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The Circle would like to wish a Happy Holidays to all Marist students and faculty.

## Water may be hazardous to your health

by JEN HAGGERTY News Editor

Don't drink the water. Don't swim or play in it either.

The Bush administration ordered five years of dredging the 40-mile stretch of the Hudson of polychlorinated biphenyls, PCBs, on December 4 that will begin after a three-year design phase.

According to the December 5 Poughkeepsie Journal, the aim is to dig out about 150,000 pounds of PCBs buried along the river bottom, thereby reducing the health threat officials believe PCBs pose to humans and wildlife.

PCBs are suspected of causing cancer, as well as reproductive and developmental problems such as low birth weights, learning problems and a reduced ability to fight infections.

The project would be broken into three

sections:

cubic yards

Section 2 .

Section 3 -

**Troy Dam** 

cubic yards

Section 1

Fort Edward to the

Thompson Island Dam

Removal of 1.56 million

Thompson Island Dam to

Removal of 0.58 million cubic yards

Northumberland Dam to

Removal of 0.51 million

**Northumberland Dam** 

millions in lobbying and advertising to try to avoid its responsibility for making this mess, according to the Journal.

However, despite their proclaimed acts of innocence, GE did legally dump PCBs into the river for 30 years until it was banned in 1977. Now GE will have to pay roughly \$500 million to clean up one million pounds of PCBs it dumped into the river from two north Hudson plants before the practice was outlawed in 1977. According to the Journal, the PCBs are still pouring over the federal Troy Dam at the rate of 500 pounds a year.

According to the EPA website, PCBs were widely used as a fire preventive and insulator in the manufacturing of transformers and capacitors because of their ability

Thompson

Island dam

Hudson Falls

Area of detail



PHOTO CREDIT/ Jennifer Haggerty

The Hudson River is serene for the sunset, but PCB's lie in waiting.

to withstand exceptionally high temperatures. PCBs were designed not to break down.

GE is bitterly opposed to dredging, but could be forced to pay as much as three times the cost of cleanup if it refuses to do the work.

Jackie Thompson, former Environmental Science major at Marist College, is in favor of dredging. "PCBs are endangering the health of animals, plants, humans, and the entire ecosystem surrounding the Hudson River. GE must do what is right for the environment, not what is right for their wallets."

However, the EPA acknowledged that PCBs attached to sediment likely will be stirred up by dredging which will cause temporary rises in pollution. However, it will be the upper part of the Hudson, north of Albany, that will feel the true effects.

The hopeful outcome is that the removal of PCBs from the mud will first impact the microscopic organisms that ingest them. Over the years, the benefits should move up the food chain.

"Even after dredging, the fish wouldn't be safe to eat for a really long time," said Thompson.

Right now, dredging is still in the design phase. Issues that still need to be resolved are such things as the locations of de-watering plants that will filter the water, and how the material will be transported to landfills where dredged sediments will be buried.

The planning stages will officially begin in January 2002.

"The environment can eventually fix what dredging will do to the river, but it will never feasibly be

able to break down the PCBs to a safe level," said Thompson.

Dredging will cut the flow of PCBs over the Troy dam in half, and the EPA forecasts safe fish levels 20 years earlier by dredging, as according to Scenic Hudson, Inc.

According to GE, EPA's proposal is "larger than all other environmental dredging projects ever tried, will delay the time when people can consume Upper Hudson fish by up to a decade in 70% of the river, and will remobilize at least 2,200 pounds of PCBS."

GE has also supposedly concluded that more than 100 human health studies have found no evidence that PCBs cause cancer or other serious illnesses in people.

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### Marist Alumni lost on 9/11

by STACEY CASWELL Editorial Assistant

PCB removal shown in detail.

The tragedy of the Sept. 11th attacks on the World Trade Center struck a melancholy chord on the Marist campus as the college community was informed that it had suffered a loss of six alumni.

One of the families affected was the Coffey family. Both Daniel M. Coffey of the class of '69, and his son, Jason Coffey, were killed in the disaster.

Thomas Crotty '81, an active member of the basketball team and previous psychology major at Marist who maintained close relations with the college, was working for Sandler, O'Neill and Partners in Trade Tower Two when it

PHOTO CREDIT! Poughkeepsie Jos

There were other unsung heroes that also lost their lives while trying to serve their country. Both firefighter Vincent D. Kane of the class of '86 and Lieutenant Kevin J. Pfeifer '83, perished in the attacks.

Jacqueline K. Sayegh of the class '89 was the sixth of the alumnus that was also killed in the tragedy.

The Marist College community, along with Sean Morrison, Director of Alumni Affairs, and Maria Gordon Shydlo, President of the Marist College Alumni Association, would like to offer their condolences to the families and friends of the Marist alumni that have



PHOTO CREDIT/ Taylor Rogers

The Giving Tree reminds students of the less fortunate and the attitude of generosity they should exude.

### Giving Tree offers hope

by AUBREY ROFF Staff Writer

Introduced to Marist in 1991 by student Matthew Thompson, the Giving Tree is a national program that "provides Christmas" for more unfortunate families.

When asked about this year's Giving Tree, Brother Frank Kelly, leader of Campus Ministry said, "We really appreciate tremendously the outpouring of generosity for this project, in light of the fact that people have already made many donations this semester."

The program at Marist involves four local agencies: the Catherine Street Community Center, See... Tree, 2

Dutchess Outreach, Family Services, Inc. and the Grace Smith House.

Campus Ministry, sponsor of the Giving Tree, receives lists of area families from these organizations. Based on individual needs and wants, they distribute the gift requests in the form of ornaments on Christmas trees throughout campus. Anyone can take an ornament and donate the present that is listed on it. The ornaments range from basic clothing needs, to "wishes," such as mountain bikes and VCRs.

Last year, twenty-five families were involved, numbering 100

### Recession affects holiday splurging

by JEN HAGGERTY News Editor

'Tis the season to spend one's paycheck on an X Box to save the flailing economy.

This season, however, many consumers are cutting costs, which are causing a ripple effect in the nation's economy

According to the December 10, New York Times it was expected that businesses near the World Trade Center would suffer from the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, which displaced 100,000 potential customers from office buildings in the area and thousands more from their home.

The national economy was already slowing before Sept. 11, but the attacks pushed the nation into economic distress, not only New York City.

Some economic forecasters are expecting a series of business failures in New York in early 2002, due to a lack of consumer frenzy this holiday season.

