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Health Service, located in room 350 of the Student Center, is holding flu clinics for Marist students, faculty and staff on Tuesday afternoons. The cost for the vaccine is \$15.00 and can be paid by cash, check or Marist Money.

If interested, please call Health Services at extension 3270 and make an appointment with the receptionist. The clinic is popular and vaccines is limited, so make your appointment today.

Largest forum to date at Marist



PHOTO CREDIT: Chris Tomkinson

Students inquire at one of the 63 graduate school tables. This year's forum boasted 20 more schools than in previous years.

by ALEXIS FALZONE
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October 2, students were initially disappointed to find out that they could not enjoy their usual lunch in the cabaret. Upon approaching the doors, however, they realized that lunch was a small price to pay for the knowledge they were about to receive.

The annual Graduate School Forum was held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. With 63 schools being represented, this was the largest forum

held to date at Marist.

Schools from across the East Coast came to Poughkeepsie to promote their graduate programs to Marist students. Seton Hall Law School, Long Island University, New York University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New York College of Podiatric Medicine, along with many other schools, attended the function.

Each representative was exceptionally attentive to the students. They spent time reviewing required grade point averages and LSAT scores, as well as extra-curricular activities which look impressive to

graduate schools.

Lacey Rottingen, a third year undergraduate said, "I spoke to a lot of representatives from different schools. It was very helpful, and I definitely feel as though I have more direction now than I had before. I wish I had gone earlier in my college career."

The Office of Career Services representative, Lisa Kooperman said, "The office was disappointed in the turn out of students, only two-hundred attended. It would be very nice if in future years more students took advantage of programs such as these."

The main idea of these forums is to help students plan their future and take advantage of opportunities that are offered to them after graduation.

Michael Sidoti, a fourth year undergraduate said, "Attending the forum was very helpful because it gave me information about what other schools have to offer in reference to expanding my education after I graduate."

The Office of Career Services is located on the third floor in the library, and students are welcome to stop by for information about future programs.

Anti-war rally and march to be held in Kingston

Press Release

A major antiwar rally and march will take place in Kingston, N.Y., October 26 to protest President Bush's preparations to launch a "preemptive" war against Iraq.

Peace activists from throughout the Hudson Valley are expected to participate in the event, which starts at 1 p.m. with a rally in Academy Green Park in uptown Kingston. A march through the business district will follow the rally.

"Our purpose is to stop the war before it starts," said a statement Oct. 5 by the Mid-Hudson National People's Campaign, which is organizing the protest. "The Baghdad government was innocent of involvement in the Sept. 11 tragedy and has made no threats against the United States. Despite a barrage of allegations, the Bush administration has provided no proof that the government of Saddam Hussein possesses nuclear or other

weapons of mass destruction, or that it has any link with the Al Qaeda terror network."

The Saturday rally, which is endorsed by some 20 organizations, will feature both music and speeches. Singers Pete Seeger and Bob Lusk will provide music with peace and justice themes. Speakers include author and educator Joel Kovel as well as representatives from local community, campus, antiwar, religious, labor and social justice groups, including Donna Goodman, Jack A. Smith, poet David Kime, and students Julie Tozer (Vassar) and Matt Dineen (Bard), among many others.

The peace march will take place at the end of the rally, winding through local streets, returning to the park at the end. The Oct. 26 rally and march is endorsed by the Bard Student Action Collective, Vassar Student Activist Union, SUNY Muslim Student Association, Women in Black (New Paltz, Woodstock and Kingston chap-

ters), Green Party (Dutchess and New Paltz chapters), New Paltz Democratic Committee, Marbletown Democratic Committee, Peace Action Network, Mid-Hudson New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (SUNY/NP), Marist Peace Talk, Synthesis Club (UCC), Poughkeepsie Unitarian Universalist Social Action Committee, Caribbean and Latin America Support Project (CLASP), CHANGES Real Majority Project, COLOR, Catskill Alliance for Peace, Solarworks, and ANSWER Coalition.

The Albany Central Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO) and NYS United University Professions (AFL-CIO) have endorsed the International Day of October 26 Protests.

The Kingston event will be a part of a day of demonstrations in various U.S. and international cities, as called for by the ANSWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism).

