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## Marist inherits \$75 million

By ANDREW OVERTON  
Managing Editor

In arguably the biggest announcement in the history of the college, Marist will be expanding its campus to a \$65 million mansion and riverfront estate on the west side of the Hudson.

The 60 acre property in the Ulster County Town of Esopus was left to Marist College when wealthy businessman, Raymond A. Rich, passed away in June, President Dennis Murray announced Wednesday.

The property, coupled with a \$10 million endowment, makes this \$75 million gift the largest in Marist history. Previously, the largest gift was \$5 million. Rich's gift will lead to the development of a new program to educate and train individuals in the art of leadership for careers in business, government and the nonprofit sector.

The Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development will be housed in the 42,000 square foot "Payne Mansion" on the Esopus estate adjacent to the Marist Brothers property, approximately 20 minutes from Poughkeepsie.

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MATT GILLIS/MATT GILLIS PHOTOGRAPHY

Inside the recently acquired Payne Mansion, President Dennis Murray and mansion executor, Clair Carlson, survey the future site of the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development. This mansion is valued at \$65 million. Along with a \$10 million endowment, this is the largest gift in Marist College history.

## Campus prepares for swine flu outbreak

BY KRISTEN DOMONELL  
News Editor

Swine flu has been hitting colleges across the country hard, and though Marist has had only two suspected cases, the college has been gearing up for a possible outbreak.

**campus** According to Dr. Mary Dunne, director of health services, the office has had two students test positive for Influenza A, presumably the H1N1 strain commonly referred to as swine flu. One was diagnosed last Tuesday, the other during the first week of school. Both students went home to recover.

"In each case, we offered prescription antiviral treatment to the student and preventive treatment to roommates, with the goal of preventing an outbreak," Dunne said.

She said these two cases are suspected to be the H1N1 strain of Influenza A because they occurred outside the normal flu season, but testing for the strain is only done on those ill enough to be hospitalized.

There have also been many non-flu cases of sore throats and viral illnesses on campus.

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Health Services has been getting updates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and has been coordinating with the Dutchess County Department of Health to decide what protocols to follow in terms of preventing more students from being affected.

Dunne said anyone who is sick should stay home from classes, work, practice and other public activities, and that the college's policy is that faculty should not request excuse notes of students who have missed classes, "as this exposes more people to potential illness and diverts resources from providing care."

She also recommends students get vaccinated against both seasonal influenza and H1N1. As long as the H1N1 vaccine becomes available to the college by mid-October, both vaccines will be available for \$10 each during flu clinic in October and November.

CNN reported last Friday that CDC officials expect 3.4 million inhalable doses of the H1N1 vaccine to be available in the first week of October. These will be the first available of a

total of 195 million doses that have been purchased by the U.S. government from vaccine manufacturers.

Deborah DiCaprio, vice president and dean for student affairs, said the college, in both administrative and academic areas, has been preparing for the arrival of H1N1 for more than six months.

"We feel as prepared as you can be for these types of things," DiCaprio said. "There is certainly a greater risk of it traveling faster because there are a lot of people living and working in close proximity."

Prepared or not, of the 253 colleges providing information to the American College Health Association, 83 percent reported instances of the H1N1 virus on their campus, with instances highest in the Southeast. These numbers represent the cumulative data of the ACHA Pandemic Influenza Surveillance Project since its inception on Aug. 22.

According to the World Health Organization, there were 364 influenza and pneumonia-related deaths from Aug. 30 to Sept. 12.

Unlike seasonal influenza, where deaths are normally limited to those

65 years of age and older, a CDC study of the records of 268 patients hospitalized with H1N1 in the early period of the outbreak showed the number of deaths was highest among people 25 to 29 years of age, followed by people 50 to 64 years of age.

On Sept. 11, a junior at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., died of complications related to H1N1 influenza. According to The Ithaca Journal, 20-year-old Warren J. Schor was a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and was living in a fraternity house on campus. The university reported that 520 other students had been diagnosed with influenza-like illness in the first three weeks of classes.

If an outbreak occurs, it won't be the first one Marist has had to deal with. *The Circle* reported on Feb. 12, 2008, that there had been 290 probable flu cases, making it the worst flu season at Marist to date.

Information, including medical phone numbers, hygiene recommendations and ways to differentiate between the flu and the common cold are available online at [www.marist.edu/healthservices](http://www.marist.edu/healthservices).





## THIS WEEK

Thursday, 9/24

No Events Posted

Friday, 9/25

### Women's Soccer Home Game

Marist vs. Manhattan  
7 p.m. at Leonidoff Field

### Volleyball Home Game

Marist vs. Fairfield  
7 p.m. in the McCann Center

Saturday, 9/26

No Events Posted

Sunday, 9/27

### West Side Story

SPC Broadway Trip  
Departs from Midrise at 9 a.m.  
\$25 with valid Marist ID

### Women's Soccer Home Game

Marist vs. St. Peter's  
1 p.m. at Leonidoff Field

Monday, 9/28

No Events Posted

Tuesday, 9/29

No Events Posted

Wednesday, 9/30

### Majors Fair

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Student Cener Cabaret  
Sponsored by Academic Affairs



## Security Briefs

# Midrise mischief lands sophs in first place

By CHRIS RAIA

I've always believed that it's much easier to learn from mistakes if you first learn to laugh at them. That's why this article exists – to show us that everybody messes up every once in a while. So instead of dealing with regrets, let's have fun with it.

That being said, a point system has been implemented. Here's how it's going to work. Every residential building is now in competition against each other; points are awarded based on the inevitable stupidity of each building's tenants. Here's a quick summary: 10 points for hard liquor confiscations, 1 point for every individual can of beer confiscated, 5 points for a cooking malfunction fire alarm, and 15 points for a hospital visit. Those are just the basics. Bonuses will be arbitrarily distributed, so feel free to do something original and surprise me.

I hope this idea works because my ultimate goal is for somebody to wake up in the morning after the worst night of their lives and say "at least our building is in the lead now." Best of luck to all of you.

### 9/8 – Midrise

A Marist student was attempting

to enter Midrise at 9 p.m.; unfortunately, the security guard on duty asked to search his backpack and found 26 cans of Keystone Light. I know everybody knows that if this student simply walked in seven hours earlier, he'd be golden, so I won't preach to the choir. One time, I want somebody to Jay-Z the security guard. "I know my right, so you gon' need a warrant for that." I doubt it would end well, but it would still be badass. **Total: 26.**

### 9/19 – Champagnat

Guest was found vomiting on the ninth floor of Champ on Saturday night. First of all, there are nine floors in Champ? Do I go to this school? I still don't know how to navigate Donnelly or how to exit Lowell Thomas – I learn something new everyday. Back on topic, though, the good news is the girl was taken to St. Francis and ultimately recovered. Bad news, her fake ID was confiscated, hence the extra five points. **Total: 20**

### 9/20 – Marian

**FIGHT!!! FIIIIIIIIIGHT!!!!** In one corner, we have a guest to our lovely Marist College, and in the other corner, a student. I'm just going to assume the instigator was a solid amount of alcohol, and the

result was a first round KO issued by the Marist student. I wouldn't expect any less. "Rip them, scratch them, tear them apart...we have no fear for our Red Foxes, we'll fight on to victory!" Seriously, though, that was mean. Not the way we treat guests. **Total: 15**

### 9/19, 9/21 – Fulton, Marian, Foy

Fire alarm due to burnt popcorn. I really didn't know college kids loved popcorn this much. **Total: 5 each**

### 9/21 – Leo

There was a pre-fire inspection in Leo, and security found five cans of Busch Light in their refrigerator. That's just unlucky. This reminds me, though, this week is fire inspection week. Take the necessary precautions; you don't want to lose a priority point because of a fluke inspection. **Total: 5**

### Week 1 results:

- 1) Midrise – 26
- 2) Champ – 20
- 3) Leo, Foy, Fulton – 5

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From Page One

# New property will house Raymond A. Rich Institute

from Poughkeepsie.

According to a prepared statement, "The Raymond A. Rich Institute will focus on developing the communication, interpersonal and social skills necessary to lead complex organizations in a global setting."

The Esopus estate and Beaux Arts-style palazzoat mansion will host "speakers, conferences and workshops to encourage potential leaders to become better at motivating others through consideration and persuasion and to foster dedication to a better social and economic environment."

Although the mansion will serve as the physical leadership institute, Murray said, "The institute's programs can be conducted at the estate, on campus, at our branch campus in Florence or

elements," said Carlson.

Rich was born in Los Angeles, CA, on Jan. 11, 1912 to Arthur and Lucy Baker Rich. He was raised in Des Moines, Iowa, and started his career by hiring on to a tramp freighter for a job in the engine room at age 18. After receiving a double engineering degree from Iowa State University, he was hired in the midst of the Great Depression by General Electric Co. and became its youngest national sales manager at that time.

He volunteered for active service in the Navy and Marines during World War II. After the war, Rich became Vice President and Director of Philco Corporation and then accepted the Presidency and Directorship of Avco Corporation. From there his career took



MATT GILLIS/MATT GILLIS PHOTOGRAPHY

The Payne Mansion purchased by Ray Rich in 1986 from the Marist Brothers was bequeathed Wednesday to President Murray. Located in Esopus the mansion will host speakers, workshops and conferences to motivate others and promote leadership.

anywhere in the world through the Internet."

Murray hopes to have initial programming in place by 2010.