The worst job cuts are in New York City. The falling tourism in New York City has also affected the

"The city is very slow right

now," said economic Professor Karen Gray. "People are not traveling in, [maybe] because they are afraid something will happen again."

The industry to take the most severe hit was the airline industry, due to a 20% decrease of flights a day.

Brett Muney, former Project Manager for British Airways, lost his job due to the current recession. "My company laid off over 7,000 employees worldwide," he said. "I believe that the attacks just accelerated the onset of the current economic recession; it was in place long before."

The travel and restaurant industry is also being hit hard. This is due to families cutting costs and canceling vacations or opting to make dinner instead of going out to eat.

"When people lose a job, they cut back on spending, whether eating out or landscaping. The people who perform those services then suffer," said

However, some industries are surviving. "What is saving the car industry right now is that they are offering 0% financing sales. This is helping the car industry stay on top," said Gray. It is possible thought that people who were planning on buying a car next year will opt to buy one now. This could affect next year's

Basically, the survival of our economy relies on consumer confidence, which appears to be growing stronger. Gray explained that this phenomenon to the fact that military actions have been going well in Afghanistan or that people aren't as nervous about attacks anymore.

"If people don't think what happened on September 11 will happen again, then the economy may improve," said Gray.

The government is encouraging spending so that other people do not lose their jobs due to the ripple effect. If this works, it is possible that we will be out of the recession by spring or early summer 2002.

The mid-Hudson area is also being affected by this recession. IBM announced layoffs earlier this month in its Fishkill plant. "The mid-Hudson area is not as dependent on tourism," said Gray. She said that it is possible that people from NYC and Boston are afraid to fly, that upstate New York and Cape Cod may benefit from an influx of tourism this upcoming summer.

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The editorial board of The Circle would like to apologize to any and all students who may have been offended by the "Question of the Week" section of our Dec. 6 issue, in which we asked "Is the student body tolerant of minorities?" Our intent in posing this question to the student body was not to alienate individuals, but to bring the issue of the lack of diversity on campus to the forefront.

We chose the word 'tolerant' best addressed the issue of diversity without carrying a nega-

this was not the case. Many felt the word implied that minorities were merely 'endured' on this college campus, and felt the question insinuated that minority students did not earn their place at Marist College. This interpretation of the "Question of the Week" was the farthest from our original intentions in publishing the question. In reality, the question was written to attract attention to the cover story on the minority panel.

Students were also alarmed by our choice of students who responded in this question because we felt it to this question. All three were white, and, although their opinions were positively expressed, our selection of tive connotation; unfortunately, students drew understandable ran-

cor from the student body. For this, The Circle sincerely apologizes. Under normal circumstances, the editorial board would selectively choose a diverse representation of students to respond to this question. However, the "Question of the Week" remained mistakenly unassigned, and the editors were forced to use pictures from the Internet of people they knew, along with their responses to the question. This practice is rare, and will not occur again.

The Circle appreciates all the feedback it has received on this issue; however, the editorial grets any misunderstanding.

board sincerely wishes the entire student body had had the opportunity to consider the insightful protests presented by the disapproving students. Writing a Letter to the Editor would not only have ensured that such a scenario would not occur again, but would also enlighten the entire campus to their grievances with the newspaper. Allowing a greater audience to be aware of any complaints brings a disputed, controversial issue to center stage, and succeeds in alerting every reader of the important viewpoints surrounding it.

Again, The Circle deeply re-

### Toxic H20...From 1

They feel that the public should not be swayed by EPA based studies in which rats were fed very high doses of PCBs in their diets, which caused cancer in the animals.

The NYS Department of Health and many independent scientists critiqued the research and said it does not support GE's claims.

Under the EPA's worst-case scenario, dredging might stir up 20 pounds of PCBs annually. However, the cleanup will immediately and dramatically reduce the 500 pounds moving downstream already.

### Route 9's safety still questionable even with speed reduction

by STACEY CASWELL Editorial Assistant

Marist is once again on the prowl for a solution to the ongoing problem of student safety while crossing route 9 with the implementation of a lower speed limit.

"Our biggest fear as a college community is that we don't want to have a severe accident happen and a pedestrian get seriously injured or killed before a solution is found," said Tim Massie, of the Office of Public Affairs.

Since the deactivation of the crosswalk signal lights that stretch across Route 9 on November 27, 2001, both the Department of Transportation, D.O.T., and Marist College officials have struggled over what should be done in regards to assuring student safety.

Now, instead of the blinking crosswalk lights, a sign warns of the variable speed limit that must be obeyed. During the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the sign enforces a 30 to New York State laws which Merolli agree that not only is the mile-per-hour speed limit, while between the hours of 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the sign displays a speed limit of 40 miles-per-hour. Both the Department of Transportation and the college hope that these measures will help deter possible speed demons from whizzing by the campus without regard to college students' safety.

"Right now the D.O.T. and the college both want to see if those measures are sufficient enough," Massie said. "However, by cutting back the speed limit by ten miles per hour will hopefully get people to at least slow down enough so that if they do come across someone crossing they will be able to stop at a slower and safer speed."

Executive Vice President Merolli, who has been working with the D.O.T. and the Poughkeepsie Police since the time that Marist first acquired land across Route 9 on the issue of student safety, realizes that the issue is complicated due in part

merely enforce that if a pedesmotorist on the side of the road that the student is in has to stop. However, the cars going in the other direction are not required

Merolli attributes this fact in part to the reason that cars became confused at the blinking crosswalk, which is why it did not assist in the problem they were having with students and the issue of their safety.

"Our position right along has been to slow the speed limit. Even when the D.O.T put that crosswalk in there with the flashing lights, we had said, ok, you're doing this, but slow the speed lmit to 25, 30 miles per hour so people wouldl recognize that it's a college zone," Merolli said.

The D.O.T. was unavailable for comment.

However, both Massie and

cooperation of the D.O.T. essentrian is in a crosswalk, then the tial, but also that of the Poughkeepsie Police Department. They have noticed that there has been a significant increase in the amount of police surveillance of the area surrounding Marist College in regards to speeding. However, they also hope that with the institution of the new sign warning the students to be careful, that it will help them to be mindful of cars and exercise care when crossing Route 9.

"The rest of the people traveling Route 9 believe that they should not be inconvenienced by slowing down the speed limit or having more lights, or anything else we put in. They want students to be more mindful of how to cross the street. So there has to be an understanding on both sides of all the issues involved."