The biggest events will be in Washington and San Francisco, where scores of thousands are expected to march and rally against war.

Special buses will bring Mid-Hudson protesters to the nation's capital and back.

For information or directions to the Kingston rally, or buses to Washington, email Jack A. Smith, co-chair of the Mid-Hudson National People's Campaign, at jacdon@earthlink.net or call (845) 255-5779.

Editor's Note: There is currently no representation by the Marist community at this event. The organization hopes to have all the colleges in the local area to be represented at this march, and invites the Marist community to participate. Each college that has a group endorsing the event will be represented by one speaker (most speakers will have up to five minutes).



COMMUNITY



Security Briefs



compiled by ED WILLIAMS III
Community Editor

Thursday 10/10

A car was broken into between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Beck Place East parking lot. The thief smashed the passenger side window and broke into the glove box. Apparently the owner of the car was also using the glove box as a safety deposit box as \$190, various credit cards and a debit card were stolen. The town of Poughkeepsie police was brought onto the scene. A development in the case came one day later when a security officer on patrol found a wallet at the scene of the crime belonging to the complainant. The wallet had all of the credit cards, driver's license and one car key in it, but the \$190 was nowhere to be found. The owner of the wallet was notified and picked up their belongings later that day.

Saturday 10/12

Security responded to a call in Donnelly at about 2:10 a.m. about a male in the ladies bathroom. Once arriving on the scene, security found that the male was a registered guest and entered the lavatory with three female Marist students. He claimed that he didn't want to wait for them in the hallway so simply followed them into

the bathroom. The guest was granted permission to stay the night but was forced to leave campus at noon the next day.

Sunday 10/13

Leading the campus in alcohol confiscations, the Champagnat entry desk was the scene of another bust leading to one more unhappy, thirsty guest at about 12:30 a.m. The astute observations of the entry officer on duty led to a search of the guest's backpack, uncovering 18 chilled, 12-ounce cans of Coors Original beer. The guest was escorted to south entrance of campus without his frosty brews. The entry officer had no time to rest, though, because at 1:10 a.m. the officer confiscated 24, 12-ounce cans of Natural Ice beer.

Sunday 10/13

Disclaimer: Kids, do not try this at home!!!

While in route to the Midrise area, a security patrol officer noticed a Green Chevy 4x4 making the rear

of it slide back and forth. The vehicle continued doing this the length of the McCann parking lot. The driver then turned and attempted to do doughnuts but came to an abrupt stop when facing the island. The patrol vehicle blocked the Chevy off and told the driver to turn his vehicle off. The driver refused, hit the gas and went over the island towards the exit. The Chevy was blocked by another patrol vehicle, though. The driver drove west in McCann going towards the rear of Leo to Water Works Rd. He then went up the hill still making the vehicle's rear slide back and forth. A blockade was attempted at the main entrance, but when the driver spotted the obstacle, he drove over the sidewalk and onto Rt. 9. The town of Poughkeepsie police was called and ran a check on the vehicle after the plate number was turned over to the station. The damage of the grounds is to be assessed, and there will be possible criminal charges for reckless driving.

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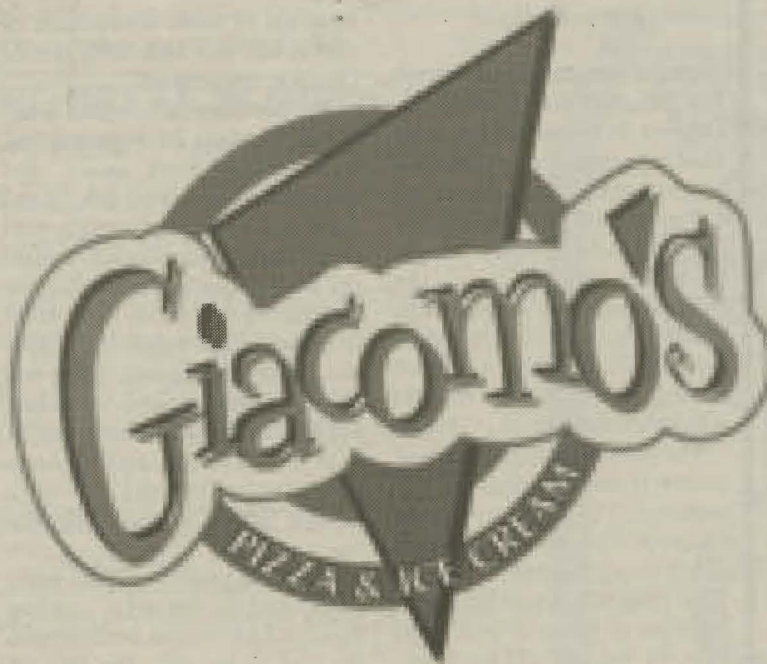
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Marist Singers perform for cancer benefit