A few years ago, Rich began thinking about leaving a leadership training legacy in his estate, according to Claire Carlson, Mr. Rich's long-time companion and confidante and the executrix of the estate.

"He wanted it to have a special niche, focused on people's perceptions – voice, body language, presentation, etc. as an integral part of expressing integrity, sensitivity, relationships, first impressions, lasting trustfulness, and respect for others," said Carlson in a prepared statement.

Following the purchase of the Payne Mansion from the Marist Brothers in 1986, Mr. Rich and Ms. Carlson were introduced to Murray.

"It didn't take Ray long to realize that Dennis and Marist College were the ideal conduit for his personal quest to ignite his leadership concept. Ray believed ethics, values, humility and thoughtfulness must be inherent in leadership training as primary

off.

He held CEO and chairman positions of multiple companies simultaneously. The sectors ranged from oil and gas exploration and production, publishing, glass containers, and banks to environmental engineering and production facilities. Under Rich's leadership in the 1970s, U.S. Filter Corp.'s revenues increased twenty-fold.

The Payne mansion was built by Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne, a brigadier general in the Civil War who founded an oil refinery that was later bought by John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co., where Payne went on to serve as treasurer. In 1998, American Heritage Magazine listed Payne at number 26 on a list of the "forty wealthiest Americans of all time."

Inside the mansion, visitors will find a high vaulted Dutch gold ceiling, a white marble stairway, mythological murals, silk-lined walls, and many other luxuries.

## CHESS MASTER



JAMES BRENDAN/THE CIRCLE

On Sept. 19, International Chess Master Ronen Har-Zvi simultaneously took on 40 people, including Sal Furino, a senior, pictured here.

# Faculty plans to beat swine flu with iLearn

By AMANDA LAVERGNE  
News Editor

Along with Health Services prevention and concern of a swine flu outbreak at Marist, Thomas Wermuth, the dean of academic affairs has been working with Josh Baron, the head of academic technology to make iLearn a more useful tool in the event of an outbreak on campus.

"We want faculty members to be able to post homework, course material, missed exams and possibly even have online discussions between the students and the professors," Baron said. "We want it to be able to minimize disruption in classes."

Baron also explained that iLearn would be useful if a teacher was ill and could not make it to class.

Baron and Wermuth began talking about this plan over the summer, due to the growing concern about swine flu in the fall and coming winter months.

"We chose this method because it was the recommendation of the Center for Disease Control for schools of higher education to develop plans using distance learning technologies," Wermuth said.

Although most tenured professors know at least the basics of iLearn, many adjunct professors do not and training for these professors is what both Baron and Wermuth have been pushing for.

"Our major focus right now is making sure all teachers have training on the iLearn system," Baron said.

Since adjunct professors typically work other full time jobs, Marist is now offering a Saturday workshop as well as evening ones to ensure that everyone is trained.

"Within the past 48 hours of posting a sign up for a Saturday class, 20 faculty members have already responded which is great to see," Baron said.

Students agree that this method would be very useful.

"It's good to see that Marist is taking initiative," said junior Lisa Odoardi, "I know that if I was sick enough to miss classes I would not want to get far behind and this would be an easy way to keep up."

Wermuth explained how he and Baron collaborated to get this iLearn push going.

"The Academic Technology area under Mr. Baron's authority routinely collaborates with the Academic Affairs area on projects. Since the CDC had recommended distance learning and that is something we do very well at Marist, it made perfect sense for the institution to develop contingency plans in case there is a disruption to our normal operations," Wermuth said. "We have worked together to encourage faculty who have not used iLearn to develop at least a basic familiarity with it."

Baron made sure to stress that all of this has simply stemmed from precaution, and that swine flu is not a sincere threat right now at Marist.

"I just want to make it clear that this is being done out of an abundance of caution," Baron said. "No event has taken place; we are just simply following the guidelines."

## SAVE THE DATE: Campus Flu Clinics

Wed. 10/28

Thurs. 11/5

Wed. 11/11

Wed. 11/18

All clinics will be from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The charge to students will be \$10 per vaccine; the two vaccines can be co-administered, at a total cost of \$20.



# Dining Advisory Committee hears concerns over cafeteria hours

By KATELYNN WALSH  
Circle Contributor

The Student Government Association (SGA) is attempting to resolve the many issues that have been reported by students about the late opening time and early closing time of the Marist resident dining hall on weekends.

The current hours of operation for the Marist Resident Dining Hall are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Many students report that the later opening time on Saturdays and Sundays negatively affect their day. These students claim that their early work schedules, athletic commitments and the weekend dining hours do not coordinate well.

A select group of students, such as athletes have an issue with the hours because during season they often have early morning lifts, practice or matches. On weekends, there are continental breakfast hours from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and hot food selections don't begin until 11 a.m.

"Sometimes, before an early practice or game, you want a good breakfast to give you energy. The fact that we don't even have that option on weekends is tough" said junior Eric Chaves, a member of the men's soccer team.

"There are definitely other options available for students during later hours on weekend nights such as the Cabaret and

Jazzman's" said Andrew Paulsen, sophomore residence senator and member of the Marist College Dining Advisory Committee (MCDAC).

The Cabaret is open until 12:30 a.m. on weekends and Jazzman's is opened until 1:00 a.m. These other venues that are available to students at later hours accept thrifty cash along with Marist Money which help prevent students from digging into their own pockets.

The issue with extending hours in the dining hall is that there is a cost related to labor because extended hours call for more hours for dining hall employees.

"The reason we have not extended weekend hours to as early as 7:30 a.m. is because there is not a high demand at that time," said Steve Sansola, associate dean of student affairs, and co-chair of MCDAC.

There are certainly some students who are up at that time, however, a low number of students will use the dining hall at such early hours. Extending an hour and a half would be costly. Sansola said that perhaps a solution to this problem could be opening the Cabaret earlier. To do this, only a staff of one or two people would be needed, instead of numerous employees in the dining hall.

"If people have a problem with something in the dining hall, I want them to come find me. They can e-mail me, call me, anything. I just want to know about any problems, and I will be able to bring it up to the proper people who can



REBECCA POLLARD / FLICKR

Some athletes have complained about the limited cafeteria hours during the weekends, but Steve Sansola, co-chair of Marist Dining Advisory Committee (MCDAC) said there is not the demand to open early.

then address it" Paulsen said. "For example, if there is a group of students such as athletes who do not have hot food served at a certain

time, I want them to let me know about it this way we can take the proper measures to get things done."

## News Briefs

### Hudson River Valley Quadricentennial Conference:

September 25 through 27, the Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) will host a conference, "New York's 400 Years: Celebrating America's First River, the Hudson." The conference, part of the state's Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Celebration, will feature keynote speakers, panel sessions, receptions and a play about Henry Hudson. Topics of the conference include the significance of the Hudson River; Dutch-Amer-

ican relations; Hudson River Valley artists, architecture and landmarks; and the Valley's first inhabitants.

The entire conference can be viewed live online via Webcast beginning Friday, September 25. The Webcast will be made available by Total Webcasting. A link for the Webcast will be found on the Hudson River Valley Institute's Web site, [www.HudsonRiverValley.org](http://www.HudsonRiverValley.org). Following the conference the videos will be archived on the HRVI Web site for public reference.

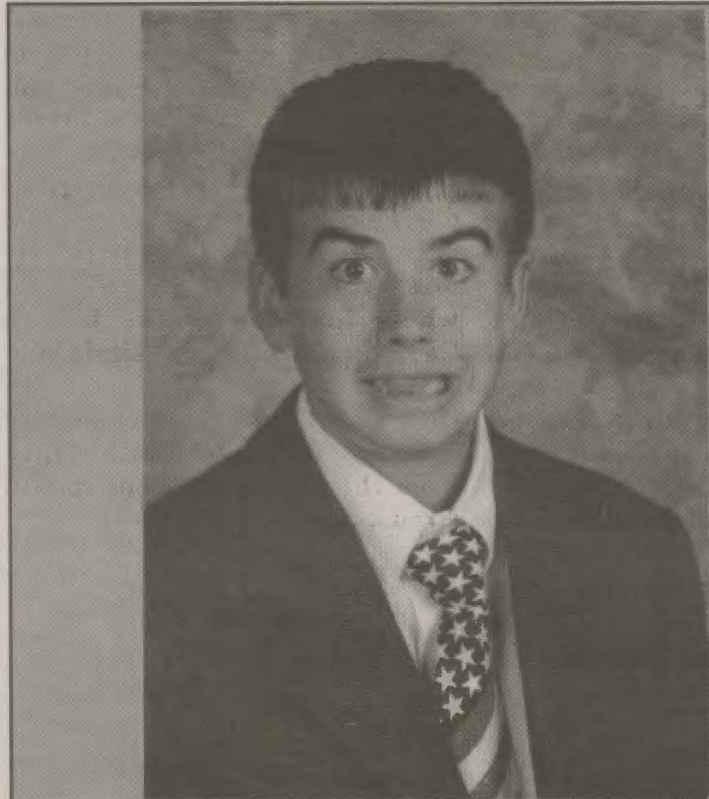
For more information on the conference and a schedule of events, visit [www.HudsonRiverValley.org/about/pdfs/newsclippings/quadfold0809r3.pdf](http://www.HudsonRiverValley.org/about/pdfs/newsclippings/quadfold0809r3.pdf).

### Marist Poll reports:

The good news for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is more voters in New York are familiar with what she is doing in the U.S. Senate. The bad news, however, is that it all doesn't translate into a higher job approval rating.