Tree ...From 1 people. Out of 851 gift requests, 818 gifts were received. Gifts are donated directly by administration, staff, faculty, students, fraternities, sororities, as well as various campus clubs and organizations. Numerous monetary contributions are also made by members of the Marist community. These donations are used by campus ministry to purchase gifts that are left over after the program has

This year, 24 families are being sponsored, which includes 855 requests. The program appears to be very successful and at last count, there were less than 100 unclaimed requests remaining.

The trees throughout campus will be taken down on Thursday, Dec. 14th. Contact Campus Ministry at 2275, to make a monetary donation or to find out what gifts requests need to be fulfilled.

The celebration of the Giving Tree will be held following the 7:00 pm mass on Sunday, Dec. 16th in the chapel.

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# Its the most wonderful time of the year Ten things to look forward to after the stress of finals

by ALEXIS LUKES Staff Writer

It used to be that the old Christmas carol summed it up the best: it is the most wonderful time of the

The sky is set aglow as thousands of tiny "icicles" hang from the ceilings of all the dorm rooms on campus. Christmas trees and menorahs are hanging on doors. But, those neighbors that you used to love have now become a few of your worst enemies. Do they really have to blare Christmas music at all hours, when you need to study for that 8 a.m. final? You would like to rip out your hair, and it is then that you realize that the song lies. For a college student, this is the most stressful time of the year.

As of Dec. 14, the day that brings the first of the dreaded final exams, sales on coffee and Mountain Dew should sky rocket. There is sure to be quite a few all-night study

sessions going on all around the Marist College campus. Dark circles will line the eyes of almost everyone. Zombie-like students will be heard counting down the days until they get to return home to peace and quiet, and, best of all, a normal sleeping pattern.

Finals are not the only things hanging over the heads of the Marist College community, however. Christmas time brings with it the stress of finding the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Was it this sweater or that one that mom said she wanted? Does dad need a new Marist hat, or does he have enough of them? Now we know that Galleria Mall trips are sent from heaven. The next task, of course, is finding time to wrap these presents so that you can get them home without the recipient seeing what you have bought. Sure, you could pay someone at the mall to do it, but that would require spending more money, which is hard to come by when you are in college.

Packing to make the trek home is

also a big pain in the neck. When you moved in in the fall, all the excitement of going back to school occupied your mind. You did not think that in just three and a half months, you would be packing up your life again. Lack of room in your suitcase makes you wish you did not have such an extensive wardrobe.

It is now that you begin to realize that the friends you are with every day are not going to be around for an entire month. You will all pack up your things and go your separate ways, scattering throughout the country. With this in mind, there is a rush to spend as much time together as possible. Although studying may be the more important thing, somehow that movie night with the girls or a night of watching football with the guys finds its way to the top of your pri ority list. Naturally, this leaves less time for studying, and more time for cramming and staying up all night.

When exam week is finally over,



As finals week begins, there is a light at the end of the tunnel:

winter break begins next week. and you have made the journey back to wherever it is that you call home, it is important to remember that it is a vacation. You should use your time there as wisely as you possibly can. It may seem like forever away, but now, only finals stand between you and your vacation. Here is a list of things to keep in mind while you're cramming for that next exam. Just think, if you can tough it for just a few more days, this is what is waiting for you

at home:

1. Sleeping...in your own bed.

2. Seeing your family.

3. Visiting with the friends you haven't seen in what seems like forever.

4. Eating real food (even Christmas leftovers sound better than the Marist College dining hall).

5. Christmas presents (giving away that stuff you spent so much study time shopping for).

6. Working (you need to get back all the money you blew partying during the first semester).

7. Ringing in the new year (2002 here we come!).

8. Driving! (This may not apply to everyone, but the freshmen can appreciate it).

9. Dishwashers, as well as wash machines and dryers that do not cost an arm and a leg to use!

10. Not having to worry about homework!

Good luck to everyone on your finals, and have a great holiday sea-

## Students travel overseas for Spring 2001

### Despite 9-11 tragedy, more students than ever are studying abroad

by KATHERINE SLAUTA Features Editor

The end of the semester is approaching quickly. Exams, papers and final projects overflow on the college student's calendar. Nevertheless, there is a light at the end of the tunnel: winter break.

While the break may be a short hiatus for most students on campus until the return for yet another semester at Marist, there is a percentage that will not be returning to Marist for the spring academic semester. Rather, they will be venturing to new lands as they begin their experience abroad.

The Marist Abroad Program directors worked hard this semester to review the many applications of students who had applied for the Spring 2002 semester abroad.

Carol Toufali, director of the Marist Abroad Program said there were a large number of applications for the Spring 2002 semester.

"We received over 100 applications for spring," she said.

The result of the application process: 83 students will study abroad next semester. Eighty of these students are from Marist, while others are students at Wabash University, Willamette University and Rutgers University studying abroad through the Marist Abroad Program.

The volume of students venturing overseas next semester is almost equal to the number of students who studied abroad in both the Fall 2000 and Spring 2001 semesters combined.

Carol Toufali, a director of the Marist Abroad Program said that the number of students studying abroad is growing.

"There are thirty nine students studying abroad this fall, totally that equals 122 students total this academic year, as opposed to 84 total last year," she said.

The directors, and former abroad students have worked hard to prepare the upcoming group for their departure. Weekly meetings as well as luncheons help students with passport applications, visas and airline tickets, a few of the many necessary details needed before departure.

Toufali said she wants students to be as ready as possibly before their departure.

"My primary concern is that students be prepared going abroad," she said.

During the Spring 2002 semester, these students will travel to the countries of: Spain, England, Ireland, Italy, Australia, Japan and France. Each country has a different culture; just as each student going abroad will have a different

And as for advice for to the venturing students, Toufali says to "Just don't it," she said. "They

Good luck to those traveling this

winter break and those studying abroad next semester. Bon Voyage!

## The'Ten Traveling Commandments' for venturing abroad Traveling tips by Dr. Frank Deaver

Here are some travling tips:

country. Be sensitive to their feelings and avoid those things that would offend.

2. Practice listening, not just hearing; observing, not just seeing. You will be the richer for it, and your genuine interest will not go unno-

answers." If they want to know "how we do it," let them ask.