by MARY FRITZ Staff Writer

The dreary weather did not stop the Marist College Singers as they proudly presented their second annual Cancer Benefit Concert on Thursday, October 10 in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel at Marist College.

The concert was a success and all proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society.

"[The concert] went really well. We put so much work into this and I am very happy with how it turned out," said sophomore Antonella Delli Carpini, Marist Singers President. Delli Carpini sang the only solo of the evening with

"Allerseelen" or "All Soul's Day." The music was an eclectic mix of spiritual and uplifting songs sung by both the Marist Singers and the Marist Chamber Choir. The Marist Flute Ensemble played "Brahm's Lullaby" and accompanied the final song "Let There Be Peace on Earth" which the audience was asked to sing along with the Marist Singers and Chamber Choir.

The only part of the concert that did not consist of music was the reading of Walt Whitman's poem "Come Up from the Fields, Father" by Marist Music Department Director, Art Himmelburger.

"Cancer all too often means death," said Himmelburger, who has lost a loved one to lung cancer. He chose Whitman's poem

because he feels that "it addresses the human condition in all of its facets."

Although the night was rainy and cold, attendance this year was much higher than the first Cancer Benefit Concert. Thirty-five were present for this year's concert, much more than the previous year's turn out.

"It was very entertaining. It brought a light to the rainy night," said sophomore Jennifer Sargent.

Ed Robinson, a retired professor from Union College, and a six-year member of the Rhinebeck Choral Club, said he enjoyed the concert immensely.

"[I thought] it was marvelous. I need to find out about more Marist events so that I can come. Any-

thing that Marist does, I would come to. They are getting that good."

Director Vicki Masters said concerts of this nature are important for rising people's spirits.

"We did not choose a theme for this concert. There is no great way to celebrate sickness. It's important to have uplifting music at concerts like these," said Masters who plans to add more variety to next year's concert, such as readings pertaining to the cause.

Senior Sharon McNulty, former president of the Marist Singers, created the idea for this concert as a way of raising cancer research funds after losing a friend to leukemia in December 2000.

"It is wonderful to see such sup-

port from the community for such a good cause. It means a lot to the American Cancer Society and to me," said McNulty.

Last year, the Cancer Benefit Concert raised \$450 and, this so far year, \$249 has been raised. If you were not in attendance for this event and would like to donate a gift to the American Cancer Society in hopes of finding a cure, you may still do so by calling Sharon McNulty at extension 5666.

The Marist College Singers' next concert will be on Saturday, November 2 at 5 p.m. in the Cabaret to present a variety show of Broadway hits titled, "Singers Night on Broadway." Please call the Music Department for tickets.

The Humarists back and getting ready for action

by KRISTIN AMUNDSON Staff Writer

DISCLAIMER: Anyone easily offended, please, read on.

The HuMarists, Marist College's on-campus improvisation and sketch comedy group, are back. One could simply call them "...visionaries." Now under the direction of Pat Brodfuehrer and Jon Gabrus, this group includes Erin Gardner, Tony Messina, Jeff Perry, Tim Caiazza, and Randy Green. By the way, they are single, except Randy, and insist that they are the best looking club on campus.

The HuMarists perform one show a semester, called "The Big Show." They prepare for this show throughout the semester. This year's show will be held on Tuesday, December 10. Each performance consists of improvisation and sketch comedy. In fact, audience members join in on some of the games and everyone's favorite — the T-shirt give-away.