26 percent of the statewide elec-

torate view Gillibrand as doing an excellent or good job in office, and 9 percent believe she is performing poorly. 27 percent are not sure how to rate her. In Marist's July survey, a similar proportion, 24 percent, gave Gillibrand a thumbs-up, 13 percent thought she was doing poorly in office, and 33 percent weren't quite sure how to answer the question. This adds up to a bump in Gillibrand's fair rating since July.



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## Terrigno's tips

*Sports Editor Philip Terrigno gives his take, alternating between world events and sports.*

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
*Sports Editor*

Welcome back to reality, America's team. A very sobering loss to the New York Giants in its inaugural regular season game at the new Cowboys stadium may have knocked Dallas and owner Jerry Jones down a few pegs on the ego ladder.

The \$1.2 billion monstrosity of a stadium that Jones was responsible for planning the construction of set a National Football League regular season attendance record, with a crowd of 105,121 people this past Sunday.

Although the city of Arlington may embrace their new public structure, it certainly came at a cost. Residents of the city were subject to a sales tax increase, a parking tax, and increased taxes on hotel rooms and rental cars.

My main concern with the build-

ing of this stadium-and there are many-are all based around the precedents that it has set.

It is said that only seven percent of NFL fans ever step foot into an NFL stadium, and the Cowboys certainly aren't helping with an average ticket price of \$160 (A 90 percent increase from last season).

Also, shame on NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for not forcing the Cowboys to alter the set up of the enormous 160-foot long, 90-foot high TV screen that is suspended from the ceiling after a Tennessee Titan's punter hit the screen in a recent preseason game. Not forcing the Cowboys to move this screen is sure to cause unnecessary drama and debate if another punt strikes it as the season progresses.

Please don't even get me started on the 'cage dancers' that are featured at their arena, as commentator Al Michael's so eloquently described them.

Anyone who tuned into the broad-

cast of the Giants vs. Cowboys game is certainly familiar with what I am referring to. These dancing performers, all scantily clad women, are suspended on numerous round, caged platforms that are situated above the fans throughout the stadium.

I thought that this sport couldn't possibly get anymore sexist until I heard an extremely off color comment made by Michael's broadcast partner, Cris Collinsworth, who noted, "For the fans who are in the cheap seats standing behind (the dancers), everyone gets some entertainment."

With both New York football teams getting wins in week two of the NFL season, it's easy to forget that baseball is still in season.

Although the same can't be said for the team in Flushing, some excellent baseball is being played in the Bronx as the Yankees prepare to make the playoffs for the 14th time in 15 years.

As of this week, C.C. Sabathia has posted a 3-0 record with an astonishing 1.61 earned run average (ERA) in the month of September.

The question is, can New York's big lefty continue to dazzle in October? Joba Chamberlain can be subject to 50 different rules regarding his innings pitched, but none of them will matter if he continues to get shelled like he did in his most recent outing against Seattle.

The right handed surrendered seven runs in just three innings of work against Seattle, inflating his ERA to nearly 5.00.

In his nine most recent starts, Chamberlain has posted a 1-4 record with an 8.25 ERA and surrendering 50 hits in 36 innings.

Some questions still face the Bronx Bombers, but this potent lineup seems intent on getting the franchise its 27th championship ring in 2009.



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## Obama Overexposed: How much is too much?

By DEANNA GILLEN  
*Opinion Editor*

Sitting at my desk this Monday morning, reading The New York Times with my morning coffee, I can't help but notice the focal point of yesterday's news coverage... Obama, Obama, Obama.

According to The New York Times, Obama sat for interviews with ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, and Univision, with an appearance on the "The Late Show with David Letterman" scheduled for Monday night, unabashedly pumping his Health Care Plan to anyone that seemed willing to listen.

According to The New York Times, no other president has been a guest on that many Sunday Talk shows at once. It was pure Obama double, or perhaps triple, vision. It's not exactly shocking, considering Obama seems to have feelers in every aspect of the media, tweeting one minute, and streaming speeches from his Facebook the next. I must have at least 15 e-mails in my inbox from Mitch Stewart and Barack Obama from last week alone. Could this

be a case of "Obama Overexposed?" Well, perhaps so.

It didn't start just last weekend. Obama has been following this pattern throughout his young presidency. He was the first sitting president to appear on the "Tonight Show." What was once unheard of, Obama has made a common occurrence in his presidency. His appearance last March was called "a rare personal visit by a commander in chief to late night television." It seems that he is at it again, becoming the first sitting president to appear on "The Late Show" as well.

A casual reader of this column will know that this writer has been an enthusiastic supporter of President Obama. But even a diehard disciple can be overwhelmed by this unequivocal display of agenda-pushing. His overexposure is definitely one for the history books. While I see the need to connect with his audience through both the media I can't help but wonder what the political risk of this overexposure could be. Through the different mediums, the message may get too waterlogged,



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President Obama seeks to win over the American public and promote his new healthcare plan by making a variety of television appearances this past weekend.

too diluted, and quite literally, lost in translation.

Whether people agree with the president's agenda, or not, he ought to be concerned. His aggressive agenda and his zeal in trying to communicate to the American people, may very well be seen as Obama's media circus. Such overexposure may yet have an opposite affect on the American people from what he is intending, trivializing not only himself, but the message at hand. From the volatile town meetings, the retaliatory "tea parties," the "you lie" sideshow in the joint session of Congress, Obama has effectively created his own dog and pony show, allowing the American people to lose interest in the real issues at hand.

Instead of getting America excited about the prospect of universal healthcare, he has turned it into another message that most either tune out or miss, as his messages become more and more unclear. He should target his communication with the American people in more credible venues, like press conferences and speeches before the joint commission of congress, where his view of the Health Care Plan could be explained fully. It is this writer's opinion that for Obama, the strongest message would be his absence from the spotlight of the media circus, and not vice versa.



# Point/Counterpoint: Kanye West vs. Taylor Swift

By CHRIS TUREK  
Circle Contributor

## Pro-Kanye

By now, most of us have heard about what happened at this year's Video Music Awards between Taylor Swift and Kanye West. After this outburst by Kanye, many people have finally written him off as an egotistical jerk for good. But as for me, I think that this incident was a turnaround for Kanye and a good thing for both Kanye and Taylor.

Now, Kanye West interrupting Taylor Swift during what was certainly one of the proudest moments of her life was definitely a mistake, don't get me wrong. I think that this was an inevitable happening, though: Kanye did something so tactless and embarrassing that even he was able to see that it was wrong. Kanye has done some amazingly stupid things in the past, such as saying President George W. Bush didn't care about black people because of how he handled Hurricane Katrina, or declaring that if the Bible were written today, he would need to be in it.

But he never once apologized for any of this or said something like, "Yeah, that was kind of thoughtless, my bad." He's always just gone about being his arrogant self, until now. By interrupting Taylor Swift's award acceptance speech, Kanye has finally embarrassed himself to

the point that even he recognizes it. Kanye even took time out of his slot on the premiere episode of "The Jay Leno Show" to publicly apologize to Taylor Swift, her fans, and his fans. In my opinion, he seems like he is truly remorseful for what he did and that he will take care to not do these kinds of stunts in the future because he sees that his antics hurt people.

I think that after this incident, we are going to see a new Kanye West. He'll still be arrogant, sure, but more in a Muhammad Ali sort of way, where he knows that he's damn good and he isn't afraid to let other people know that, not in the pompous and hurtful way that he behaved until now.

As for Taylor Swift, she shouldn't have had her night ruined by Kanye's outburst; that much is true. But I think that this incident is going to bring her a lot of good. I think that there will be a lot of new sympathetic fans for her, and I wouldn't be surprised if there is a spike in the sales of her music. She's already a talented artist, and this incident might give her the recognition that she deserves to take her to the next level.

I'm sure other people have opposing thoughts, but in my opinion, we are going to see positive things from both Kanye and Taylor in the near future as a result of this incident.

By ALYSSA BRADT  
Circle Contributor

## Pro-Taylor

The 2009 Video Music Awards never seem to disappoint us when it comes to providing entertainment on a Sunday night in September. However, this year it seems that the specific actions of Kanye West have led to his widespread disapproval. Taylor Swift's video for her new hit "You Belong with Me" won "Best Female Video" over other artists including Katy Perry, Kelly Clarkson, Pink and Beyoncé. Apparently, Kanye disagreed with this, and made it known when Taylor was accepting her first ever VMA. After getting up on stage and taking the microphone, he said "Yo Taylor, I'm happy for you, I'm gonna let you finish, but Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time. One of the best videos of all time." Taylor ended her speech abruptly as the cameras left her to get a shot of Beyoncé, sitting in the audience while looking both stunned and confused. All of this occurred just minutes before Taylor had to give a live performance of her winning song.

It was evident at the time, and it still is now, that Taylor has gained more respect and support after what Kanye did. Immediately following his interruption, my Facebook home page filled up with status updates making references to

how inappropriate he was, and how they loved Taylor. Now, it has been taken to another extreme, especially through internet sites such as "im-maletyoufinish.com" and online quizzes entitled "When Will Kanye Interrupt You?" Personally, I can't think of anything to justify his wrongdoings. I was a Taylor Swift fan beforehand, so obviously I felt sorry for her when she wasn't able to finish thanking everyone. Sophomore Liz Edwards stated that "it was Taylor's time on the stage. Even if what he said was true, he didn't have the right to say it then."

