

At 22, Marist alum elected mayor of hometown Republican Ryan Bingham becomes youngest person in Connecticut's history to hold office

By KATE GIGLIO
Managing Editor

While many recent college graduates are still searching for jobs, Ryan Bingham received his degree from Marist in May and by the beginning of November was the mayor of his hometown, Torrington, Connecticut.

The youngest mayor in state history, Bingham comes from a line of political minds, he said.

"Politics ran in my family and it's always been something that is second nature," he said. His grandfather was in the state legislature and his mother "currently serves as a state representative."

Bingham commented that his and his family members' motivation for their political involvement has always been fueled by a sense of obligation to one's peers.

"We don't even look at it as the 'game' of politics," he said. "Rather, it is service to your community."

Bingham said that his reasons for running for mayor focused mainly on this ideal, as well as a desire to improve the town he says he loves so much.

"I kind of just came back home to live and saw that the current administration wasn't to my pleasing, or to a lot of people's, and decided to reach for the stars and go from there," he said.

While at Marist, Bingham said he was not a member of the student government association but

that he was the Pylortes of his fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. He said that his responsibilities of the Pylortes included, among other things, being the "communi-

ty service liaison, organizing community service projects for the fraternity to do in Poughkeepsie."

Bingham said that he thought the key to his win was his campaigning strategy, which was to make personal visits to individual homes.

"I went to six thousand doors," he said. "It was the most cost effective, and the most effective to get the face-to-face experience

and tell people your platform."

Marist junior Michael Gelormino, a resident of Torrington and friend of Bingham's, said that he thinks Bingham deserves his success.

"I'm happy for Ryan," he said. "This is a huge accomplishment for him."

The last mayor, who lost by 225 votes, "focused more on his own appearance than that of the town's," Gelormino said. "There was definitely a need for a change."

Gelormino mentioned a few of the issues that he foresees Bingham tackling.

"There is a whole downtown renovation that is scheduled to take place," he said. "Unemployment is also a minor problem that is getting larger."

Gelormino expressed his initial concern over someone in his age group in the position of mayor,

but said that he had developed great faith in Bingham's ability to get the job done.

"I was a skeptic at first because I didn't feel that he had enough real-life experience to do the job, but I definitely did not want the incumbent to win again," he said. "Ryan's mother is our state representative, and he has surrounded himself with good people who will help him make the right decisions for our town."

JoAnne Myers of the political science department at Marist was Bingham's adviser and professor. She said that Bingham had taken two of her classes, one of which was Political Communication and Politics.

"It would be nice to think that he used that sort of information in his campaign for mayor," she said.

Myers also said that Bingham had done a political science



Ryan Bingham, Marist '05, was elected mayor of Torrington, Conn. last week. He won out over the old mayor by 225 votes.

internship in Leeds and that over his tenure at Marist, he had become a well-rounded student.

"He was a nice kid, and really is that compassionate conservative," she said.



Senior Allison Duncan speaks with Dutchess County American Red Cross board members and donors during the 2005 Mayor's Reception, Thursday, Nov. 10.

Students plan non-profit's event

By CASSI MATOS
Co-Editor in Chief

While most capping projects require students to put in many hours of hard work, only three students can say their project required them to don American Red Cross Uniforms, circa 1940.

In honor of Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross, Nancy Cozcan, mayor of Poughkeepsie, opened up her home to 30 guests for the 2005 Mayor's Reception and three Marist students were responsible for planning, organizing and executing the entire event.

Thursday, Nov. 10., the event seniors Tara Mullins, Theresa Marino and Allison Duncan had been planning since September actually came to fruition as the Dutchess County Chapter of Red

Cross Board of Directors joined Mayor Cozcan in honoring the chapters most dedicated benefactors.

The public relations majors, who are members of Laura Linder's capping class, were assigned to pick a non-profit organization for which they could plan an event and to create a press kit for it. According to Mullins, the project was a great real-world experience.

"The project is a great idea from start to finish because you really have to go out and find an organization and provide them with PR services or a video for free that their non profit budgets might not be able to afford," said Mullins.

In the midst of the relief efforts of Hurricane Katrina, the Red Cross was receiving a lot of

press during the time when the students had to pick their organization. Mullins said this press coverage helped lead them to the Red Cross.

"We had to pick an organization right in the first week or so of classes and since the Red Cross was in the news with the hurricanes happening, we found the Dutchess County chapter was right on Hooker Ave. and we thought it would be a great organization to work with," said Mullins.

For Marino, the Red Cross was an easy choice.

"We picked the American Red Cross because they are an organization that reaches out to the community and makes a difference," said Marino.

"We felt more people should be aware of
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In an outpouring of empathy, Marist supports ailing student

By KATE GIGLIO
Managing Editor

A Marist student was diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis early Monday morning after showing symptoms Sunday afternoon.

As of Tuesday evening, Caitlin Boyle, a junior, was in "grave" condition in the intensive care unit of St. Francis

Hospital in Poughkeepsie, according to the second e-mail sent to the Marist community by Deborah DiCaprio, vice president/dean of student affairs.

Boyle, a resident of Upper

West Townhouses, has been a member of the Marist Dance Team since sophomore year and is also involved in FoxPaw, an animal rights group on campus.

An informational session about meningitis was held in the Nelly Goletti Theatre Tuesday evening for the campus community. The

Dutchess County Health Department, the College's Health Services and other members of the support staff were available to dispense information and answer questions.

A service for Boyle was also held Tuesday night in the

Chapel. Every pew was filled as members of the community filed in to offer their compassion and prayers. Those in attendance read a psalm out loud together, and prayers were offered for Boyle, her family, her housemates, and her teammates.

There is an antibiotic available for anyone who feels he or she might have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with meningitis. Two of Boyle's housemates were admitted to hospitals after showing symptoms of the disease. However, both turned out to have viral infections, which are far less severe than the bacterial infection afflicting Boyle. Both girls were treated and released.