Of course, the HuMarists did not disclose any of their secrets about this year's show in the interview. The Big Show has packed the Nelly Goletti Theatre every year. The HuMarists definitely feel the pressure each time they perform.

Jon Gabrus admits this comic art is not simple.

"Everything you say that is not funny, you get teased for," said Gabrus.

The HuMarists try not to cater to audience demands for obscenity and crude remarks, but sometimes they have to bend a little. Senior Erin Gardner admits she gets excited to see the masses crowding the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Crowds usually begin lining up around 8 p.m. eager to see the stunts these performers pull. Senior Mike Gemme calls "The Big Show" a must-see campus event.

"Tony Messina is a comic ge-

nius," said Gemme. "The MARN sketch is one of the funniest and most appropriate sketches I've ever seen."

Of course, not everyone is a fan. At the beginning of the show, a HuMarist reads a disclaimer, warning anyone who may be over-sensitive to the show's jokes to leave. The HuMarists insist that all joking is in good fun, but said that some stay and are offended by the humorous reflections of campus activities.

"No harm intended," said Brodfuehrer. "If someone gets pissed off, we hope they find humor somewhere along the road."

The members claim they joined the group because they lost a bet, they're losers and for the sole goal of being interviewed by *The Circle*.

In order to become a HuMarist, a student must attend several workshops and try-outs. This year, the group accepted only two newcomers. Senior Erin Gardner still remains the only female HuMarist.

Retraction: In last week's edition, "New lights installed on Marist athletic field brighten nights," had an incorrect byline. The writer was Alexis Lukes.

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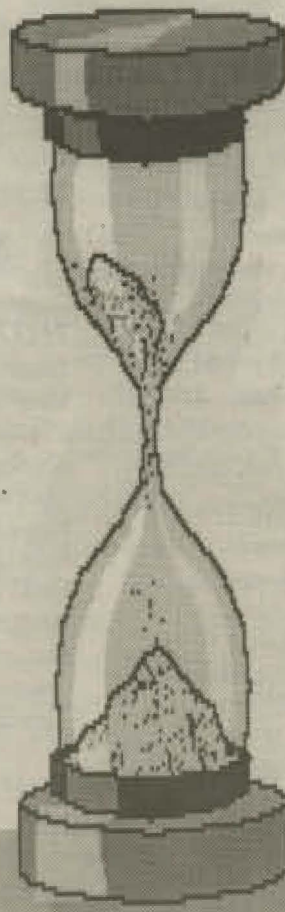
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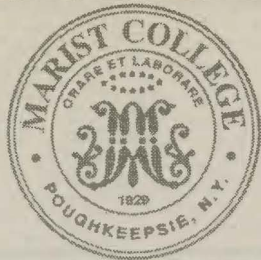
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OPINION

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Circle,

George W. Bush has had an impact on us all since September 11th; The War on Terrorism has begun. Yet, who is this war against? What is this war for? This is a war against terrorists and is a war on terror. We all have seen the news and know that basically at this moment in time the AL Queda have been forced out of Afganhanstan. This is important because he needed to do this to ensure justice from 9,11.

However, is a war on terrorism even logical? We have triumphed but terrorists still exist. Anyone at any given time in any country can become a terrorist. Just because the biggest call for conflict is in the Middle East doesn't mean we should beat down the entire Middle East to stop all future terrorists. That would be impossible. Then why is Bush still pushing a war over there when we clearly have defeated the Al Queda in Afganhanstan?

It is about pride. He saved our countries pride with the war on terror, but he doesn't know when to stop. His next target, Saddam Hussein and Iraq, shows that he is not pushing just the pride of the country but his own pride. They should have stopped after beating

the Al Queda, but I believe Bush wants to strive to beat Saddam; something his father did not do. He is clever in the sense that he hides his and our interests by using the idea that the UN treaties were violated. In doing so it looks more like an attack for his own pride.

This is just a political mindset but we do not realize that these political games place lives needlessly at risk. He is placing the lives of many US Soldiers at risk by thinning out the forces over there. Everyone over here says, "Oh, we are not going to war," or "There is no war because it was not declared." Then why have United States Army Reserves Combat Support Hospitals been deployed over there? We are over there because people are getting shot up and both military and civilian Americans are being hurt. I say we because since 1998 I've been a member of an Army Reserve Combat Support Hospital. Also I'm leaving Marist now having only three semesters to go. I have to leave because I was one of the lucky ones to get deployed from my unit. I'm really looking forward to it, however I will try to live life to its fullest prior to my near leaving.

