to play, and I'm going to be really excited. [These games] will bring my passion back out. It will be a lot of fun."

Fortunately, Giorgis said Viani has always been a "big-game player" dating back to her high school career.

"During my last year [coaching at Our Lady of Lourdes High] and her sophomore year, against high school powerhouses like Narbonne and Christ the King, she made huge plays," he said. "Also, in her senior year, she scored 30 points in her State Championship game. She has big games against big teams."

In fact, Viani said she and Coach Giorgis "go way back," even before the stellar guard was in high school.

"[Giorgis] coached me in high school and AAU," she said. "Plus, my older sister [Jenna]

Roper said that throughout the first half, the Red Foxes dominated all aspects of the game while having an upbeat tempo.

"We had the tempo in the first half and our confidence was soaring without a doubt," she said. "Perhaps a little had to do with seeing Fairfield University upset the top-seeded Loyola, the five time defending MAAC tournament champions. We had much more possession and we made great connections by switching the field and playing quick. We definitely came out with a purpose."

Freshman goalkeeper Anna Case made 13 of her 15 saves in the second half. Along with the

crowded rafters of the McCann Center gym. And, according to Giorgis, "Nothing has changed."

Well, certainly some things have changed.

Starting center and front-court stabilizer Kristin Keller has graduated. So, too, has guard Megan Vetter. Keller, who was named Metropolitan Basketball Writers' Association Second team, is Marist's all-time career games played leader with 117 and ranks in the top-ten on five different career record lists.

Starting junior point guard Alisa Kresge said, despite the loss of the two key players, reli-

able replacements will fill the void.

"I know there are players that are going to step up and play more of a role for our team this year," Kresge said.

Cue Sarah Smrdel, the 6-2 sophomore forward from Mentor, Ohio. Smrdel appeared in 24 games last season as a freshman and looks to improve the strides made freshman year.

Meg Dahlman (6-3, F/C) also looks to contribute. Dahlman, a 2,000 point scorer in high school, is a red shirt sophomore who sat out last season, following her transfer from Holy Cross.

Kresge is among several

returning guards, including seniors Erin Leger, and Kristen Vilardi, junior Shannon Minter, and sophomores Nikki Flores, Alexis Waters, and Courtney Kolesar. Red shirt freshman Julianne Viani, and Lauren Svoboda (Tewksbury, NJ) also will compete for time.

The crowded frontcourt also will feature junior Mary Alice Duff, and Kristen Hein.

On paper, the team is deep, and talented - an idea that excites Kresge.

"I feel everyone is expecting a lot out of us and I want to prove them right," she said. "I just

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