Tau Kappa Epsilon lends a hand



From left to right: Pat DiLollo, Sal Fusaro and Ian Bogdanich, members of TKE, painted the walls of Good Counsel Home, a home for unwed mothers in Poughkeepsie on Sunday, November 13. Adams Fair Acre Farms donated food, Paige Hardware donated paint and Dunkin' Donuts donated donuts for all those who helped. Other community efforts have resulted in \$400 towards the repainting project. Brother Don Kelly helped organize the event.

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Security Briefs: Comrade Sabella topples bourgeois establishment

11/8 2:00 P.M.
Donnelly

A prospective student was in Donnelly Hall, parked in a visitor's spot. A security officer was checking the vehicle's pass and was approached by the college-shopper, who took out his wallet and offered to show his driver's license. Two IDs came out, and the fake one was confiscated. It did not affect his application to the college.

You know how they say that Marist is getting more and more competitive. NOT!! A prospective student had his car in Donnelly and offered his license to the security officer. Sadly, he also showed his "other" license. Nice move. You'll be in Marian as a sophomore.

11/8 9:30 P.M.
Jazzman's Caf 

A small camera worth \$180 was stolen from a bag next to a computer station. What I want to know is if that price estimate includes depletion of value. Also, how could it be worth so much if it's so small? Seriously now people. Shop at Best Buy and get your moneys worth.

11/10 12:06 A.M.
Foy B

A fire alarm was caused by burnt pancakes.

"Hey Jimmy, whats for breakfast?" Well Bob, I'm gonna take this here just add water pancakes and set them on fire and get all of our neighbors mad when the fire alarm goes off in the middle of the night. "Sounds good to me." And so they did.

11/10 1:45 P.M.
Donnelly

A computer tower was taken from a classroom. The police were notified and the computer is valued at \$900. The computer's network address was last

observed on Nov. 8, 1:45 A.M. It's a good thing they knew where it was two days before it was stolen. Now we'll crack the case in no time.

Talmadge

Two students reported a light pole being knocked down by a car. Two days later, a student approached a security officer on patrol and admitted to the atroci-

off campus. A 30-pack of unidentified beer was confiscated. Now that's a party. Unidentifiable beer? That's awesome on so many levels. Can I come next time guys?

it up and use online dating services like normal people.

11/12 11:00 P.M.

Champagnat

An intoxicated student was sent to St. Francis after doing too many vodka shots. Later in the night, a similarly wasted friend of hers was sent to join her. Strangely enough, a bottle of vodka was missing from St. Francis later that night. Coincidence? I think not.

11/13 11:27 A.M.

Midrise

An RA on patrol detected the smell of marijuana burning. A room was entered and the ensuing search did not turn up any marijuana, but 12 cans of Busch Light. It was the new pot flavored Busch Light that all the cool kids are drinking now.

11/13 2:00 A.M.

Champagnat

A walking patrol found plants from the Marist chapel torn out of their beds and discarded near Donnelly Hall. Come on guys, who doesn't like flowers? They smell and look pretty. They make you feel good about yourself. Seriously, they're swell.

11/13 3:20 A.M.

Champagnat

An RA detected the smell of marijuana burning and confiscated a pipe and a bag of the illegal substance from a student smoking alone. Poor guy. I heard he was also listening to Fiona Apple records and sucking thumbs.

11/14 5:10 P.M.

Gartland E

A fire alarm pull station was triggered by a falling hockey stick. Yeah, ok. That's what they all say. You guys probably "play hockey" too. Because that's what the "hockey stick" would be for. What is this "hockey" they even speak of? Is that the weird sport with the ice?



11/10 7:45 P.M.

Fulton 2

A fire alarm was caused by a non-stick frying pan with nothing in it. To be perfectly honest, I still have no idea what this means. Not only does it completely defy the laws of physics, it just baffles me.

11/10 11:30 P.M.

ty. Incidentally, the same student confessed to the Kennedy assassination, a train robbery, and being a former swashbuckling pirate.

11/11 1:05 A.M.

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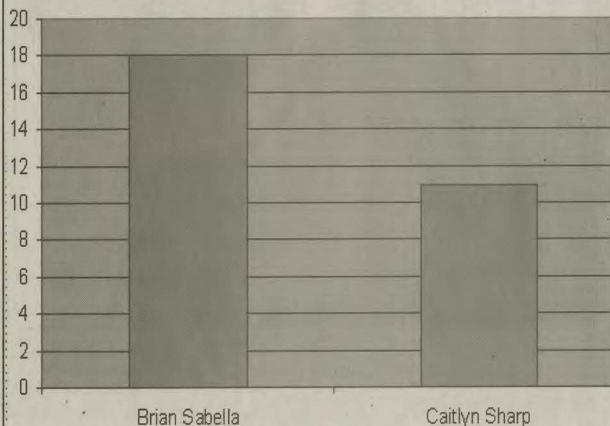
A beer pong game was busted, three Marist students were written up and six guests were kicked

11/11 2:45 A.M.

Champagnat

A non-student attempted to use a student's Marist ID to visit his girlfriend and was escorted off campus. Silly guy. Little did he know his girlfriend set him up with the fake ID and she was actually with the guy who's ID he was using. It happens bro. Suck

Contest Breakdown



I said, "Kiss me, you're beautiful, these are truly the last days." You grabbed my hand, and we fell into it, bringing with us a copy of the Circle. We woke up one morning and fell a little further down, for sure it's the valley of death. I open up the Circle, and it's filled with blood. Godspeed! You Black Emperor was talking about a capitalist dystopia that destroyed itself by not questioning its government, and the lyrics may ring true for our security briefs contest as well. 39 of Marist's 4800 undergraduate students participated in the final round of the Security Briefs contest voting, for a whopping 99.2% rate of abstinence.



Upcoming Campus Events

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

Friday, November 18 & 19
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
PAR
9 PM

Tuesday, November 22
No Tuesday Classes.
Friday classes will be held today.
Residence Halls close at 6 PM

Sunday, November 27
Residence Halls re-open at 10 AM

Tuesday, November 29
Undergraduate graduation applications due in Registrar's Office

December 2
Pete Correale
Cabaret
9 PM

Monday-Friday
December 12-16
Final exams.
Residence Halls Close
Friday at 5 PM

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News

Competition of wits heats up as teams prepare for game

Eighteen teams to battle for chance to represent Marist in the College Bowl regional competition

By JOSEPH FERRARY
Circle Contributor

Eighteen teams will face off this weekend at the third annual Marist College Bowl to determine who will advance to represent Marist College in College Bowl regional competition. The competition takes place on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center.