- John Youker

This letter was written in response to last week's article about Poughkeepsie. The article was sent in without a name and Staff Writer Kevin Coffey's name was mistakenly put in instead.

Dear Circle,

In his article, Kevin says that residents of Poughkeepsie are not pleased with their living conditions claiming to have been nearly mugged 12 times in the McDonald's drive through. However, it is true that Poughkeepsie is one of, if not the worst city, in terms of drug trafficking, in the Hudson Valley. Nonetheless, Kevin's sarcastic comments make him appear ignorant and somewhat of a coward. I've been to the Main Street district in the City of Poughkeepsie on numerous occasions and have yet to been in any type of confrontation or trouble. It is undeniable that the city has a drug trafficking problem, but it is heavy only in certain areas and street corners. The number of pleasant neighborhoods in Poughkeepsie outnumbers the dangerous ones by a landslide.

I tooam from New Jersey, but for-

tunately for me, I've have been exposed to different types of environments and do not have the naive idea that every neighborhood should look like "Dawson's Creek." When I first arrived at Marist I was told, "do not go into the City of Poughkeepsie, it's the ghetto." I've been here two years now. I have seen more of Poughkeepsie than the average graduate of Marist sees in his/her four years here and yet, nothing has happened. I advise everyone not to presume or stereotype any neighborhood.

I'll tell you what, if anyone wants to see heavy drug trafficking, he or she does not have to look further than this very campus. The difference between the dealers is obvious, simple black and white.

Everyone gets nervous or afraid in an environment that is totally different from what they are used to. But let's think about this critically, I've never been forced by anyone to buy drugs of any kind. Also, I know many people who live in the pleasant neighborhoods that Kevin described whom use and abuse drugs and never have to go into the City of Poughkeepsie. Please don't be ignorant.

- John Youker

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Talk Radio stirs up laughs on Marist stage



From left to right, Joe Giacalone, Maggie Campbell and Mike Vece lit up the stage October 10-13 in the Marist production of Talk Radio.

by CHRIS TOMKINSON Photo Editor

Talk Radio, the comedy that was performed by Marist College Council Theatre Arts (MCCTA) was directed by Joseph Capone and produced by Anthony Francavilla.

This excellent production starred Mike Vece as Barry, an opinionated and edgy talk show host and Brian Apfel as Barry's longtime friend Stu. In total, the cast consisted of 30 people. If Talk Radio could be described in one word, it would be: Hilarious!

Talk Radio is a great depiction of one night in the life of a particular talk show host. However, this night was one when tensions ran high, due to the fact that the show was expected to go national the

next night. The show also had the misfortune of being subjected to a wide range of phone calls from strange and unintelligent people.

Mike Vece portrayed the character of Barry Champlain. He drew upon the talent that was illustrated in past plays. An experienced actor on the Nelli Golletti stage, Vece has appeared in such plays as "Anything Goes" and last year's "Thumbelina."

Vece brought the character alive, displaying the quick reactions of a conceded disc jockey perfectly. He was witty, funny, and cynical all at the same time.

Brian Apfel, who played Stu, did an excellent job of counter acting off of Vece. He stayed in the shadows when needed and let his acting ability show through when his

character expressed concern over the dramatic change in Champlain.

Maggie Campbell depicted Linda, the producer of the talk show, with seemingly great ease. She was able to bounce off of Vece and bring his perfections, as well as his imperfections, to light. The cast also included a plethora of historical actors and actresses who played the callers, ranging from a transvestite to a man with a strong love for his cat.

The show ran smoothly, making an hour and a half fly by. The music and sound was a standout in the show, with something always being heard, and the choice of music fit the perfectly.

Overall, Talk Radio was a quality show with quality actors. Congratulations on a job well done.

Normal Heart: Great start for the Blackbox Theater

by JENNIFER HAGGERTY Editor-in-Chief

Last Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 9 and 10, students gathered in the Blackbox Theater, for the stage reading of The Normal Heart.