Later in the evening when Beyoncé won her own VMA, she called upon Taylor to return to the stage and finish what she had been saying earlier, and it seemed to be appreciated by both Beyoncé and Taylor Swift fans. It was Kanye West that ultimately caused this, and it is a reasonable argument to say that what he did was wrong. Whether or not it made Taylor more popular and more supported is irrelevant, because his own mistakes are clearly seen. Even with some of his fans supporting him and praising the fact that he spoke his mind, there is more reason to disagree. Kanye West should have stayed in his seat to begin with, but now he should try and be as sincerely apologetic as possible.

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## Ratifying nuclear test treaty is a top priority

By ELIZABETH PEARL  
Circle Contributor

Nuclear bombs are very controversial, first and foremost for the fact that they have the potential to destroy entire populations. But on Sept. 24 and 25 a conference held in New York City on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty will take place, asking the world's leading countries to give up the option to test nuclear bombs.

The conference has been held every other year since 1999, which was the last time that the United States attended it. Forty-four countries must sign the treaty in order for it to take affect. The U.S. is one of nine that still has not ratified it, along with China, Iran, Israel, Pakistan and North Korea, among others.

Hillary Clinton will speak at the conference for the United States, promoting the Obama Administration's support for the treaty and nuclear non-proliferation. Obama said during his 2008 presidential campaign that ratifying the treaty and initiating a nuclear free world held a high priority.

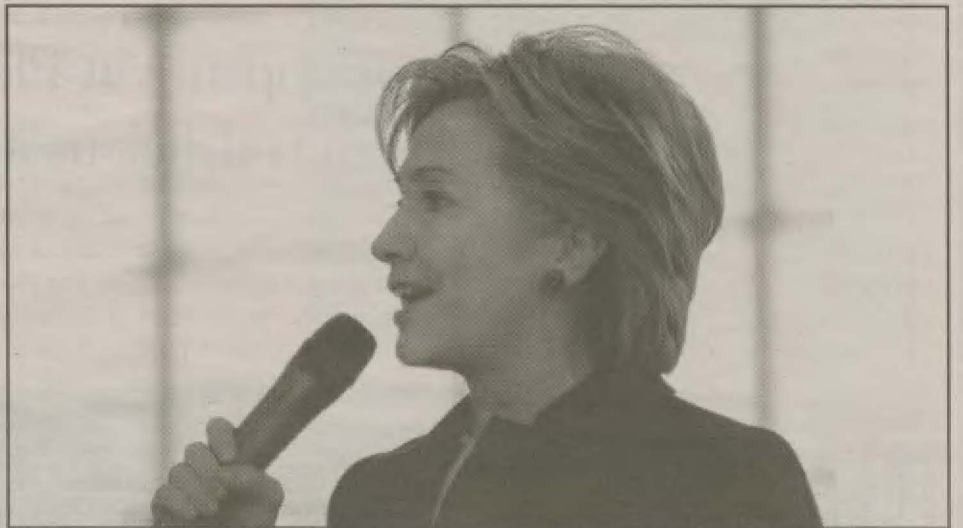
However, the ratification of the treaty has not proved easy in the

past. The conference, at which representatives of supporting nations will discuss ways to convince the nine holdout countries to sign the pact, has been held for a decade without U.S. support. The 1999 Senate of the Clinton administration first shut down the treaty, and former President Bush did not send a representative to the conference for both of his terms.

In a speech to the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 18, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton expressed a belief that while global nuclear disarmament might not come in our lifetime, she and the president wanted to "move toward more effective nonproliferation and more effective cooperation toward, hopefully, arriving someday at that future goal."

Conversely, freshman Will Grundmann felt that, "[Having nuclear bombs] is more a scare tactic. If we all have them, we'll be afraid to use them."

This idea is not foreign to many experts. A recent *Newsweek* article pointed out that there has never been a war between two countries that possess nuclear technology. The idea of a nuclear holocaust frightens nations out of hostility.



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Secretary of state Hillary Clinton is scheduled to speak at this week's conference.

But those in favor of nuclear disarmament argue that ridding the world of that technology would virtually end the fear or chance of any nuclear related destruction. Countries such as France and Morocco are propelling the drive to disarm the world forward. Similarly, Russia has expressed a belief in the need to rid the world of nuclear arsenals, even their own.

Sophomore Scott Sitterley, an ROTC cadet, felt, however, that the United States should not give up any weapons until the rest of the world does the same.

So many nations, including the U.S., are faced with two fears, the first that the possession of nuclear weapons by hostile countries will result in mass death, and the second that the disarmament of a nation leaves its citizens unprotected and easily exposed to attack. And while Obama has promised a U.S. ratification of the Test Ban Treaty, these fears may once again dominate the constituent-minded Congress.



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## ROTC cadets know the rigors and rewards of service

By KATIE GRAZIANO  
Staff Writer

Upon arrival at college, students are looking to make their mark, to stand out any way that they can, to get their name known by peers, professors, anyone who will be of assistance to them in the future. Members of Marist's Army ROTC program are no exception. Even though they walk around in camouflage, the many assets of Army ROTC cadets certainly will not fade into the background.

Dedication and discipline are among the qualities that members of the Army ROTC must hold. Certainly not for everyone, the Army ROTC program is quite rigorous.

A student considering the Army ROTC must meet several qualifications. They must be mentally strong in order to undertake what is asked of them. This means that they must have a cumulative GPA that is greater than a 2.0, and be a full time student.

To be eligible for basic enrollment, a student must be physically fit, which is demonstrated through his or her ability to pass a physical fitness test that includes such tasks as a two mile run, push-ups and sit-ups. Most importantly, a student interested in pursuing enrollment in the Army ROTC must have the potential to become a leader.

Army ROTC recruiting officer, Master Sergeant Roy Mowear, stresses the significance of being a leader in today's society. "I believe being a leader, at different points in life, gives you an opportunity. I believe a leader is one of those individuals who is not afraid to take charge and accept responsibilities for their actions. They will always strive to survive and do well. If you don't think that you are a leader, you miss out on some important things and good opportunities in life."

Adam Connolly, a third year cadet in the Army

ROTC at Marist, has his own definition of what it means to be a leader. "It means that I can successfully command troops in a combat situation and also be able to be an influence on my subordinates, both mentally and physically, for their betterment and mine."

Increasing one's ability to work well in teams, it seems, is one of several benefits of joining the Army ROTC. Another being that upon graduation, a student will have something worthwhile to pursue. Many members of the ROTC qualify for two, three, or four-year merit scholarships that cover their tuition and book fees, along with additional monthly expenses, certainly a benefit in such stressful economic times.

Students receiving scholarship funds, however, are required to go on to serve either full-time with the U.S. Army or part-time with the National Guard or the Army Reserve once they have successfully completed their Army ROTC program.

So what exactly is asked of students of the Army ROTC on a regular basis at Marist? Connolly states, "During the week, we have a class and a lab...Lab is conducted outside, no matter what the temperature, once a week on Tuesdays, in which we perform situational training exercises. That is where cadets learn how to conduct modern army battle drills; for example: movement to contact, knock out a bunker, and ambushes."

The amount of time spent in ROTC class is based on a student's class year. Freshmen spend one hour in class; sophomores spend two; juniors and seniors are in class for three hours each week. The leadership lab is held for an hour every week. Army ROTC students must also participate in physical training three days a week and field training exercises approximately one or two weekends each semester. ROTC classes are considered electives in the Marist College curriculum.



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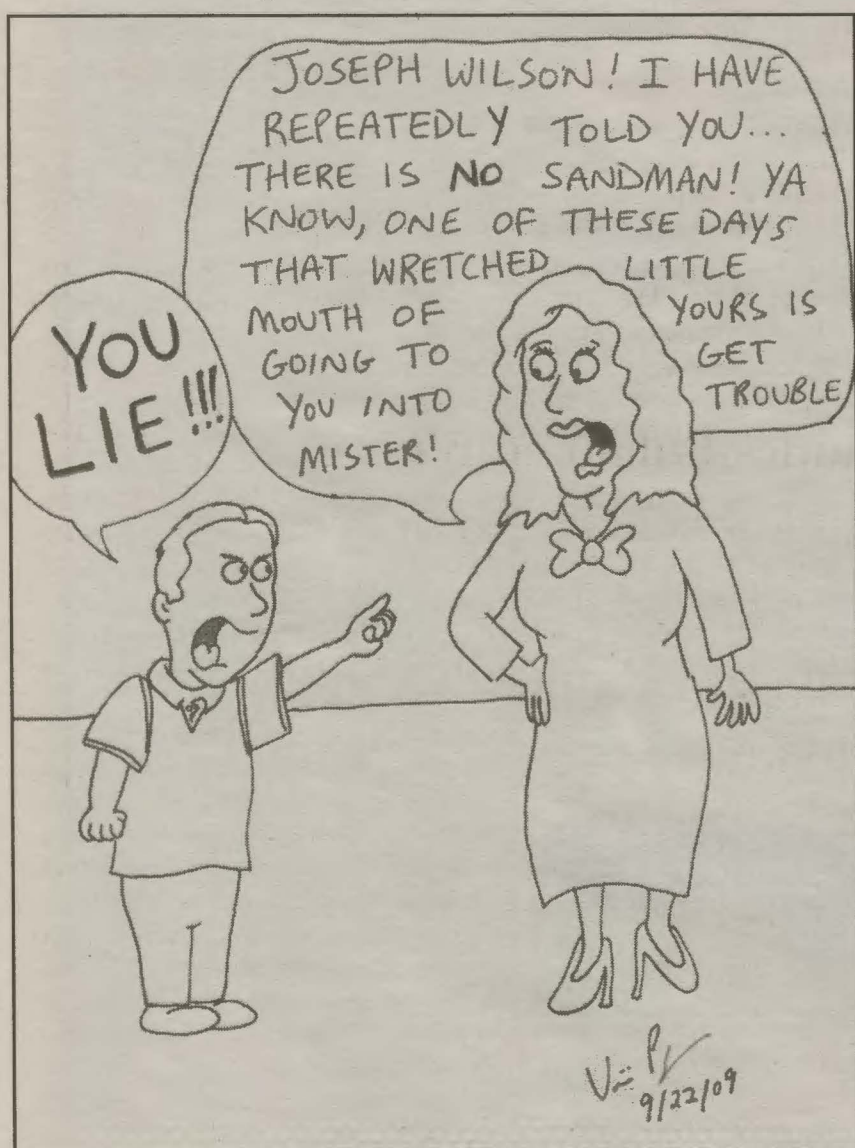
ARMY STRONG: the cadets run a training exercise.