College Bowl, the original idea of the Association of College Unions International (ACUI), was brought to Marist by assistant director of student activities

Michele Fischetti, in 2003. Fischetti first encountered the idea of College Bowl while attending graduate school at Syracuse University, and brought it with her to Marist.

"The College Bowl is a combination of Jeopardy and Trivial Pursuit," Fischetti said. "It features question from histo-

ry, math, sports, and entertainment, to name a few."

Mike Uttley, junior, enjoys the wide variety of topics offered by the College Bowl.

"College Bowl is the one time of the year where people can show off how much useless stuff they know," said Uttley.

This year, there are 18 teams

participating in the event, each with four players. Two teams square off against each other in two, seven-minute halves. A moderator asks questions at a rapid pace and the team with the most points, when time expires, advances to the next round, Fischetti said.

Junior Brian Halabuda said that the format of the College Bowl provides for the exciting action.

"I think that the current format for the College Bowl is great," Halabuda said. "With the questions being asked at such a rapid pace, the participants have to

be on their toes. This leads to some very exciting and tense moments."

The winning team advances through a tournament bracket until a winner is declared the Marist College Bowl Champions. The team who wins it all does not go to represent Marist College in regional action, Fischetti said. "Since we have so many teams this year and not every team plays each other, we decided to put together an all-star team. Five of the top players in the tournament will be combined and put onto one team

to represent Marist College in the regional action."

Clubs and various organizations have teams in this year's College Bowl, said Fischetti. This year the tournament has doubled the number of teams participating, and now features teams from residence halls across the campus.

The regional tournament will be at Marist College on Feb. 25-26. The regional action will feature schools from New York (north of Poughkeepsie), Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

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— Michele Fischetti
Assistant director, Student Activities

Chemistry and biochemistry become options for degree

By CHRISTINE ROCHELLE
Circle Contributor

Next fall, Marist College's School of Science will present chemistry and biochemistry as two new Bachelor of Arts programs.

The Department of Chemistry will add the two B.A. degrees alongside their two current Bachelor of Science programs. The School of Science released a statement on the new degrees, stating both will offer more flexibility and allow students to take more electives, aiming toward a

well-rounded liberal arts degree.

Michael G. Tannenbaum, Ph.D. and dean of the School of Science said that the idea for the two new degrees was suggested by an external consultant from another university.

"The B.A. in chemistry is for those who want to become high school chemistry teachers or for marketing and sales," said Tannenbaum. "The B.A. in biochemistry is for those with interest in the health profession."

The proposal had to be approved by the School of Science, then by all faculty

members. It was then passed to the administration, the board of trustees, and finally, New York State.

"The approval process was pretty smooth," Tannenbaum said.

The proposal was sent out during the summer of 2004 and was approved by Marist College this past April. New York State received the submission in May, and approved it this past September.

"We wanted to build the number of chemistry and biochemistry majors at Marist,"

Tannenbaum said "[and also] to provide an alternative to the B.S. degree."

Currently, there are 30 students at Marist who are studying biology and biochemistry. Tannenbaum said he would like to gain the interest of the incoming freshman class next fall, and that the changes were in the best

interests of students.

Many students, however, still believe that other changes are

needed to provide more flexibility throughout the four years of study. Junior Mary Wu, biology major, said she was not enthusiastic about the new degrees, and said that the already-established programs

need work.

"There's already not enough diversity in the elective," Wu said.

Sophomore Caroline Anroysiak was a biology major, but switched to a major in psychology because of limited course availability.

"It's so strict. There's no room to study abroad, and I don't want to give that up," Anroysiak said. "More changes are needed if they really want more students to be in the program."

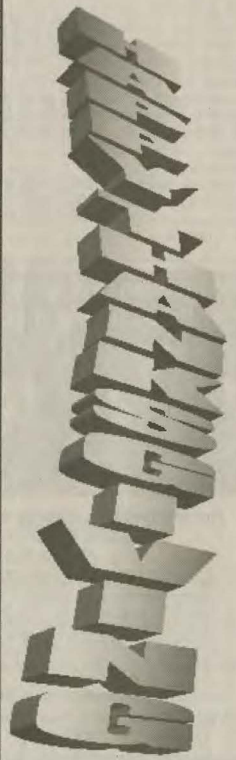
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— Michael Tannenbaum
Dean, School of Science



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Opinion

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Conservative and liberal perspectives converge; truths revealed

By DANIEL BLACK
Staff Writer

It may be inferred by neo-conservatives that the modern liberal American is out only to whine and pout about how their system of values is being ignored by our government's executive branch, throw stones and make rash allegations against prominent republicans in Washington, and ultimately play the role of a profoundly immature sore loser from the back seat of American leadership. Democrats seem to have a way nowadays of ruthlessly and groundlessly slinging mud at the men and women who, with honor and dignity, lead this nation.

Unfortunately, to the dismay of these conservatives, such a conclusion can only be drawn from a severe distortion of the facts. It is to my deep regret that this column addresses no specific social injustices. They are legion, and must be discussed, but after reading a piece recently written by a conservative, a piece indicative of such profound ignorance on the part of the writer, I now realize that there are a few misconceptions floating around and the

truth must be brought to light. The words that follow are not in keeping with my usual tonal tradition of lambasting the leaders of this country whom I feel are doing a poor job, rather they outline some basic principals of citizenship that I feel liberals and conservatives, no matter how far to the left or right, can embrace.

Let us all agree, for starters, that it is not a crime to hold a politician to his/her word, or hold several of them accountable for their actions. It is not treasonous to disagree with the decisions of the federal government. Having reservations about starting a war against a Middle-Eastern nation does not mean you have forgotten about or

terpreted; and third of all, held as absolute fact even after compelling evidence to the contrary materialized, then it is not unpatriotic, it is actually the constitutionally-imposed job of a responsible U.S. citizen, to demand these leaders face justice for what they have done or failed to do.