Spanning two hours with a short intermission, The Normal Heart addressed AIDS in its early stages in America.

Matt Andrews, producer, said that he chose this play to help educate and re-educated young people of the severity of the AIDS epidemic.

"Students need to be safe and smart in their personal lives," said Andrews. "It may be one's right to kill one's self, but you have no right to kill another person."

In a time when the AIDS epidemic is no longer covered in great detail in the news, The Normal Heart reminded its audience of the drastic results AIDS can have on human life.

"We have become comfortable in the U.S. with the cocktail drug," said Andrews. "What people don't realize is that there can be horrific

side effects to the drugs, and it has an unproven track record. The drugs delay full-blown AIDS. But make no mistake about it, AIDS still kills."

Normal Heart, being an autobiographical play, was portrayed by nine actors. It also proved to be a good selection for the blackbox.

The play spans the years 1982-84 with the rise of the deadly virus in the U.S. Still untreatable and unknown at the time, the play shows the severity of AIDS, mainly in the homosexual community.

"It is a great piece of theatre. [It is] well-written and topical," said Andrews. "Written in 1985, it is both an historical play and one that is as important as ever."



In Normal Heart, students are allowed to role play

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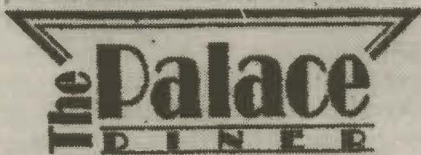
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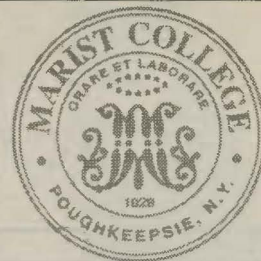
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Young players providing power for men's hockey team

by SCOTT MONTESANO
Staff Writer

There is an old adage in sports that says inexperienced teams don't know how to win close games.

For this season's core of young players on the Marist club hockey team, it may just be that they don't know how to lose.

Over the first two weeks of the season, the Red Foxes have won two games on goals in the waning moments of the third period.

On opening night, Oct. 4 at the Civic Center, it was a goal by freshman Justin Petrosini with 1:36 remaining in the game that gave the Foxes' a momentous 5-4 upset win over national power Siena College.

Then, on Oct. 12, in front of a vulgarly lipped, and hostile, crowd in Lawrenceville, N.J., junior Kevin Alteri scored with 29.9 seconds left, propelling Marist to a 4-3 victory against Rider University.

"The players are listening to the coaches more during intermissions when we are telling them something," head coach Bob Simmons said about the late game heroics. "The players are responding this season."

The Foxes' early season push towards gaining the revered "Cardiac Kids" nickname has the program out to its best start since the national tournament heydays of the mid 1990s.

Marist is 2-0 in Super East Hockey League play and 3-1 overall.

In years past, even overcoming a one-goal deficit seemed as though it was an out of the question task for the Foxes.

In each of the past two seasons, Marist has averaged only three goals per game. However, through four games this seasons, Marist is scoring at a brisk six goals a game clip, including eight goals against SUNY-Albany on Oct. 11.

"We have many new kids this season and we are expecting them to add a scoring punch," commented Simmons prior to opening night.

Since then, the newcomers have come through.

Petrosini had had two goals, including his dramatic opening night tally. Freshman Don Federico also has a goal, while freshman Jason Tirri has helped immensely on the team's forecheck, which was non-existent in recent years.

In addition, Alteri, a junior transfer from St. Michaels College in Vermont, already has two goals. Alteri played for St. Michaels' varsity program in the Division III level ECAC. He came to Marist to pursue a criminal justice degree.

However, despite his varsity experience, he doesn't envision himself dominating at the club level.

"I don't think people realize (club) level is competitive

hockey...in fact, I don't think I could dominate a bunch of peewees," Alteri said humbly prior to his first game Oct. 11 (He missed opening weekend due to a family wedding).

Along with the fresh faces, Marist also is returning a solid core of sophomores and juniors, who last season provided a bright spot through the team's nine-game losing streak and 5-16-3 record.