As a regular student, already stressed with tons of work, extracurriculars, and possibly a job, being a member of the Army ROTC program might seem a bit daunting, so why do some people find the Army ROTC a worthwhile program to participate in? "It makes you a stronger person," Connolly explains. "You succeed in doing things that you never thought you could. You get pushed. The army forces you to push your own limits...You form a higher pedestal for yourself, not necessarily for other people...The army requires a lot of you, so when they ask you to do stuff, You have to sacrifice. It's basically just self-discipline."

If you think that you have this self-discipline and are curious about the ROTC Army, MSG Mowear encourages you to contact him and ask him any questions that you might have. "We don't lock the doors behind you," MSG Mowear reassures. "You can come in and leave at any point. If you have a question, ask. The answers might not always apply to you and your goals, but at least you'll know the truth." It is this kind of honesty and integrity that the Army ROTC program is built upon. This practical approach shapes leaders who can handle the challenges that this world produces.

## cartoon corner

By VINNIE PAGANO



## MCCTA casts "Into the Woods"

BY MONICA SPERANZA  
Staff Writer

Nervous hovering in the Student Center alcoves. Incessant humming of melodies everywhere. People contemplating chickening out. A freshman hyperventilating. What could cause such buzz? The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts' "Into the Woods" musical auditions.

"Into the Woods" is a musical consisting of several fairytales meshed into one plot.

"They go right and then they go so wrong," auditioner Chris Turkiewicz said of the fairytales in the show.

According to the managing director of musical theater, Nick Smith, the process of choosing the musical starts with a committee meeting open to all general MCCTA members during the spring semester.

Everyone brings possibilities to the table and the committee narrows it down to shows that "provide challenges that make us better," Smith said. A vote between the top five shows is held, and the musical is picked.

The audition process for the musical differs from year to year. Last year auditioners were required to sing measures of any song from a golden era musical. This year, auditioners needed to prepare 16 to 18 measures of an up-

tempo song and 16 to 18 measures of a ballad.

Then, as a group, they did an improvisation exercise where they stood in a line, began with "once upon a time," and each person added a phrase to create a fairytale about a strange boy living on a hill of jellybeans who defeats an evil witch (with jellybeans).

Though the process was long (an estimated five and a half hours, collectively), it ran smoothly.

"I thought this audition process was one of the most organized auditions I have done at Marist College," Jaclyn Fitzgerald said.

During the callback auditions, auditioners learned a simple two counts of eight, choreographed by Amanda Weinhold, and performed it. Then, some auditioners learned and performed scenes and songs from the show.

"It's nerve-racking, but a good audition process," Kelly Geus said. Other auditioners felt differently.

"This whole process is agony," Olivia McMahon said during the three hours of callbacks.

But the process is necessary in order to select the best cast to perform during the show's Nov. 12-15th run.

"A lot of talented people came out for this show, it is not easy to pick," assistant director Alexa Mullen said.



## Movie Review: What is so hot about 'Jennifer's Body'



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Megan Fox makes her debut in the starring role as Jennifer in "Jennifer's Body."

By THOMAS LOTITO  
Circle Contributor

Satanism, high school and awkward sex – just three reasons why writer Diablo Cody ("Juno") lives up to her name with "Jennifer's Body."

The movie mainly follows the perspective of "Needy" (short for Anita) Lesnicki, played by "Mean Girls" actress Amanda Seyfried. Needy is the awkward blond best friend who is not as pretty as Jennifer (Megan Fox), but the two are strangely inseparable.

Needy and Jennifer attend a "Low Shoulder" concert, where Jennifer has her eyes set on lead singer,

Nikolai Wolf, played by Adam Brody. Needy is quick to hate Nikolai describing him as "scrawny and twisted and evil," like a burnt tree she saw when she was younger.

Nikolai and his crew appear to be good gents, but begin acting fishy when they "save" Jennifer from a fire. Nikolai practically enchants her to get to safety with the band in their van where his true intentions are revealed. Then he plays his part in making Jennifer into a monster.

Juno can eat her heart out and Nelly Furtado can get off her "Maneater" throne.

Jennifer starts out as that classic cheerleader character that lost her

virginity in the seventh grade. She remains that way through most of the movie, as the audience loses all sympathy for her and she devours high school boys. But we can't get enough of her.

What is scary about Jennifer is that she says things any high school demoness would say. She claims her hypothetical penis is bigger than an emo boy's and thinks that the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" has something to do with Rocky Balboa.

Ignore what is shown in the trailers. They only reveal the horror aspect of the film, ignoring its dark-comedy and clever dialogue that made "Juno" such a big hit for Cody.

The dialogue is not enough to enjoy the film, however. And the trailers give the audience one valuable tool that must be kept in mind: the film is intentionally cheesy.

With innuendo-laced one-liners like, "Nice hardware, Ace," the film is not written for those looking for intellectual laughs.

Instead, "Jennifer's Body" does two things. First, it shows how desperate an indie band can get to make it big in the music business. And second, it proves that – as the first line emphasizes – "Hell is a teenage girl."

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Julian Casablancas embraces '80s dance music on his solo single.



By RYAN RIVARD  
A&E Editor

**Julian Casablancas "11th Dimension"** – You may recognize the name Julian Casablancas as the vocalist for The Strokes. This time he is a lone caress in his solo project venture, and it sounds like Casablancas has been watching VH1's "I Love the 80s" marathons. The first single from his album, "Phrases for the Young" (due Oct. 20), displays a vastly different sound from The Stroke's signature guitar rock. Casablancas' recognizable croon soars through the bolts of synths and twirling guitarwork. It is time to turn the old garage into a dance floor.

**Thom Yorke "Feeling Pulled Apart By Horses" & "The Hollow Earth"** – A pair of new Thom Yorke tracks have been released on Radiohead's w.a.s.t.e. digital music store as well as "good record stores" in 12 inch vinyl format. "Feeling Pulled Apart By Horses" is a reworking of an old jam that Yorke had hanging around since 2001. The track is over six minutes long with tribal drums and a funky bass line repeating over and over like a beating heart. At the four-minute mark, the music begins to deviate its pattern by incorporating apocalyptic synths, painting a dark world that is an appropriate preview for the track's b-side. "The Hollow Earth" would have felt right at home among Yorke's solo album "The Eraser." With sparse, glitchy beats and haunting crooning, Yorke navigates the listener through a dark, bleak world.

**Girls "Life in San Francisco"** – Girls is a San Francisco indie band consisting of two guys. Their song "Life in San Francisco" is an acoustic lament sung in an Elvis Costello-like drawl. The wordless chorus of la-la-las is drenched with melancholy. Girls' new album titled, well, "Album," is out now via Matador Records. According to Matador, "it is a sincere tribute to the majesty of great pop music and the healing power of rock and roll."

## Previewing the fall movie kickoff

A close look at must-see movies hitting theaters in September and October

By CHRISTINA O'SULLIVAN  
Circle Contributor

### Fame 9/25

Hey, kids! Remember how much you loved that final scene in High School Musical where Troy and Gabriella almost shared a kiss (on the lips, OMG), the Wildcats basketball team won the state championship, and everyone broke out into cheery song and dance to "We're All in This Together?" This is nothing like that. Instead, Fame is a gritty, modern take on wannabe stars in a New York City performing arts high school. This remake of the 1980 musical focuses on the hard work that aspiring singers, dancers, rappers, and filmmakers go through. There will be singing, there will be dancing, and there definitely will be love. Just don't expect the vomit-inducing peppiness of Disney films.

### I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell 9/25

Yes, this movie is based on the best-selling narrative of self-pro-

claimed jerk Tucker Max, a man with an insatiable sex drive, a tendency to become uncontrollably drunk at inappropriate times, a constant need for attention and an utter lack of morals. This movie focuses on the Duke Law School graduate's shenanigans when he convinces his friends to go to a famous strip club. The success of the book relies on Max's ability to write in a self-deprecating way that makes you hate to love him. If newcomer Matt Czuchry can play Max in a likeable way, this crude movie will be enjoyable.