It is important that every voting American becomes aware that, were it not for the courage and outspokenness of men like Senator Harry Reid, the path that lies between the current executive branch of the U.S. Government and the Third Reich of Nazi Germany would be left unrestricted and bereft of obstacles. If this sounds like an outlandish assessment, consider what led to mid-twentieth century Germany reaching such an atrocious state of inhumanity: a lack-of-awareness pervasive of an entire culture that rendered its citizens vulnerable to manipulation and subversion by corrupt leaders. It is my belief, a belief shared by numerous people who keep up on current events, that even as horrific and unthinkable as the Third Reich was, we were not very far from becoming the

Fourth.

My next point should stir up some opposition mixed with agreement from both sides. It has been repeatedly said by Republicans that the Democrats who complain about the war in Iraq have no grounds to do so because, three years ago, they voted for it. This is true. I believe the conduct of nearly all politicians involved in supporting the late 2002 decision to commence O.I.F. was reprehensible. The two most common reasons a senator or congressman would support beginning a war in Iraq both stem from the events of September 11, 2001. Either you desire the war, and you are using the severe emotional trauma experienced by our entire society as leverage to gain support for a campaign that is completely uncorrelated, or you are skeptical of that group, but you don't say so because the wounds of September 11 are so fresh that you feel to speak out against vigilance and bloodlust may have a detrimental effect on you political career. Both justifications for voting in favor of an unnecessary war are grotesque, perhaps even sub-human, and both parties are

guilty. But since making this mistake, the Democrats have been trying to reconcile it while ironically being ostracized for it by politicians who made a different mistake of at least equal magnitude, but act as though silence implies innocence. Let's lay

these shattered lives cannot be resurrected by human hands. But we can learn from our mistakes. We can learn, but to do so requires we admit to ourselves and the families of our victims that they were mistakes coupled with our desire for change.

Having reservations about starting a war against a Middle Eastern nation does not mean you have forgotten about or don't sympathize for the victims of the tragedy of September 11.

aside all the frivolous arguments being tossed around concerning whether or not we were justified in declaring war against Iraq, all the finger pointing over who supported it/who didn't or who has changed their minds vice who 'hasn't', and let's especially put a moratorium on that insufferable intelligence controversy which could not have any less to do with or any less potential for changing these indisputable facts: the Weapons of Mass Destruction were not there. Thousands of people have needlessly died horrible deaths. Mistakes have been made that can never be undone, by that I mean to highlight especially that bullets cannot be un-shot, bodies cannot be dis-mutilated, just as

Next discrepancy on the docket: there is no reason the American people needs to keep hearing the same hackneyed defenses for past actions of men like Karl Rove, Lewis Libby, and Tom Delay. The defenses posed make no sense, they follow chains of logic that are, themselves, illogical, and they often lay fierce defenses for attacks from the Democrats that never come. As with cases like Valerie Plame's, details such as who exactly the source of the leak was, which stage if the judicial procedure they happen to be stalled at, and whatever rights that stage implies they have, are all insignificant. These men will never face justice anyway, and what does it matter which mouth the words revealing her identity were expelled from? The bottom line is that the federal government sold out one of its own people for reasons unknown, but

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Mistakes have been made that can never be undone, by that I mean to highlight especially that bullets cannot be un-shot, bodies cannot be dis-mutilated, just as these shattered lives cannot be resurrected by human hands.

don't sympathize for the victims of the tragedy of September 11. If there are serious problems in the way any group of leaders operates, for example, if they justify declaring war based off of intelligence that was first of all, preconceived; second of all, substandard and consciously misin-

President's speech reaffirms pledge to defend liberty, combat radicals

By JAMES MARCONI
Copy Staff

Of all the national issues that define the present and will shape our future, none is more crucial than America's War on Terror. The consequences of complacency have been irrevocably imprinted in the American psyche, and have once more awakened a sleeping giant. On Veteran's Day, President George W. Bush delivered a speech in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania that reiterated and, I think, renewed the commitment and resolve of this nation to combat radicalism and promote freedom. I just wanted to comment, briefly, on that speech.

For the first time, really, President Bush has stated in clear terms the nature of the enemy we face. It's not really terrorism,

which is merely the tool of our enemy. No, while our war is on the surface a war on terrorism and terrorists, what we truly are combating is an ideology. Those who we oppose represent all that this nation and its culture have rejected - a radical tyranny that seeks to undermine basic human rights and freedoms and establish a worldwide authoritarian system dominated and controlled by them alone.

President Bush, I think, drove that point home in his address. "Yet, while the killers choose their victims indiscriminately, their attacks serve a clear and focused ideology - a set of goals and beliefs that are evil, but not insane," Bush said. "Some might be tempted to dismiss these goals as fanatical and extreme. They are fanatical and extreme - but they should not be

dismissed. Our enemy is utterly committed. As Zarqawi has vowed, 'We will either achieve victory over the human race or we will pass to the eternal life.' Evil men, obsessed with ambition and unburdened by conscience, must be taken very seriously - and we must stop them before their crimes can multiply."

The point that really struck a chord with me, however, was the comparison drawn between the radicals today and the 'evil empire' that was the focus of past decades - the Soviet Union and its ideology of communism.

"The murderous ideology of the Islamic radicals is the great challenge of our new century," Bush said. "Yet in many ways, this fight resembles the struggle against communism in the last century. Like the ideology of

communism, Islamic radicalism is elitist, led by a self-appointed vanguard that presumes to speak for the Muslim masses. Like the ideology of communism, our new enemy that innocent individuals can be sacrificed to serve a political vision. Like the ideology of communism, our new enemy seeks totalitarian aims. They pursue to end dissent in every form, to control every aspect of life, to rule the soul itself. While promising a future of justice and holiness, the terrorists are preparing a future of oppression and misery."

Finally, this administration has boldly unveiled our enemies and exposed them for what they truly are - a sanctimonious group of backward-looking, violent dissidents that threatens to hijack the globe. These radicals are not righteous, are not holy, and most


certainly do not have the best interests of people, even their own people, at heart. As the president so rightly pointed out, they wage war on everyone without discrimination, including Muslims who disagree with their minority views.