4. Recognize that different societ- 7. Use your camera, but not to inies have different mannerisms, cus- vade the privacy of others. 1. Go with a genuine desire to learn toms, time concepts, thought patmore about the people of the host ters. Theirs are not inferior to 8. When you are shopping, rememyours, just different.

> 5. Avoid being critical of those who wages paid to workers. Don't comdon't speak English. You're in their pound the exploitation by bragcountry and they speak their own language quite well. Learn at least a few polite phrases and greetings 9. Do not make promises to people in their language.

6. Instead of looking for that beach 3. Develop the habit of asking more or mountain paradise, discover the 10. Spend some time each day requestions, not "knowing all the enrichment of coming to understanding another society's everyday life.

ber that "the bargain" you obtain may be the result of poverty-level ging how little you paid.

in your host country unless you can carry them through.

flecting on the day's experiences in an attempt to deepen your understanding.

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## OPINION

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Congress shall pass no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.

### Threatening civil liberties with vacant rhetoric

by BEN BRENKERT **Opinion Editor** 

Last Thursday, Attorney General John Ashcroft attempted to defend the Bush Administration's use of military tribunals to prosecute suspected terrorists. However, Ashcroft's performance suggested little preparation for his appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Members of Congress wanted to hear from Ashcroft on a number of issues, ranging from how the tribunals, established by an executive order of the president, would function to whether or not Bush's demands actually violate the Bill of

Though some may argue that America has never faced a foe as treacherous as the al-Qaida network, the ignominy lies in the unprecedented demand to curtail liberties in favor of trying a vast network of terrorists.

As President Bush cited precedents for transgressing against civil liberties in wartime, Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) was working hard to ensure the constitutionality of the Administration's actions. In other declared wars, including the War of consult as many etymologists as

1812 and the Civil War the nation had to deal with enemy sympathizers and spies at home.

In the war on terrorism there are no defined lines, and many argue that America is a battlefield nation. Senator Ashcroft argued that, "the president's authority to establish war crimes commissions arises out of his power as commander-inchief. For centuries, Congress has recognized this authority, and the Supreme Court has never held that any Congress may limit it."

Yet, at a time when the national government appears inviolable to public discord, civil rights and liberties may be violated at the cost of patriotism. What about the inevitable abuse of power that awaits patiently for Congress' next move during America's hegemony in the

According to one New York Times columnist. George W. Bush's order "is astonishing, allowing for the indefinite detention and trial of any non-citizen the president deems to be a member of al-Qaida, or to be involved in international terrorism of any type, or to be harboring terrorists.'

Perhaps George W. Bush should

he has war hawks, because, as history tells us, a terrorist is someone who adopts or supports a policy of terrorism. Thus, before President Bush prints out his latest list of scaremongers, he should consider the extent of his power in using military tribunals to prosecute suspected terrorists. Throughout the Beltway there is confusion as to whether or not the tribunals will be held in the United States.

Moreover, Senator Leahy pointed out the contradiction in Ashcroft's argument by stating that, "The Supreme Court has never upheld the president's authority...to unilaterally set up military tribunals absent congressional authority." What concerns most civil libertarians is the way in which the tribunals may be used.

If the tribunals were conducted like a court martial, there would be no jury or civilian judge. In fact, most critics want the Bush Administration to explain what they have in mind, and to hear White House Counsel, Alberto Gonzales, explain their use and operation.

President Bush signed the order into effect on November 13, and while the public overwhelmingly

Administration's methodology, Congressional Democrats are simply concerned with the constitutionality of government actions. When the country's Attorney General insipidly exclaims that he does not have any information about how the tribunals would operate, and that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is handling this issue "it is difficult to believe the attorney general," writes MSNBC Contributor John W. Dean. The ultimate question is whether or not suspected terrorists should be tried in civilian courts or by military tribunals.

If we assume that these terrorists are well-trained, well-financed, selfsufficient and well-equipped, then, in reality, we do not have any idea who these people are. However, any reasonable response must be met by the harshest of criticism by the scathing eye of civil libertarians and rightists. Moreover, this discussion is filled with nuances that add to the pejorative nature of the president's action.

Not only does the wording of this law impinge upon terrorists, but it brings the country back to the days of Nixon. After all, Nixon dealt with terrorism abroad in another one of America's traditionally undeclared wars. Yet, for some reason the Vietnam conflict witnessed unparalleled disagreements amongst doves and hawks.

Today, America is using the language of revenge and vindication in a conflict that is rooted in an unwieldy history. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis remarked in the Olmstead case of 1928 that, "In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously...If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself, it invites anarchy."

Civil Libertarians hope that the government would not commit crimes in order to secure the conviction of a criminal; this in itself would bring upon the government terrible retribution. In the end, America must seek action within the scope and framework of the Constitution.

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government out of millions by

Our society persecutes those that

sell drugs because they poison

avoiding tariffs and taxes?

### Senate drops the ball with new drug czar: John Walters can eat a fat one

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN Staff Inspiration

The United States Senate, still tripping over their feet after signing away our civil liberties and the Alaskan refuge, approved John Walters for the Bush administration's appointment of drug czar. Walters won approval on Dec. 6 via a voice vote that allowed individual Senators to vote without the public getting an accurate record of what position they voted for.

Walters has worked under former drug czar William Bennett and has repeatedly made comments that prove he is an intellectual giant in the fashion of Dan Quayle, with the compassion of a modern day Stalin.

He has denied the real facts that the United States, per capita, has more people in prison than Russia and he testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 1997 saying that imprisonment for non-violent drug offenses serves "a moral lesson...And I am against the part of the conversation earlier that suggests that there are too many people in jail."

That's pretty funny, I thought having over 2 million people in our prisons was a lot, especially when almost 500,000 of them were non-violent drug offenders. Nor does Walters recogize the racial disparities present in the nations prisons. He was quoted by the Weekly Standard on March 5, 2001 as saying, "neither is it true that the prison population is disproportionately made up of young black men...crime,

after all, is not evenly distributed throughout society." For Walters and other readers that failed junior high vocabulary lessons, disproportionate would equivocate to African Americans consisting of 13% of U.S. population, yet being arrested for 21% of all drug possession crimes and 49% of drug sales in 1995 according to statistics cited in "Race to Incarcerate" by Marc Mauer.

Treatment and rehabilitation is just another "manifestation of liberals' commitment to a 'therapeutic state' in which government serves as the agent of personal rehabilitation," according to Walters. Even former drug czar, Barry McCaffrey, was startled to hear some of Walters' beliefs regarding treatment and McCaffrey has criticized Walters' over-reliance on interdiction.