### The Invention of Lying 10/3

In a world without the concept of lying, everyone, even politicians, lawyers and used car salesmen, matter-of-factly state whatever is on their mind. In this alternate reality, where every word spoken is taken seriously, Ricky Gervais (the boss in Britain's "The Office") discovers lying can help him get sex, money, and popularity. But somehow, even though he's rich and famous, he's still unhappy, because after a few dates, he learns he cannot lie his way into the heart of his love (Jennifer Garner). Aw. It would have to be an alternate universe where Ricky Gervais even

has a chance with Jennifer Garner. Honestly.

### Whip It 10/2

Drew Barrymore's directorial debut features Ellen Page, star of "Juno," who plays Bliss, a wise-cracking rebel with a weird name. This sounds oddly familiar. Unsupported by her parents, Bliss leaves the world of teen beauty pageantry, where her competition says things like, "If I could have dinner with anyone, it would have to be – God," to become a badass skating hero for a female roller derby team. Kristen Wiig and Drew Barrymore also star as fellow members of the team who punch, sweat, and kick their way to the top of this underground scene.

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"Where the Wild Things Are" is the film adaptation of Maurice Sendak's 1963 children's book.



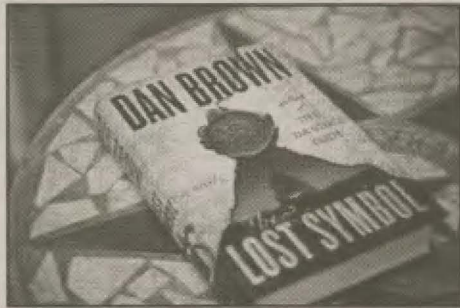
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## Fall Movies

### Where the Wild Things Are 10/16

If the illustrations of the creepy, hairy wild things did not give you enough nightmares when you were five years old, the massive bug-eyed beasts in the film, (partly live puppets and partly computer animated,) will make sure you never escape the dark, woodsy world in your imagination. Spike Jonze, creator of the MTV show "Jackass," is directing the adaptation of the beloved children's book in a decade-long collaboration with author Maurice Sendak. In the film, a mischievous, sensitive boy named Max is sent to bed without his supper, and dreams of a world where he becomes king of the wild things. Adventure ensues.

## Book Review: 'The Lost Symbol'



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By **THOMAS LOTITO**  
*Copy Chief*

With his newest novel, "The Lost Symbol," Dan Brown proves yet again that he is the master of suspense, symbols and secrets.

The novel takes place in the Washington, D.C. area over the span of 12 hours. Robert Langdon, the novel's protagonist, is called to give a speech at the Capitol but he quickly learns that he has simply been tricked as part of a shadowy villain's scheme.

Although filled with plenty of in-

teresting characters, it is Mal'akh, the main antagonist who really stands out. He is a man who believes that he can gain power by constantly transforming himself. He is completely covered in symbolic tattoos, except for a naked halo on his head that he is saving to become "perfect."

As is his style, Brown shifts character perspectives almost every chapter. Mal'akh's perspective is often strictly internalized, giving the reader glimpses of his past to see how he became the person he is.

But aside from Mal'akh and Robert Langdon, who is a well-developed character from previous novels, the book's newer characters seem a bit lacking.

Inoue Sato, the director of the CIA's Office of Security, is one such character that seems incomplete. While the reader is given her tragic back story, her motivations remain unclear and unanswered.

"The Lost Symbol" follows the

same formula as the previous two novels concerning Robert Langdon. Much like "Angels and Demons," it focuses greatly on the battle between science and faith, and how the two are just different means to the same ends.

Possibly the most interesting concept introduced in the novel is the science of Noetics. This is the science that Katherine Solomon, accomplice of Langdon, specializes in. Noetics is the science of the human brain's ability to use thought to manipulate the physical world.

In the novel, Katherine explains how this branch of science can explain miracles and even answer the question of whether or not there is life after death.

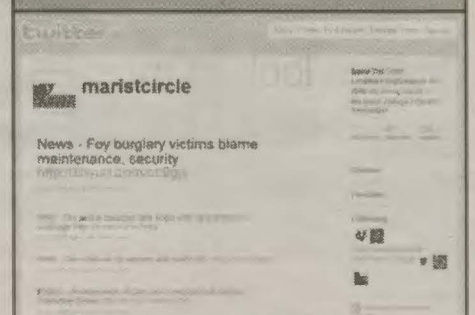
Despite the lack of some character development and the same plot structure, "The Lost Symbol" is still a Dan Brown novel through and through. It is entertaining, and like his other works, it encourages readers to always keep their eyes open.



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## Beauty: Pinchin' pennies to look pretty

By LAUREN FOSTER  
Circle Contributor

In today's tumultuous economy, many students are feeling the pinch of an increasingly tight budget. But really the only thing more depressing than a dwindling bank account is finding you've let yourself go from fab to drab. Luckily, there are ways to cut corners when it comes to your beauty regimen.

First, it is important to look at where you can cut back without sacrificing too much. Purchasing make-up these days is quite costly, but it is something that can be easily edited in your beauty budget. By seeking out alternative products, and avoiding the major make-up counters, next time you run out of your favorite products you can easily save over \$100. For instance, if you usually go to Chanel to pick up your favorite bronzer, eyeliner, and lip-gloss, you would be shelling out \$110. However, you could get almost those same three products at [www.eyeslipsface.com](http://www.eyeslipsface.com) for only \$7.

Eyeslipsface (e.l.f.) is a new beauty company that has a large line of beauty products that retail for as little as \$1. This company does not endorse animal testing,

and work closely with PETA. In addition, all their products are hypoallergenic and non-comodogenic—meaning they won't irritate skin or clog pores.

Changing the products you currently use is not the only way to save. You can also use items you already own. For example, you can make use of any extra shampoo or conditioner bottles you might have lying around. Whether you bought the product to try it, but turned out not liking it, or if you just never used the whole thing, it is best to not waste it. You can use the shampoo as a light detergent for any delicate clothing, or hand washable items you might have. In a pinch, you can use the conditioner as a makeshift shaving cream; it keeps your skin smooth, without leaving behind any kind of residue.

**But, really, the only thing more depressing than a dwindling bank account is finding you've let yourself go from fab to drab.**

Additionally, it is important to be inventive and work ordinary objects into your beauty routine. You could take a cue from Sarah Jessica Parker, who swears by one of Hollywood's secret beauty

tips—using a toilet seat cover to blot your face. The covers are made from the same material as blot papers, and will remove any extra grease.

Using natural remedies to combat beauty problems is another great way to save money because a lot of the products can be found right in your kitchen. Do you have any flat beers lying around from last weekend's party? Surprisingly enough, beer can make hair more shiny and voluminous. The proteins found in beer's malts and hops work to repair damaged hair and creates more volume. According to an article featured on Associated Content, the maltose and sucrose in the beer tighten up the hair's cuticle, thus producing a lot of shine. Just shampoo, pour the beer over your head, and allow it to soak in for about two minutes. Then, rinse out and condition as usual.

If pimples have been plaguing you lately, try using honey to heal acne. It has anti-bacterial properties, reduces redness and irritation, and is very soothing for skin. Make sure you use pure honey and heat it up for 10-15 seconds in the microwave. Then, apply it to the face, let it sit for 20 minutes, and finally, rinse well.

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# Rough weekend on road for Foxes

By SCOTT ATKINS  
Staff Writer

The Marist men's soccer team spent the weekend on the road, falling to Fordham and Howard in two tight matches. The losses drop the Red Foxes to 3-2-1 on the year.

**men's soccer** "It was a tough weekend," coach Matt Viggiano said. "We played a team in Fordham that was very direct and tried to take us out of the game we play, and it was a different experience down at Howard. We're going to have to learn to deal with big, physical teams that try to take us out of what we try to do on the field."

Marist entered the Bronx to play Fordham on Friday night sporting an undefeated record of 3-0-1, but the Rams handed the Foxes their first loss of the season in a 1-0 defensive battle. The game was scoreless until the 66th minute when freshman Veer Lakhani-Joseph gave Fordham a 1-0 lead.

"We fell asleep for about 10 seconds," Viggiano said. "We lost a couple of balls and that was it."

Goalkeeper Joe Pilla made one save and let up what was just the second goal of the season scored against the redshirt junior.

The team then traveled to Washington, D.C. Sunday afternoon to battle Howard University in its

home opener. Pilla made a season-high seven saves but Marist's offensive slump continued as they fell to the Bisons 3-1.

"The biggest difference on Sunday was our competition level," Viggiano said. "We didn't match Howard's intensity."

Sophomore Troy Confessore had two shots on goal and scored the Foxes' lone goal in the 68th minute to knot it up at one. Howard then netted two goals in less than three minutes to gain what turned out to be an insurmountable lead.

Contributing to the defeats was a laundry list of injuries.