This is our enemy, this is who we are battling against, and this is who we must defeat. President Bush has drawn a new line in the sand with this speech, essentially saying that this war must become a global effort. Anyone who believes in compassion, freedom, and the forward momentum of the human race is our ally and friend; those who support tyranny and despise progress are not. There can be no neutrality, no middle ground.

There is also no room for the root causes that breed radicals. To this end, President Bush

promised that this country would continue to promote and protect democracy and self-determination in the Middle East. In this new global world, our futures are inextricably linked to theirs. By stabilizing and aiding this troubled region of the world, we invest in our own stability and security. And always, always, we look ahead to a better, brighter future. I think the president said it best in his last few words. "We don't know the course our own struggle will take, or the sacrifices that might lie ahead. We do know, however, that the defense of freedom is worth our sacrifice, we do know that the love of freedom is the mightiest force of history, and we do know that the cause of freedom will once again prevail."

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Why a windfall tax is not the right solution

By JEFF ZIMMERMAN
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Many of the biggest names in the oil industry have been flying into D.C. over the past week to answer allegations of price gouging and the possible imposition of windfall taxes in the wake of hurricane Katrina. Allegations are abundant, most of which are dangerous, uninformed speculation. Because, in this case the chief culprit of the high prices are some of the most basic of all

economic principles, supply and demand. An all time high in global consumption legitimately equals record profits (no gouging necessary). This year Apple posted its highest earnings ever because of the demand for its iPods, yet no one is accusing them of gouging and calling to further tax their profits. Many studies have concluded that 85 percent to 90 percent of gas prices can be attributed to global demand. Moreover, losing 10 percent of the countries refining

capacity will clearly lead to price increases. Thus the current price level can easily be explained by supply and demand. Blaming abstractions such as supply and demand is not as fulfilling as demonizing the oil industry, but in this case it is more accurate.

The oil industry is highly cyclical, and has, according to a Goldman Sachs study been making below the national average on its return on capital employed from 1977 to 2002. Because of this, calling for windfall taxes at

the first sign of above average profits is preposterous and in the long run will hurt consumers far more than help them. Almost every single study done by the Federal Trade Commission and other governmental organizations has yielded consumption as the cause of high oil prices.

Like I said, a windfall tax is a simple solution for a very complex problem, one very likely has more costs than benefits. We as a nation have tried to implement a windfall tax on oil companies

before, and are feeling some of the some of the negative repercussions now. Aside from only producing 22 percent of its expected income, it also had many other more devastating consequences. The tax caused a sharp decline in domestic oil production, about 3.5 million fewer barrels per day over the next 10 years. We really could be using that domestic production right about now. This tax made us more dependant on the Middle East to make up the difference.

Rushing to punish perceived price gouging with windfall taxes will have many unacceptable long term results such as reduced domestic refining capacity, increased reliance on foreign sources of oil, and very possibly higher gas prices in the future. In this case the benefits of the tax do not outweigh the eventual cost to consumers.

Letters to the Editor

Student looks for more help from RA's

To Whom It May Concern:

College is supposed to be the "best four years of your life". They say you meet your best friends within the first few weeks of school. As far as I'm concerned it's true. I have become extremely close with the individuals on my floor, and I would die for any member of my new family. Although it has only been a few months, this brotherhood is the most important part of all of our lives. It is hard for me to have to say that two of my best friends will not be joining us the next semester.

I will not hesitate to say that Marist College is an excellent institution. The teaching staff is wonderful, the people are friendly, and despite how we as students feel, the food really isn't that bad. However, when a personal problem arises, and some compassion is needed, there may not always be a per-

son to come to your aid. Someone to advise you.

We all know, residential advisers are for the most part, the local police. They are to decide when you are in violation of conduct, even if they are your peers, and share some of the same classes. Maybe, having someone like this on your floor living beside you could help you with your problems instead of hinder them. Maybe a guide to help all of us incoming freshman adjust, who are "too cool" or "too afraid" to seek the proposed help offered by the school. Maybe they could just be someone to listen.

In high school, I was selected to be a part of a program called Natural Helpers by my peers. Apparently I was a good person to talk to when kids my own age had a problem. In this program I had been removed from school for a week to live in a cabin on a small island among various peo-

ple from my school in which I barely socialized with. It was there that I had learned the importance and call signs of people reaching out. Maybe this would be something the residential advisers should consider taking part in.

Granted, if we fail to obey the rules, punishment should be issued. That is a given. Even if lately it is harder and harder to avoid slipping up here and there, I myself have been written up, or should have at least. There was an incident involving a lot of people, and a lot of alcohol in a small room. I had been one of three individuals, and the only actually guilty individuals, to confess to the drinking involved. However, I as well as the other two, did not receive an incident report. But instead several people who happened to stop by the room, for barely five minutes to take a break from homework, or

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Accusations arise against security

To Whom It May Concern:

As most of you could probably not help but notice, Marist College practices security policies which seem to exceed the means necessary to maintain a peaceful campus.

Over this past weekend, my suitemates and I experienced an absurdly immoral Marist security policy which seems to contradict both state and national laws regarding drunk driving. My friends and I, along with a guest of ours, were relaxing and watching a movie in our common room, when at around 12am the R.A. on duty knocked on our door citing a complaint from other residents as the reason for her entry. She explained that she was knocking on the doors of several suites due to the complaints. After discovering about eight beer cans in total she took down our names and explained that she would have to contact the R.D. on duty and that

the guest that was present at the time may have to leave campus. She returned a few minutes later and informed us that our guest would have to be escorted off campus by a security guard. There seemed to be something fundamentally wrong with this policy. Quite obviously, there had been drinking going on and yet our guest had no choice but to get behind the wheel of his car (parked across the street on Marist property), and drive away under the watchful eye of a Marist Security guard in his vehicle. He was required to leave campus, which meant he had to drive his car off of campus, which meant he was literally forced to drive his vehicle intoxicated. Our guest explained that he was nearly a two hours drive from his home, to which the R.A. responded that he did not need to go home, he simply needed to leave the campus. Not being 21, he could not

get a hotel nor could he spend the night in his car for fear of getting harassed by the police for trespassing.