Sophomore Jordan Plante -who lists scoring 500 goals as his personal aim this season in the media guide - already has five goals and has displayed a marksman precision with his slap shot from the face-off circles.

Junior Lou Guglielmetti, the team's spark plug towards the end of last season, has created numerous scoring opportunities as have sophomore twins Chris and Jeff Walling.

Junior, and team captain, Jerry Tavella has helped the team's lagging backcheck and senior Chris Murray has been pushing the puck up ice more.

Senior Matt Allatin and junior Bryan Barysh return in goal. Allatin, a first team All-Region last season, is presumed to be the team's first-string goalie. However, through the first four games, he has split duties with Barysh.

Simmons has said he wants to give Barysh more time so that the team can become comfortable with

him between the pipes as well.

"We have been riding Matt for three years now and I'm not sure I like that" said Simmons, hinting that the defense has relaxed in the past because of over-confidence in Allatin.

One of the most drastic changes this season has been in the amount of physical play. The rough and tough tactics that define the Red Foxes in past years appears to be gone.

Instead, the Foxes have limited extracurricular activity after plays and have instead resorted to fundamental poke checking and hip checks. The result is fewer stupid penalties and less time spent on the penalty kill.

Schedule

This year's Red Foxes' schedule is much different than fans are used to. The team is scheduled to play 28 games, which is more than most Division III varsity programs.

In addition, the team has added games against Bryant College and Lehigh University, as well as a two-day trip to California to play San Jose St. and Palmer West.

Simmons says that this is only the beginning. The team is currently working on a trip to Mankato, MN. for next year.

All of this is added to the SECHL schedule, which will culminate with the postseason tournament in February.

Attendance

Through the team's first two home games, the Foxes have averaged around 350 fans, which would put the program on par with many Div. III and low-level Div. I teams.

Attendance at games has dropped at the Civic Center since the 1980s and 1990s, when long-time fans say the 1,500-seat arena was full regularly.

"The students would pack this place, and I know the college had to have been thinking of going to a varsity program because of it," said Wappingers Falls resident Chad Howland, while sitting with his two kids prior to the Oct. 11 game.

However, a succession of losing seasons that disenchant a new potential pool of freshman fans each season has caused the team to lose support.

To increase awareness, the players are taking a more pro-active approach this year, by handing out flyers and wearing shirts.

MCTV will also broadcast the Nov. 15th home game against Div. I level Rutgers, marking the team's first televised game since 1999.

Marist is on the road this weekend at Bryant College and Montclair State. The Foxes return home Friday Oct. 25 against Central Connecticut State at 9:30pm.

Men's tennis team competes in first Penn State Tournament

by PAUL SEACH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Marist men's tennis team competed at the Penn State Fall Classic this past weekend.

The tournament featured some of the top teams in the Northeast including the University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State, the Uni-

versity of West Virginia, and Rutgers University.

The tournament was extra special to the team because it marks the first time Marist competed against a Big 10 Conference team. Marist, which plays in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, has been invited to play teams in high profile leagues such as the Big East, Atlantic 10 and Ivy League Conferences.

"This is reflective of

what our team has accomplished," coach Tim Smith said. "A tournament of this nature does not have any easy rounds."

In the Penn State Fall Classic, two players reached the quarterfinals. David Slater won in the 2nd round, defeating Anthony Pu of Pennsylvania 6-4, 6-1. "This is the best set David has played since he came to this school," Smith said. Slater, who lost in the quarterfinals, came off a match a few weeks ago where the match lasted about three hours. While Smith felt that was Slater's best overall game, Smith believed

Slater played his best single set this past weekend.

Michael Nassif defeated Nino White of West Virginia 6-4, 6-3 before losing in the quarterfinals 6-1, 6-4 to Clint Keithley of Penn State.

In doubles action, Patrick Hofer and Martin Aldorsson won 8-4 and Viktor Sapezhnikov and Mark Santucci continued their winning ways together, defeating Price and Qureski of St. Bonaventure 8-3. Both

teams reached the quarterfinals before exiting the tournament.

"I am extremely happy with the way the team played in the tournament, considering these are some of the best teams in the region," Smith said.

The team waits to hear word on their selection to the Omni tournament that is held at Penn State.

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