This closed-minded view of the penal system is why the "war on drugs" has failed so completely and miserably. Studies have shown time and again that education, rehabilitation, and treatment programs reduce recidivism rates among prisoners. Along bumbles Walters and suddenly we're back in stone-age wondering if the rain god is avoiding us because we used the wrong hand to scratch our asses.

Walters has also been an outspoken proponent of mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenses. This is probably one of the most idiotic policies ever adopted by our criminal justice system; in 1997 the average federal sentence for drug offenses was

78 months, more than twice the 30 month sentence for manslaughter, according to an article published in the Guardian on Sept. 8.

Maybe I just have odd priorities but it seems like a basic concept that killing someone should carry a heavier penalty than selling them some pot. There has been widespread opposition to mandatory minimum sentencing, even within the criminal justice system as judges reluctantly sentence mothers to jail for long periods even though the sentence does not ad-

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the school newspaper. As I flipped that I could better myself by exthrough the pages, I was stopped panding my knowledge. when the words "Is the student body tolerant of minorities" smacked me across the face. My stomach turned and I made believe that what I had just read was all a misconception. But when I looked for a second time the words appeared again. I stood there in disbelief not wanting to continue and read what the article had to say.

Even now in the 21st century, I didn't know that minorities had to be "tolerated", especially in a society that has supposedly come so far and during a time when our country has been hit so hard by others. I am a young Puerto Rican woman that lives in the Bronx, a borough that is predominantly Hispanic, and I came to Marist in hopes of a new cultural experience where I could educate others about my culture as well as learn about other types of people, our differences equately fit the crime.

The problem goes deeper than just Walters however (although he will significantly screw up, mark my words). It's time we looked at the things we classify as crime and what we let slide every day.

Our society locks up poor people everyday for stealing little things that they couldn't afford because stealing takes away from society yet how often do we lock up multimillionaires that cheat on their taxes or companies that forge trade documents so they can cheat the U.S.

Last week, I picked up a copy of and similarities. It was my hope

cause I felt that this school was better than that. I feel that it was a poor choice of words and that the message conveyed was not necessarily the one intended but I know, that the many minorities that attend, work and are affiliated with the school did take the statement to offense.

I hope that everyone realizes how one word can cause so much controversy and that in the future they will be more careful with what words are chosen.

Sincerely Jacqueline Gonzalez, sophomore

When I first came to Marist I soon realized that Marist was not as diverse as the community that I grew up in coming from NYC. I have always felt the presence of the minority community at Marist, or shall I say lack of. Being of

people and ruin their lives but how often have we shut down and destroyed the huge conglomerations that pollute our earth and water? Even when there is undboubtable

evidence of the damage a company has done we let them slide; GE got off lucky in my opinion because they should have to do a lot more than clean up the river. Ever get the feeling you've been cheated?

Puerto Rican descent I sometimes felt that people looked at me differently because of my background. I too felt different at times; from many times being the only minority in a classroom to being the first name professors remembered because it was only Hispanic name. During my first semester here at Marist I experienced a strong culture shock. As time went on, the overwhelming sense of difference lessened. However nothing has ever made me feel as different as the day I felt when I opened up the campus newspaper and read the question of the week. "Is the student body tolerant of minorities?" I feel that as a campus newspaper it is your responsibility to represent the student body as a whole. This cannot be done if the question alone separates us from all other members of the student

Jennifer Ramos

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### Ed said...Tis' the season for a few good laughs

by ED WILLIAMS III Managing Editor

With all of the hustle and bustle that goes along with probably the most commercialized holiday of the year, everyone should do themselves a favor, set aside about an hour and a half, and watch the funniest Christmas movie of them all: Christmas Va-

Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) and his family are back in their third Vacation movie, but this time the family isn't traveling on an adventure. Instead, their family and friends gather together at Clark's house for a Griswold family Christmas. This film is such a good one because most of the scenarios that take place are familiar with everyone else. The

catch here of course, is that the scenarios are exaggerated, and anything bad that can happen eventually does.

One instance of hilarity occurs when Clark decides that it's time to lead his family in a search for the biggest and best Christmas Tree ever. Instead of going to a tree lot like most people do, Clark finds his tree in a forest and has no regard for its size because no tree is too big for his family. When the tree is brought into the house and is unwrapped, the branches fly everywhere, crashing through the windows. Clark, ever the optimist, says that maybe it needs a little trimming.

Another amusing occurrence is when Clark is hiding his Christmas gifts for everyone upstairs in the attic. While bumbling around in the cozy confines of his upstairs storage space, his wife Ellen

(Beverly D'Angelo) closes the door ardly around the house in a not- bly done wrong starts throwing not realizing her "Sparky" is up there. The whole family then proceeds to leave on a shopping trip leaving Clark all by himself in the dark attic as some slapstick humor involving Clark and the floorboards ensues. The humor ends in a touching moment in which Clark finds some old home movies and watches them with a twinkle in his eye.

The hijinx continue even further when the rest of the family arrives including Clark's idiotic cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) and his family. After the family cat mistake the strings of Christmas lights for some twine, the cuddly pet meets its untimely demise as it becomes electrocuted when gnawing through the festive luminaries. Then when a squirrel is found living inside of the Christmas tree mayhem ensues as everyone begins running haphazso-festive mood.

Perhaps the funniest and most memorable scene that occurs is another one that most of us can relate too. Clark absolutely loves Christmas, and he wants to share that love with everyone he can. So he decides to spread this love by decorating his house. To everyone except Clark, though, his house is transformed into a Christmas monstrosity as you can hardly see any part of the actual house because it is draped in holiday décor. After finally getting all of the lights in place, it is time to plug them in for the first time. As the whole family gathers outside in the freezing cold in anticipation of the festive display, their holiday cheer is turned upside down when the lights fail to illuminate. Clark, wondering what he could have possi-

a tantrum as he kicks the nearby plastic Santa and reindeer. In a mini Christmas miracle moment, Ellen realizes that the problem may lie in the fuse box and decides to go fix it. AS Clark decides to give the lights on last try he connects the plugs at the same time Ellen fixes the problem and the whole city is awakened by the amazing, nearly blinding, visual display.