Once word spread to the rest of my suitemates about the incident, the absurdity of the situation was discussed and angry phone calls were placed to parents and the like. We all know how concerned Marist is with maintaining good press, and I would like the Marist community to know that Marist practices policies which force individuals to drive under the influence of alcohol. In my opinion, something must be done to change this.

Perhaps guests caught drinking on campus should be allowed to spend the night and then be escorted off campus in the morning, a technique that would ensure the safety of students and guests alike. We're constantly reminded that when someone

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Risk of contracting meningitis low among students

By LAUREN RICHMOND
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Meningitis is a serious condition that often strikes in places like college campuses, especially for students that live in residence halls. While the incidence has been found to be only 1 in 100,000 students per academic year as listed by www.cdc.gov, students should be aware of this serious condition, the symptoms to be on the alert for and what they can do to lower their risk of contracting it.

Viral meningitis is relatively mild and can clear up in a week or two without treatment. Bacterial meningitis is an infection that lives in the fluid that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, known as cerebral spinal fluid, or CSF. The tissue surrounding the CSF, called the meninges, can become inflamed, causing the symptoms of meningitis to erupt. The infection can often be treated with antibiotics once a person is diagnosed. However, if the infection is allowed to progress it can lead to brain damage or even death, according to www.astdhppe.org. The infection can be diagnosed by a blood test or by taking a sample of the spinal fluid and testing it for the strains of bacteria that cause bacterial meningitis.

The classic symptoms of meningitis include headache and fever. Some also report stiffness in the neck. Other symptoms may include nausea, sensitivity to light, vomiting and even confusion and sleepiness. These are somewhat general symptoms that many students might be tempted to associate with lack of sleep or the common cold. Students experiencing these symptoms, especially headache and high fever that seem to worsen in nature should visit Health Services during its operating hours or St. Francis' emergency room. The operating hours of Marist's Health Services office are currently set at 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Students that have been in close contact with someone that has been diagnosed with the infection are advised to visit Health Services and get an antibiotic as an additional preventative measure. However, there is no quarantine necessary for people that have been in close contact with someone infected and who are on anti-

otics.

One of the easiest precautions students can take is to be sure not to share lip balm, drinks, cigarettes or anything else that might come into contact with saliva. While the bacteria is not able to live on surfaces for a long period of time, close contact with an infected individual (the infected person taking a drink and someone else drinking from the same cup directly afterwards, for example) can result in elevated risk for contracting the infection. Simply breathing the same air or being in the same space does not place anyone at increased risk for contracting meningitis.

According to www.health.state.ny.us, New York State does not require that students who attend college in the state get a meningitis vaccine before moving onto campus. However, colleges in NY State have been required since before the fall 2003 semester began to distribute information to students taking 6 credits or more about the vaccine, including cost. Colleges are also required to keep records of students who have been immunized against meningitis in the 10 years prior to enrolling in college or an acknowledgment of the risks associated with meningitis and a refusal to receive the vaccine signed by the student and/or student's parents. Students that are not sure if they got the vaccine are encouraged to call their doctor's office at home and ask for their records to be reviewed or check their immunization status with Marist's Health Services Office. Students wishing to receive the meningitis vaccine should schedule an appointment with their doctor at home. In addition, the Dutchess County Health Department offers a vaccination clinic on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. The charge for the vaccine is \$80.00; students can check with their insurance company to see if they qualify for reimbursement. If you have any questions or need further information, you can contact Health Services at extension 3270.

Students who are having trouble dealing with the current situation on campus are encouraged to visit the Counseling Center in Byrne Building located behind Leo to receive emotional support. The Counseling Center's extension is 2152 for students wishing to make an appointment to see a counselor.

Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY
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CHILLY WEATHER PROVED COMMON COLD CULPRIT

A report being published in the Oxford Journal of Family Practice found that common cold symptoms can be brought about by a through chilling. Apparently, when people are cold, blood vessels constrict, especially the inner membranes of the nose, leaving people much more susceptible. Much to the joy of many moms, the journal affirms the age-old adage about venturing outside with wet hair. A study was done involving 180 healthy volunteers. Half the group was exposed to ice cold water in a bowl once a day for a week. The control group was not exposed to any serious swing in temperature. After a week, the variable group showed twenty-nine percent of its participants exhibiting cold symptoms as compared to the controls nine

percent. While more evidence is needed to put moms to rest across the globe, you might want to grab a hat on the way out the door this winter, just in case.

LONELINESS A HEREDITARY FACTOR

The University of Chicago studied 8,000 pairs of twins and found amongst the test subjects that fifty percent had similar traits in loneliness. Formerly thought to be a personal social issue, experts now suspect heredity plays a major role in determining ones social aptitude. The study found that loneliness has nothing to do with weight height or physical attractiveness. Although you may carry a gene for loneliness there's no need to fret. Bethany Marshall, an expert in relationship issues encourages the lonely to surround themselves with pictures of friends or loved ones, and to join a church or synagogue for support.

Coffee may lower blood pressure, benefiting women most

By JESSICA BAGAR
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In a world filled to the brim with Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks Coffee, it is hard to resist the urge for your daily cup of joe. Caffeine consumption has been a source of dependency for many women who crave that daily morning boost and afternoon pick-me-up.

However, despite 20 years of reassuring research, according to Harvard Women's Health Watch, many women are still apprehensive when it comes to their coffee consumption as they are worried about the health effects of caffeinated coffee. But here is some good news for those caffeine conscious coffee connoisseurs: when it comes to high blood pressure, it is cola, not coffee, that women should be worried about.

In a study conducted by Dr. Wolfgang Winkelmayr at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital, he found evidence that "coffee drinkers [are] no more likely than abstainers to develop high blood pressure," a common misconception regarding the long-term effects of caffeine.

According to The New York Times, "Winkelmayr's group examined data on 155,594 mostly white female nurses...[who] were questioned periodically about their diets and health and followed over 23 years." His study concluded that women who drank more than three cups of coffee daily were about 7 percent to 12 percent less likely to develop high blood pressure than women who drank little or no coffee, while "those who drank at least four cans of sugared cola drinks

daily had a 28 percent to 44 percent increased risk of high blood pressure, compared with women who drank few or none," as explained by The Wall Street Journal.