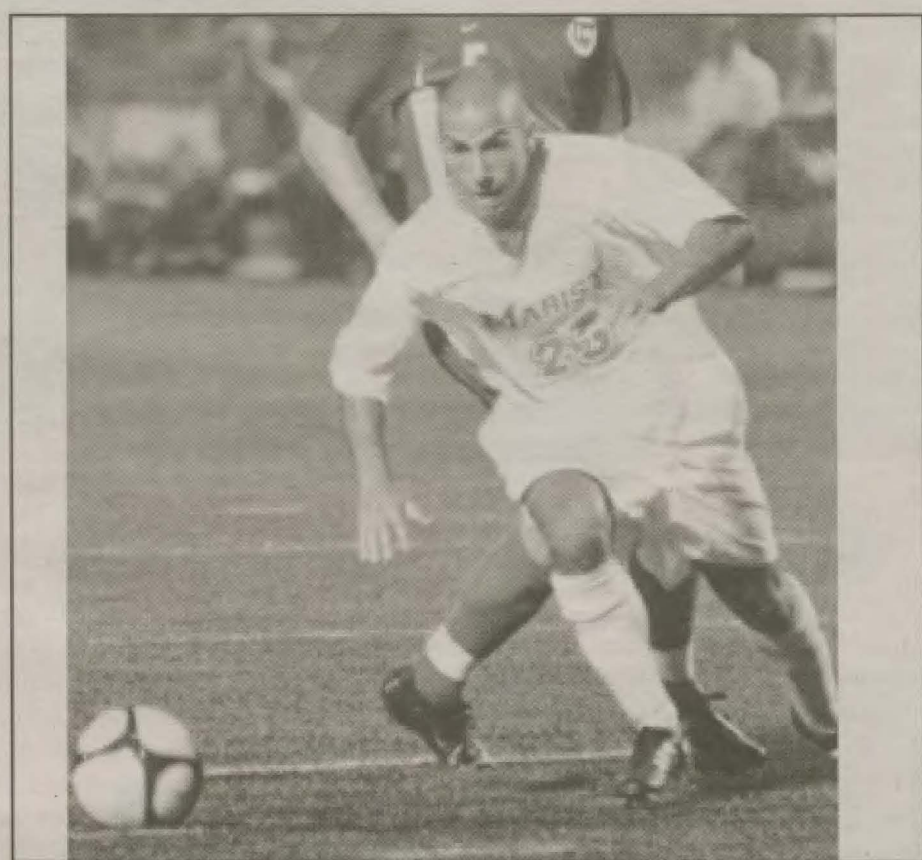
"We're a little banged up right now," Viggiano said. "We're probably missing three or four starters at this point."

Krystian Witkowski, Josh Lavarato, and Steven Morales all sat the weekend out with injuries.

Viggiano remained optimistic that his team will bounce back and is confident they will grow as a result of the losses.

"Usually you learn more from your losses than you do from your wins," he said. "Sometimes when you win, you hide some of your deficiencies. [Earlier this year] we were getting some good results but there were definitely some things underlying that got exposed this weekend."

Next up for Marist is the Hensor/Zaher Memorial Classic where



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Marist was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America North Atlantic poll for the third consecutive week. The Red Foxes have nine conference games remaining on their schedule, including five more contests in Poughkeepsie.

they will face a 1-4-1 Seattle University. The Redhawks are carrying considerable momentum into their match after handing Oregon State its first loss of the season on Saturday. The Red Foxes have only scored more than one goal in one of their six games this season and Vig-

giano will be focusing this week on becoming more efficient on offense.

"We have to be willing to sacrifice our bodies to put the ball in the back of the net," he said.

The two teams will meet on Friday, Sept. 25 in Corvallis, Ore.

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## After loss to San Diego, Red Foxes turn attention to Bucknell

"I think it was one of the more important plays of the game," junior linebacker Kees Coughlin said. "They tested our defense to see what we could do back in our own territory. It was a big confidence booster."

A one-yard touchdown reception from Fiumefreddo gave Marist a 10-3 advantage with just over five minutes remaining before halftime.

Neither team would score again until the game was tied at 10 apiece by Rogan on a two-yard touchdown run that was part of a 12-play, 65-yard drive for San Diego.

Two missed field goal attempts by Kevin Pauly from both 47 and 50 yards in the fourth quarter would keep Marist off of the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

San Diego's final possession of the game began with 2:36 remaining on the clock and the game still tied at 10.

A 43-yard completion from Scudellari to John McGough would eat up most of the yardage needed by the Toreros to get in striking distance for the fateful 26-yard touchdown pass with 41 seconds remaining that would seal the victory for them.

After two consecutive games against PFL opponents, the Red Foxes are getting accustomed to the type of competition that they will face in their inaugural season.

A team such as San Diego, who the Red Foxes have played before,

certainly lived up to the reputation that preceded them.

"They were just as athletic and as fast as we thought going into the game," Parady said. "We had an opportunity to come out of there with a win, right down until the last part of the game, and we didn't execute our phases to get us a victory."

Next on the schedule for Marist is Bucknell, a team based out of Lewisburg, Pa. that Marist fell victim to last season, 21-17.

"[Bucknell] presents a lot of problems due to the option that they run, the triple option," Parady said. "They run it very well, very effectively and their defense creates turnovers."

### Red Foxes on the move

In addition to playing their second conference football game of the season during their trip to San Diego, the Red Foxes had an opportunity to sightsee and even sample some of the area dining options.

On their day of arrival, the team departed for practice on the campus of the University of San Diego and ate dinner at a local Olive Garden restaurant.

"Their facilities are awesome," Coughlin said. "The whole campus setup is beautiful. It's right on top of a hill, and the whole landscape and aura was really beautiful."

During their second day on the trip, the Red Foxes had the opportunity to visit Sea World and observe some of the exciting aquatic life featured at the park.

"We watched the sea lion show and the whale show," sophomore safety Stephen Guarino said. "It was great to get out and just enjoy being with the team."

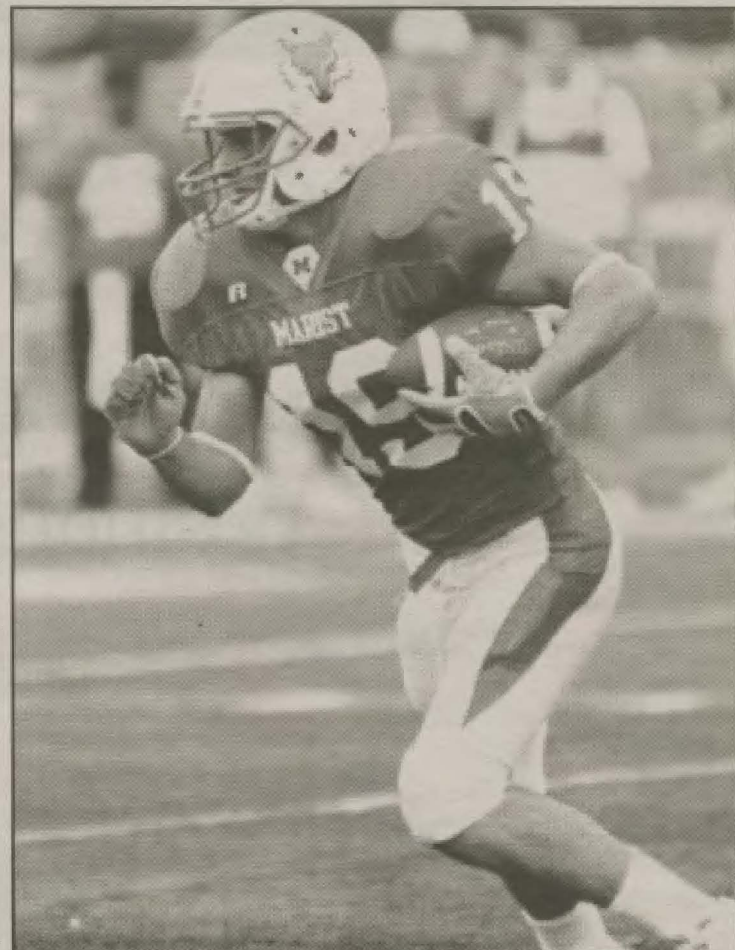
That same evening, the team departed for Junior Seau's restaurant. The locale, owned by the former NFL all-pro linebacker recently celebrated its 13th anniversary. The massive 14,500 square foot structure features 30-foot high ceilings.

"It's a huge bar and grill type restaurant," Coughlin said. "They put us up on the top floor and we [the team] barely took any space up, that's how big this place is. The food was great and the service was awesome."

Although the trip culminated in a loss for Marist, all who attended brought positive feelings and emotions back to the

East Coast.

"We worked hard," Whipple said. "At the end of the game we still had high team morale, and we knew we were just a play or two short."



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Senior wide receiver James Lamacchia reeled in 75 of Marist's 139 passing yards.





# The Fox Trot

## Quick hits of the week in Marist athletics

### POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

With the beginning of the MAAC schedule approaching this weekend, the Marist women's soccer team looks as if they are ready for the challenge after two straight wins against Bucknell and Lafayette.

Marist headed to Bucknell on Friday to face a team that has beaten them in three-straight matches. This time, the Foxes finally came out on top and defeated the Bison 3-2. On Sunday, the team went home and shut out Lafayette by a score of 3-0.

Junior Amy Tillotson scored her second goal of the season against Lafayette, and had an assist on the first goal of the game by freshman Jackie Frey.

"Amy Tillotson continues to work hard and challenge so hard in practices and in games," coach Elizabeth Roper said. "We've used her in mid-field and up at forward. She's a very smart and effective player out on the field for us."

This weekend, the MAAC schedule opens up with home games against Manhattan and Saint Peter's.