Clark, no matter what how big the problem, always seems to come up smelling like roses in the end. Even when the police become involved in a classic final scene, Clark and his Christmas spirit reigns supreme. This is a great holiday film that is sure to put a smile on your face and allow you for a brief respite from all of your holiday stresses.

### season

by NICOLE SCALZO Staff Writer

This year the Holiday Season seems different to me. This year, more than ever, I think I am searching for a "reason for the season." I am struggling to get that same feeling I had as a child around the holiday time. The feeling I am talking about isn't just about Christmas; it is about this entire season. Whether you are celebrating Hanukah, Ramadan, Christmas or Kwanzaa, you know there was a feeling we all had as children when the holiday cartoons came on television. That is what I wanted.

So many questions about our future are popping up everyday, uncertainty, paranoia, sadness, all these feelings we still have lingering from the attacks of September 11th. These were not feelings we had as children. I ended up looking over to the video cabinet to search for the feeling I had lost. There, on the bottom, covered in dust and in a torn box was "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

I took it out, brushed off the dust, sat down and watched it. I don't know if it is because of what has happened over the course of this last semester, but it made me happy. It reminded me of my childhood Christmas' and the time leading up to it. It reminded me of putting up the outdoor decorations when they were brand new, freshly painted and taller than I. It reminded me of putting up the tree late at night when I was a child and waking up the next morning to see it fully decorated and lit up.



PHOTO CREDITI WWW.TOONARIFIC.COM Charlie Brown and Linus

It reminded me of family.

We do not have to look very far to find the "reason for the season" this year, we can look to home, we can look to our families and we can, for the first time, fully appreciate that we have in our family. Whether your family is a conventional one or non-conventional one, whether it is made up of those related to you or just a close group of friends, we should give thanks for the memories we have with our family and thanks to the many more we hope to have. For the first time, in a long time, I have heard so many people here at school telling me that they just cant wait to be home with their family.

"A Charlie Brown's Christmas:" first aired in 1965 and is 60 minutes long. The comic strip's creator, Charles M. Schulz, wrote the script for the movie, which finds Charlie Brown complaining about Christmas and how it has no meaning except for commercialism. In the movie, Charlie Brown searches for the meaning of Christmas and he finds it. While trying to produce a school play with his friends, Charlie Brown picks out the smallest tree he can find. He is ridiculed for his pick, but later finds out the true meaning of Christmas through Linus' speech. The animated show

earned a Peabody and Emmy award for children's program-

So, if you own a copy of "A Charlie Brown Christmas", I suggest you drag it out. If you are on campus, wait till you get home and watch it with your family. If you do not own it you can check it out this Sunday on ABC at 8pm. Afterward, Whoopi Goldberg hosts a behind-thescenes look at the making of the tale, featuring comments by Schulz and a tribute to its composer, Vince Guaraldi.

If you decide not to take my suggestion, here is another. Find a movie you watched when you were kid, sit down, and watch it. Let yourself really enjoy the movie and I hope you find the "reason for the season" as I did.

by MEGANLIZOTTE A&E Editor

When Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and other members of the fabled Rat Race Pack made the original Ocean's Eleven in 1960, they never knew one movie would be such a hit.

Oscar winning director, Steven Sodeberbergh, who also directed Erin Brockovich and Traffic, has made, yet another great movie. Ocean's Eleven hit the big screen this past weekend on December 7, with its award-winning cast.

He did a great job with the cast members, with a full deck of fresh faces, style and class. The cast's good time and camaraderie during shooting came blazing through the screen. The movie features George Cloony, Brad Pitt, Andy Garcia, Julia Roberts, Don Cheadle, Matt Damon and Casey Affleck to name a few.

George Cloony played Dapper

Danny Ocean. He was paroled from a New Jersey penitentiary and less than 24 hours later, he was already planning out his next schema. He takes on the most elaborate casino heist in history. He lost the heart of his ex- wife Tess, played by Roberts to a wealthy hotel/casino owner, Terry Benedict, played by Garcia.

With this in mind, Cloony picked and 11-man crew of casino junkies including: an ace card sharp, played by Pitt, a master pickpocket, played by Damon and a demolition genius, played by Cheadle. These men were on a mission to steal over \$150 million from three of Garcia's Las Vegas casinos. Cloony came up with three general rules for the heist. They included: don't hurt anybody, don't steal from anyone who doesn't deserve it and play the game like there is nothing else to do.

In order to get the cash, Cloony had to risk his chances of reconciling with Roberts. But, if his plan works out properly Cloony will not have to choose between his

part in the heist or his reunion with her. But, who know, he may have to!

Even though the flick has proved to be a hit, being the top movie at the box office this past weekend, Soderbergh, in an interview states, "The film is one of those glittering pieces of Hollywood entertainment where you leave the theatre not feeling cheated."

Rated PG-13, Ocean's Eleven is one to see. The action and wittiness alone make it worth your while. Sit back; relax and get ready to take place in quite a heist.



Julia Roberts and George Cloony in the new hit movie, Ocean's Eleven. The movie opened on December 7.

The A&E section would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!!



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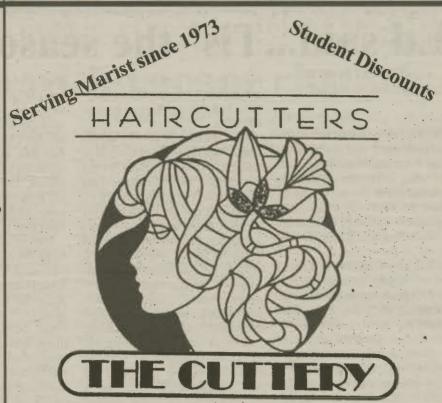
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### Isles and Rangers bringing hockey back to New York

by SCOTT DESIERE

The New York Islanders public relations department developed a clever slogan this summer in an attempt to draw fans to the previously deserted Nassau Coliseum: Hockey's Back.

The statement was in reference to the hometown Islanders, but it might as well have been referring to the entire New York hockey

The Islanders, as well as their hated rivals, the New York Rangers, have risen from the depths of the abysmal to reach exhilarating heights with the best still yet to come this season.

And they have one unforgettable off-season to thank for it.

Almost immediately after Raymond Bourque and the Colorado Avalanche defeated the New Jersey Devils in game 7 of the 2001 Stanley Cup Finals, Rangers GM Glen Sather and Islanders GM Mike Milbury went to work on perhaps the most important off-season in New York hockey history.