Though it has been known to cause short-term increases in blood pressure, it seems as if caffeine, when taken as part of a cup of coffee, does not have hazardous results. In fact, "there was even some evidence [that] women who drank lots of coffee - four or more daily cups of regular or decaf - faced a slightly lower risk for developing high blood pressure than those who drank little or none."

Conversely, cola has shown signs of detrimental effects as compared to coffee. Women in Winkelmayr's study who drank cola "did seem to have a greater risk of high blood pressure" than coffee drinkers. Winkelmayr suggests that the difference between caffeinated cola and caffeinated coffee can be found in the secondary ingredients in each beverage; it is those ingredients that make coffee a better choice for women concerned about caffeine. Most importantly, coffee has lots of antioxidants that are thought to help protect the heart and reduce risks of cancer.

In fact, several recent studies have shown health benefits from coffee, claiming that it is a major food source for antioxidants, "linking heavy coffee consumption in men with a reduced risk of diabetes, and Japanese research suggesting coffee might help prevent liver cancer," The New York Times explains.

In addition to helping women's blood pressure, Harvard Women's Health Watch suggests that "the risk for type 2 diabetes is lower among regular coffee drinkers than among those who don't drink it."

Also, coffee may reduce the risk of developing gallstones, discourage the development of colon cancer, improve cognitive function, reduce the risk of liver damage in people who are at a high risk, and reduce the risk of Parkinson's disease, studies show.

Researchers were surprised by Winkelmayr's findings on the negative effects of cola and warned that the study was not conclusive. Though he supports his findings in that, for women, coffee is the better choice for a number of reasons among caffeine consumers, Winkelmayr said he couldn't make any diet recommendations based on his study except to say it appeared safe to consume a few worry-free cups of coffee daily. So, go ahead and order that Grande Mocha Frappuccino, just don't overdo it!

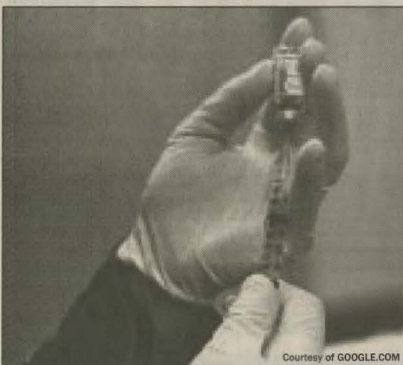


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Unprepared for such high demand, college runs out of flu vaccine

By MICHAEL KINGERY
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The flu is returning, and many Marist students may not have the



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protection they need. As the flu season approaches, vaccine supplies are running low. Jane O'Brien, director of Health Services, said Marist had already run out of flu shots.

Health Services' empty cupboard is due in part to an unusually high demand. Health Services began administering the vaccine on Oct. 3, and according to O'Brien they have given more than 200 flu shots to Marist students and staff. O'Brien said that she cannot remember such a high student demand for the vaccine. "We've never distributed 200 doses of the flu vaccine in a whole flu season," she said.

Faculty was originally granted the opportunity, along with students, to get their flu shots at Health Services. Now all future supplies of vaccine will be reserved solely for students.

Marist College's original supplier, Adventis, has depleted their entire stock of vaccine shots, according to O'Brien. Chiron, another vaccine distribution company, has been delayed in sending their own supply to the public. O'Brien said that the federal government wanted to closely inspect their vaccine for safety purposes. Chiron's supply of the vaccine should be reaching the public soon, O'Brien said, and Marist is on a waiting list for more doses.

This is not the first time that Marist College has run into a shortage of the flu vaccine. O'Brien said that last year, due to a national shortage, the college did not receive any of the vaccine. This year, it is uncertain how many more Marist students will be able to receive it.

Marist is also not the only place without an adequate supply of the vaccine. According to O'Brien, most doctors' offices have depleted

their supply as well. She said that the government and companies will be focusing more on making the vaccine available to elderly citizens. "Colleges rate lower down on the [scale]," O'Brien said. "Most college students are not considered high risk for the flu."

Brendan Kelliher, a Marist student currently living on campus, said that he has no problem with college students being at the bottom of the priority chain. "If the elderly are more high risk, then it's no question that they should be first in line," he said. "They have a bigger danger of getting the flu, so it all makes sense."

This year's high demand for the flu shot from Marist students will also diminish the chances of the vaccine's availability. Any student who has recently decided to get a flu shot on campus will most likely not be able to receive it. Even after more vaccine shots arrive at Marist, the supply is reserved for students on the waiting list. This list, as of Nov. 11, has more than 110 students on it already. O'Brien said there might not be vaccine left after it is administered to students on the waiting list.

Due to this possibility, O'Brien said that it is best for students who want the vaccine to go to a physician at home and get the flu shot there. Another alternative is to find a local physician in the area that might have access to a supply of the vaccine.

Matthew Driscoll, another Marist student living on campus, said that Marist has a responsibility to have the vaccine in stock. "Personally, it doesn't affect me because I have no desire to get the shot," he said. "But if there are people who want the flu shot, then

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Fashion Briefs: High-end style meets low-budget chic

By MEGHAN MCKAY
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Victoria's Secret put the sex back in "Sex and the City" last Wednesday night.

America's hottest lingerie retailer staged the infamously risqué and long awaited Victoria's Secret fashion show at the Lexington Avenue Armory in Manhattan after a two-year hiatus.

The annual show was cast aside by wary networks after Janet Jackson's infamous wardrobe malfunction debacle during the 2004 Superbowl

half-time show (Victoria's Secret isn't exactly known for its modest clothing).

Revered runway vixens including Tyra Banks, Karolina Kurkova, Naomi Campbell and new mom Heidi Klum ushered in a provocative new era of sex appeal. They showcased Vice's classic naughty elf attire and elaborate feathered angel wings, as well as innovative new intimates inspired by holiday toys, candies and cocktails.

Highlights were a light-up, Swarovski crystal-beaded bra

and matching feathered wings modeled by the surprisingly sylphlike Klum, while hubby Seal sang his hit, "Crazy." Other eye-opening pieces included a crystal-encrusted fishnet thong and panties with faux-cupcake frosting ornamentation.