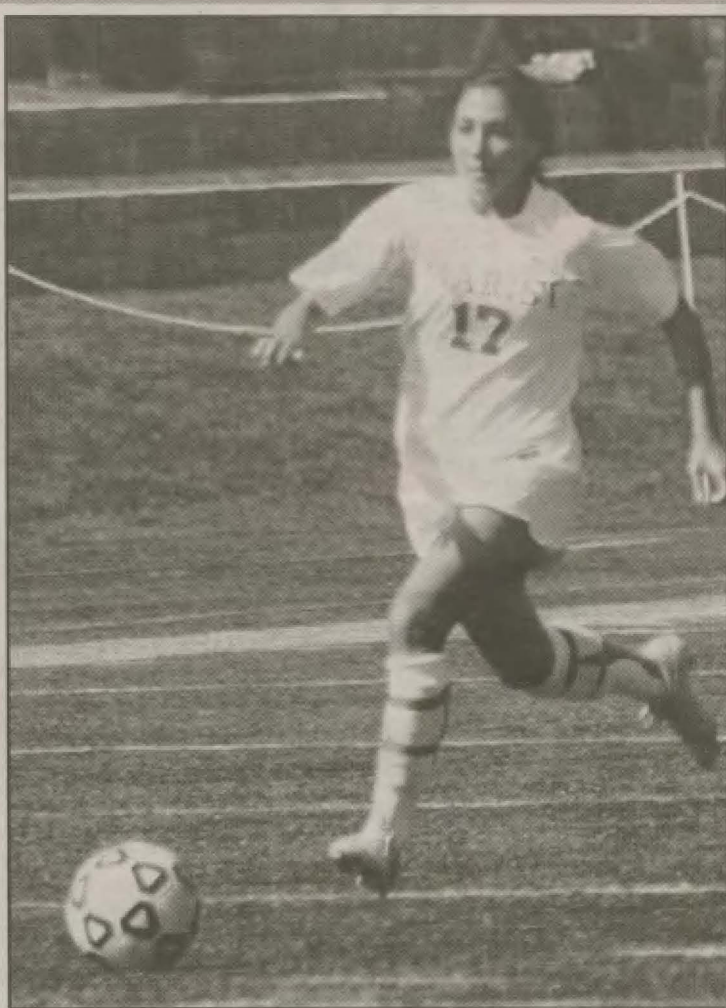
After coming in second in the MAAC Championship in 2007, Marist's injury plagued 2008 season

resulted in a 3-6 conference record. The

Foxes look to bounce back healthy this season, and with a solid group of upper-classmen and freshman, this season could be a special one.

"I think we have a great senior class with Kate Fox, Teresa Ferraro, who is one of our captains again this year, and Allie Lauterborn, who I feel is an unsung hero," Roper said. "We have such a good core group. If we stay healthy we'll have a good season."

-Compiled by Rich Arleo



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Freshman Jaclynn Sabia scored her first goal of the year in Marist's 3-2 win over Bucknell. The Foxes open up their MAAC schedule with games against Manhattan and St. Peter's.

### POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Sophomore Adam Vess was victorious at the Boston University Invitational, securing his second first place finish of the month.

Vess also led the cross country team at the opening meet of the season for Marist at Bowdoin Park on Saturday, Sept. 5. Finishing in third was senior Conor Shelley, who, according to coach Pete Colaizzo, "has been working extremely hard" on his duties as captain.

Sophomore William Griffin finished ninth at the invitational, bouncing back despite an injury to his Achilles' tendon, a difficult task for any athlete.

For the women, senior Brittany Burns secured an excellent second place position in addition to running an 18:30 5K- a personal best for the already distinguished runner.

"Brittany is in the best shape of her life," Colaizzo said, "and I'm sure she'll continue to run strong."

Finishing in 12th for the Red Foxes was sophomore Kathryn Sheehan at 18:42. Marist topped Boston University, but was bested by La Salle, Brown and Northeastern--the three other schools matched up with Marist in the multiple duals scoring format.

Both Vess and Burns were named MAAC cross country runners of the week.

Looking ahead to cross country's next meet at Lehigh set for Friday, Oct. 2, coach Colaizzo offered an age old coaches adage, stating that there is always "room for improvement."

-Compiled by Chris Eisenhardt

### POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

The Marist volleyball team rallied back from two set deficit against the Loyola Greyhounds on Sunday at the Mccann Center, falling just short of a magnificent comeback. . .

Loyola took the first set 25-22. The set went back and forth, with Loyola pulling away late in the match.

In the second set, the Greyhounds

jumped out to a quick 9-5 lead. the Red Foxes pulled within one, but couldn't complete the comeback, falling to an identical score of 25-22.

Down 2-0, Marist again fell behind in the third set, but were able to rally and keep the competition alive. They then handily defeated Loyola in the fourth set, 25-13.

The visitors got out to quick start in the deciding match, but Marist

fought back to tie it at 13, but couldn't get the win.

Senior outside hitter Alexandra Schultze led the team with 18 kills. Joanna Foss added 16 kills and a team-high eight digs.

Marist finishes a three game homestand Friday Sept. 25 against the Fairfield Stags. The first serve is scheduled for 7 p.m.

-Compiled by Jim Urso

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

By SCOTT ATKINS  
Staff Writer

**Joe Pilla**  
**Redshirt Junior- Soccer**

For some, soccer is just a game, but for others, it is a competition used as a distraction from real life. For Marist goalkeeper Joe Pilla, soccer is everything.

"It's my life" Pilla said, "It's my passion. This is what I want to do after college, and after playing I want to coach."

If he continues the same level of play he has been performing at this year then the redshirt junior will be playing soccer for a long time to come. His physical skills on the field are undeniable. After the first four games of the season Joe was seventh in the nation in goals against average (GAA) and 12th in save percentage. He was also named MAAC co-defensive player of the week after recording two straight shutouts to begin his Marist career. Head coach Matt Viggiano believes it is not his skill set which gives Pilla the pride and confidence he so coolly exudes, but his character.

"He's a high character guy," Viggiano said. "He's a great kid and a great leader who leads by example. Joe's a very easy guy to respect."

Pilla knows what it takes to be a top-tier Division I goalkeeper. He has an unparalleled work ethic on and off the field, coupled with an unbreakable faith in his ability.

"[It takes] a lot of hard work in the offseason and a lot of confidence," Pilla said. "As a goalkeeper everything is very mental. You're not touching the ball every play like the field players are, so you have to have communication with your players and keep emitting that confidence."

Beginning his college career at Southern Connecticut State University, Pilla was not in the right situation to succeed and felt he needed to transfer.

"I was struggling through injuries and fall-outs with the coaches," he said.

Club soccer teammates and Red Foxes Mike McGowan and Rob Bronski told him their team was in need of a keeper and the rest is history.

Pilla is relishing his time as a starter, and as a redshirt junior he



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Redshirt Junior keeper Joe Pilla ranked seventh in the nation in GAA after the first four games of the season. The Foxes currently stand at 3-2-1 on the season.

has another year ahead of him, which he wants to take full advantage of.

"I'm getting so much experience, and playing with a good team," Pilla said. "[Next offseason] I'm planning on playing as much soccer

and training as much as I can."

The future is bright for Pilla. After college, he will compete against many other talented goalies. While some may match Joe in talent, one thing is certain-- no one will ever match his passion.





## Toreros down Foxes in final seconds

By PHILIP TERRIGNO  
Sports Editor

The Marist Red Foxes appeared primed and ready to win their first Pioneer Football League game of **football** the season and also their first win in series history against the San Diego Toreros through just over 59 minutes this past Saturday.

Instead, the Red Foxes are now 0-2 in PFL play this season, and have dropped to 0-5 against San Diego after the Toreros scored a game-winning touchdown with 41 seconds remaining, notching a 17-10 victory.

"It was a good football game, a great college football game," coach Jim Parady said. "We were disappointed to lose the game. We went out there [California] to win the football game and we didn't accomplish our goal."

Redshirt freshman quarterback Sam Scudellari found tight end Patrick Doyle on a 26-yard touchdown strike with 41 seconds remaining that sealed the victory for San Diego.

With a touchdown so late into the contest, San Diego tarnished a truly phenomenal defensive effort by the Red Foxes that saw 17 different



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Marist suffered its second straight PFL loss this past week to San Diego. The Toreros, the preseason favorite in the PFL, scored the game-winning TD with 41 seconds left.

players contribute on tackles.

"The defense has played excellent for us all three games this year," Parady said. "[It was] another outstanding performance against San Diego. All 18 to 20 guys that are playing for us are playing well as a unit."

Marist forced the Toreros to punt on four of their first six possessions

of the game, and surrendered only 80 rushing yards.

"It wasn't eight plays, 10 plays and then they punted," Parady said. "It was three-and-outs, they were quick series."

Sophomore quarterback Tommy Reilly, who finished 12 for 21 on passing attempts with 139 yards and one touchdown, made his first

career start in the contest against San Diego.

"He [Reilly] commanded the offense very well," Parady said. "He made good decisions and I thought for his first time playing in a college football game he did an excellent job."

Helping Reilly attack the San Diego defense was the Marist run game that compiled 147 yards. O'Neill Anderson, Greg Whipple, Willis Dendy, and Ray Fiumefreddo all had carries in the game.

"We had a huge rotation going," Whipple said. "It's good for all of us so we all have fresh legs."

Reilly led Marist on an eight-play, 42-yard drive that culminated in a 45-yard field goal by junior kicker Kevin Pauly, putting Marist up 3-0 with 3:58 remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, JT Rogan had a 67-yard return that brought the ball all the way down to the Marist 18 yard line.

Unable to move the ball against the Red Foxes defense, San Diego had to settle for a 28-yard field goal from kicker Mike Levine to knot the game at 3-3.

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