For Sather and the Rangers, it was

a matter of revival - revival of a franchise that had missed out on the postseason for four consecutive seasons despite having the highest payroll in the league.

For Milbury and the Islanders, it was a matter of survival - survival of a GM and a team that had been together for seven seasons without making one postseason appearance, and survival of a onceproud franchise on the verge of collapse.

After letting Jaromir Jagr slip away from him, Sather took one enormous gamble, on one enormous man - Eric Lindros. He was criticized for passing up on the game's most prolific offensive player in favor of a 6'4 225 lb center known more for his string of nearly career ending concussions than for his winning the Hart trophy as league MVP while reviving a deadpan Flyers franchise and bringing it to championship's doorstep on multiple occasions.

As Sather was busy absorbing a mass arsenal of the New York

media's best weapons, two other Rangers, goaltender Mike Richter and diminutive winger Theo Fleury were busy busting their tails behind the scenes gearing up for improbable returns to stardom; Richter's from career threatening knee injuries and Fleury's from a life threatening substance abuse

Meanwhile, Milbury, equipped with a bright young coach and backed by new deep-pocketed ownership, was armed with financial weaponry the likes of which he had never had access to during his tumultuous tenure with the Islanders. He began firing at will.

On draft weekend in June, Milbury put together a pair of prospect laden packages that helped land his staggering franchise two superstar shots of adrenaline: Ottawa Senators center Alexei Yashin and Buffalo Sabres center Michael

Yashin, an ultra-talented scoring machine with superb hands and a precise wrist shot, and Peca, a born-leader and former Selke award winner as the league's best defensive forward, were both headaches for their former teams - headaches that Milbury was all too happy to

Then, at the wavier draft, Milbury picked up former Red Wings goaltender Chris Osgood and his two Stanley Cup rings and proclaimed the Islanders ready.

They were. So were the Rang-

The Islander flew out the gate, winning 10 games before they lost one, and, while the team has leveled off, it has shown beyond the shadow of a doubt that they're for

Yashin has been magical with the puck. Peca has been every bit the leader he's capable of being, and Osgood has been superb between the pipes. And every time that previously unknown winger Mark Parrish touches the puck, it winds up in the back of the net.

While, the Rangers did not fly out of the gate the way the Islanders did, they turned on the jets in a major way as the season progressed.

Concussions are a thing of the past for Lindros, who is once again an MVP candidate that looks unstoppable, as unstoppable as he did when he first took the National Hockey League by storm.

Lindros's play has put a charge in the already over-energized game of Fleury, as the two have combined with gritty Mike York to form one of the most dangerous lines in

Then there is Mike Richter, who has looked like a healthy, well, Mike Richter, which is to say that he has looked like a goaltender that simply will not let his team lose.

Even when the Rangers struggle, Richter is stealing them points, the way he was in 1994 when the Rangers took home the Stanley Cup.

And even when the Islanders are not on top of their game, Yashin is carrying them to victories, the way Pierre Turgeon did in 1993, the last time the Islanders shocked the hockey world, and incidentally, the last time they won a postseason

For all the good so far this season, the best is still to come.

If and when the New Jersey Devils, the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions, turn things around, all three area teams will be fiercely battling in the midst of a playoff race, and maybe down the line, in the playoffs themselves.

After years of hockey futility, New York fans have reason to be excited. They have reason because the Rangers were right about Lindros, Fleury and Richter. They have reason because the Islanders were right about Yashin, Peca and Osgood.

They have reason because the Islanders were right about something else too.

Hockey's Back

### Hockey team on three game skid after losing to Siena and UPenn

by SCOTT MONTESANO Staff Writer

For one period, it appeared as might be on its way to one of its biggest upsets in recent history. However, that moment proved to be short-lived as the Siena Saints used five unan- would give Siena a 4-1 lead afswered goals to crush the Red ter two periods. Then, early in Foxes 6-2 at the Civic Center the third period Greg Kamph on December 7.

Siena, the #1 ranked team in was simply too quick and talplay throughout much of the cit to three. contest.

hang around with Siena. This was a far cry from the 14-0 Saints win when the teams first met on October 13.

riod when freshman Chris Walling scored on a loose puck in front.

Backed by the goaltending of Matt Allatin, the Foxes were able to hold on to that miniscule lead for much of the first period. But, in the flash of an eye Marist would see its lead evaporate and then find itself trailing.

A Foxes penalty late in the period gave Siena a powerplay and the Saints would capitalize as Joe Spiak scored off a shot from the blueline at 18:01 to tie the game.

Siena would then take the lead with just 51 seconds left in the period when Greg Kamph redirected a shot passed though the Marist hockey team Allatin. The goal seemed to take the life out of Marist as the team's headed to the locker

> Matt Hawks and Jeff Bostic would give Siena a 5-1 lead

Marist would give its fans a the ACHA Northeast region, brief glimpse of hope with just under 10 minutes to play. ented for the struggling Foxes Freshman Jeff Walling sent a to contain. The Saints outshot shot passed Siena's Matt Marist 51-18 and controlled Dominelli to cut the Foxes defi-

Nevertheless, a Brian Still, the Foxes were able to Mitchell tally at 18:28 put the game away for the Saints

The Foxes penalty-killing unit, which has been up and down all season, struggled Marist actually took an early against the polished Saints 1-0 lead at 7:21 of the first pe- powerplay. Siena was 3/5 on the man advantage.

Marist was also not helped by some bad luck. Junior Chris Murray was especially snakebitten. On two separte occasions late in the second period, Murray was stopped on semibreakaways, and then hit the inside of the right post.

The Foxes also failed to take advantage of nearly 90 seconds of a 5-on-3 powerplay at the end of the second period. Marist finished the game 1/5 on the powerplay.

"There are opportunities galore that the coaching staff is seeing from a strategic standpoint," said Marist head coach Bob Simmons.

If it weren't for the play of goaltender Matt Allatin, the game would have been lopsided. Allatin had to face over 50 shots, many of which were quality-scoring chances. The senior goaltender was forced to make 18 saves in the first period alone.

The Foxes wrapped up the first semester with a disappointing 5-1 loss to the University of Pennsylvania on December 8 in Newburgh. With the loss, Marist goes into the holiday break on a three game losing skid and has all but seen any hopes of going to the National Tournament destroyed.

One of the main problems for the Foxes all season has been a poor on-ice attitude, accord-

ing to Simmons.
"We've been working on the (player's) mental game and it has just been unsuccessful," Simmons said.

Marist now stands at 5-9-3 overall, and 3-4-2 in Super East League Play.

Simmons added that he has seen some progress in the

"I have seen any number of players, especially in the freshman ranks improving. We have had some sophomores step up

The Foxes are off until January 25 when they host Super East League foe Stony Brook.

### **Sports Briefs**

#### Men's Track

The men's indoor track and field team placed second out of 19 teams t the Seton Hall Invitational on Sunday

Individual performances included freshman Adam Pakiela's 51.50econd finish in the 400-meter dash, a new Marist record. Senior Mike Nehr placed third in the 1,500-meterr run, followed by senior Pat Driscoll. Junior Teddy Ebberts placed third in the triple jump, while sophomore Eli Bisnett-Cobb placed second in the high jump.

The team will take some time off before competing at the Yale Invitational in New Haven, CT. on January 12.

#### Women's Track

The women's track and field team was also in competition at the Seton Hall Invitational, placing fifth out of 21 schools.

Freshman Alison Keller broke another school record, the second to fall on the day, running the 60-meter hurdles in 9.31 seconds. Keller also placed first in the high jump at the meet.

Senior Jen Stewart rounded out the top performances for the Red Foxes, placing third in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump.

The women's team will also be in action at the Yale University Invitational on January 12.

#### Football

Senior Tim Cullen was named to the I-AA Mid-Major All-America

The team, selected by a panel of media and sports information directors covering programs of the MAAC and Pioneer League, is made up of 26 mid-major I-AA players.

Cullen finished the season with 66 tackles, three sacks, and one interreption. He recorded 9.5 career sacks at Marist and 151 total tackles. Eight other players from the MAAC were also named to the team.

#### Athletes of the Week

Nick Eppehimer for scoring a career-high 18 points against Siena on December 6

Tim Cullen for being named to the I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team

## SPORTS

They Said It

"We got into that same old cycle. We get a lead, relax and go into cruise control...My big concern is we don't have a killer instinct at times."

-Men's basketball head coach Dave Magarity to the *Poughkeepsie Journal* after Thursday's win over Siena

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### Men's basketball opens up MAAC schedule with two wins

by PETER PALMIERI Sports Editor

With victories over Rider on Sunday and Siena on Thursday, the Marist men's basketball team improved its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) record to 2-0.

On Sunday, the team traveled to Lawrenceville, NJ, to take on Rider. Despite a sluggish first half, which found the team down by as much as twelve, the Red Foxes regrouped and put together an impressive second half to earn an 80-69 victory.

Marist had four players score in double figures. Sean Kennedy led the way with 20 points, followed by 16 from David Bennett and 13 for Rick Smith and Dennis Young. Mario Porter, who recorded a double-double with 20 points and 17 rebounds, paced Rider.

Rider contributed to Marist's second-half comeback, turning

the ball over 23 times to Marist's nine giveaways. The Brones also sent Marist to the free throw line 21 times, with Marist capitalizing on 16 of the free throws.

Down by two at the start of the second half, Marist began the second quarter with a 9-3 run and never gave up the lead. The victory improved the Red Foxes to 2-0 in the MAAC and 6-2 overall. The loss dropped Rider to 0-1 in the MAAC and 2-5 overall.

On Thursday, Marist played host to Siena in both team's first MAAC contests of the season. Marist looked to be in control early on, taking an 11-point lead with four minutes left to play in the first half. However, Siena went on a 10-0 run to cut the halftime deficit to 1 point. However, Marist used a balance attack in the second half to fight off a pesky Siena team and earn

the 77-69 victory.

Nick Eppehimer recorded a career-high 18 points and a team-high eight rebounds for Marist. Matt Tullis added 17 points, followed by Bennett with 12 and Smith with 11.

Marist had an opportunity to open the game up when Siena forward Dwayne Archbold recorded a technical foul and his fourth personal foul with 18 minutes to play in the game.

Archbold did not return to action until there were five minutes left in the game, but the Saints were within striking distance when Archbold finally returned. Marist shot 75% from the free throw line in the second half, keeping Siena in the game. Turnovers proved to be the difference in the game, with Siena giving the ball away 15 times compared to only seven by Marist.

With: 45 left to play, Marist iced the game when Tullis found Brandon Ellerbee underneath, who then threw a behind-the-back pass to Smith who finished the play with a one-handed slam as the nearly 2,500 on attendance at the McCann Center erupted.

The loss dropped Siena to 2-7 overall and 0-1 in the MAAC.

Marist will be idle for 12 days before hosting Central Florida on December 22.

### Women's hoops 1-1 in MAAC

by PETER PALMIERI
Sports Editor

After suffering a 27-point defeat to St. Peter's, the Marist women's basketball team dropped to 1-1 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

The team could only manage to put 40 points on the board, shooting less than 33% on the afternoon. However, Marist actually outshot St. Peter's, who shot 31.7% from the floor.

Diesa Seidel was the only Red

Fox to score in double-digits, netting 11 points and grabbing 7 rebounds. Peahen Felicia Harris totaled 24 points and pulled down eight rebounds in the victory.

Marist committed 20 turnovers to St. Peter's six and gave the Peahens 19 free throw attempts, with the team connected on 17 of them.

On December 7, the team hosted Manhattan in the teams MAAC opener. Three Red Foxes scored in double-figures and the team hit 43% from the

field. Seidel recorded a doubledouble with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Sarah Tift totaled a game-high 16 points. Marie Fusci added 13 points in the victory.

The victory marked the first time that the women's team won its first MAAC game of the season since its entrance into the league four years ago. The loss also snapped a 12-game losing streak to the Jaspers.

After a 12-day break, the team will return to action on December 22 to host Delaware.

#### MAAC Men's Basketball Standings (MAAC records as of 12/12-01)

MARIST	2-0
Iona	2-0
Manhattan	1-0
Siena	1-1
Loyola	1-1
Niagara	1-1
Rider	0-1
Canisius	0-1
Fairfield	0-1
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	MAAC	Overall	
St. Peter's	2-0	5-1	
Canisius	2-0	3-3	
Siena	2-0	3-3	
MARIST	1-1	4-2	
Loyola	1-1	4-2	
Manhattan	1-1	4-2	
Rider	1-1	1-6	
Fairfield	0-2	2-5	
Niagara	0-2	0-6	
Iona	. 0-2	0-7	

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