Unlike the stone-faced skeletons that usually carry couture down the runway, the Victoria's Secret models beamed as they emerged from a gigantic glittery gift box and strutted past giant Christmas ornaments, candy canes, and teddy bears. (If you had abs like Heidi Klum, you'd smile too.)

They even lip-synched to the music, which included a live performance by Ricky Martin, recorded Christmas carols and Aaron Carter's syrupy "I Want Candy."

Those who weren't lucky enough to join Russell Simmons, Lenny Kravitz, Pharrell Williams and Nicky Hilton to gawk at the scantily clad, long-legged beauties live can catch the Christmas-themed show Dec. 6 on CBS.

Doll clothes aren't just for

Barbie anymore.

Mattel has introduced Barbie Luxe, a line of fashionable, upscale clothing and accessories aimed at a more mature market: older female fashionistas, from teens to thirty-somethings.

The specialty collection debuted at the Los Angeles fashion week in late October and is currently only available at Fred Segal Flair in Santa Monica and selected boutiques. Prices may induce shock in those used to purchasing more diminutively-priced, pint-sized Barbie apparel. Barbie Luxe jeans retail for \$176, while a crop-sleeved hoodie costs \$140.

Designers Anna Sui, Citizens of Humanity, Judith Leiber, Nickel, Not Rational, Paper Denim & Cloth, Stila and Tarina Tarantano contributed designs inspired by a single muse: Barbie. The 50-plus-year-old, ubiquitous fashion diva is the world's most popular fashion doll.

No stranger to big names in style, Barbie has been dressed in the past by Christian Dior, Versace, Giorgio Armani and Badgley Mischka. The new clothing line will give adult women a chance to channel Barbie's eclectic and influential sense of elegance, glamour and fun. The high-end collection



Last Wednesday, Victoria's Secret staged its long-awaited fashion show, after a two year hiatus.

fuses vintage-feel shapes and fabrics with today's best trends.

Mattel has already had success with a similar Couture clothing line in Japan, and is currently creating a clothing collection for young girls called Barbie loves Benetton.

There's good news for broke but style-conscious college fashionistas. Bargain Swedish fashion superstore H&M launched a collection of Stella McCartney clothing Nov. 10.

The boutique giant decided to collaborate with McCartney based on the success of last year's partnership with Chanel's Karl Lagerfeld. The 40-piece line is somewhat of a 'greatest hits' series, featuring best-selling items from her previous collections. Though famous for her rock 'n' roll-star father,

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The Hangover

A little case of the munchies

By PATRICK F. MAGUIRE
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I don't think Will was able to see the ground underneath him let alone the girl he was attempting to have a conversation with at this hour. Will suffered from the terrible condition of "squinty-eyed-ness" between the hours of eleven and three in the evening. Not being a doctor, it was clear that there was an inverse ratio in the symptoms of the condition. As the quantity of beers increased, the level of vision decreased, due to the fact that his eyelids closed in towards the lower hemisphere of the eye, giving him a clever but handicapped appearance.

Following an intense pregame routine, Will was in his element as they say, and by element I mean he was nearly incoherent. I was in the middle of the usual meet and greet routine one has to do when entering a bar, talking to a few slender friends before I felt a sharp nudge to the ribs. Will was behind me, mouthing the words, "Introduce me," because apparently he had lost not only the capability of

vision but speech as well. I

turned around to give the typical salutations, "Jackie, this is my friend Will from home, be gentle." Jackie smiled and mouthed the words, "he's cute" while Christy laughed and said hello. The pleasantries had already begun.

I left Will with them near the entrance and headed off to the densely swaying populous of the center of Darby's. After proceeding through a nice area covering the necessary social territory, I came back to find Will with my friends Jake and Kelly nestled next to the tap. Three heads hunched over a massive heap of nachos while greasy fingers carelessly shoveled in cheddar-smothered jalapeños. As evidence of his condition, Will pulled up a bottle of Bud Light and in jerky composure missed his mouth completely, dousing his shoulder in a splash of hops and barley. Kelly noticed and with a few words hoisted Will's spirits, "I got it bro, we'll just do shots." Will smiled and squinted further in agreement.

Hours later, after countless rounds of drinks and splendid times with newly-acquainted friends, Jake, Will and I were

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MCCTA to stage premiere of 'All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy'

By ALEXANDRIA BRIM
Staff Writer

The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts (MCCTA) is producing the world premiere of "All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy" by Kristen Palmer. The production is staged by the Experiment Theatre Guild. Performances will be held Nov. 18, 19 and 20 in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.

"All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy" tells of a college girl who watches her life change in the turbulent 1960s. As her relationships change among friends, families and her fiancé, she tries to find stability in her rapidly twisting world. She finds it in Robert "Bobby" Kennedy, a key political figure of the decade, whose manifestations serve as her confidante.

Junior Brian Loew, who plays Joe, talked about being in the world premiere of a play. "It's a lot of fun so far. The fact that it is a world premiere adds extra oomph, extra excitement. We hope we make Kristen proud," he said.

Senior Amanda Giordano plays Sylvie in the play. "It's a really

great show. The directors are great and the cast is getting along really well," she said.

"Bobby Kennedy" is directed by Marist seniors Joe Matero and Brian Sabella. The two have been working with Palmer to bring her work to life on the Marist stage. "Besides being a great script, cast and crew, it's always worth it to be part of a world premiere," Sabella said.

Eddie Grosskreuz, a senior at Marist, is Bobby Kennedy, a real life figure. "It's a really special show with a great message behind it," Grosskreuz said. "You do have the power to change things. This is important

because, as students, we are the hope for change and the future rests on our actions."

"I hope when people see the show, they see my portrayal as not physically accurate but trying to embody the ideals of Bobby Kennedy," he said. He went on to talk about playing a person who actually lived and represents so much to America.

"I researched his past, his life, to portray his private life, his times with his family as he was a private man. He was also one of the power voices of the 'sixties,

along with Martin Luther King, Jr. He's tragic—his goals in life and in his job were to make things right, fix things, and with his sudden death, they never got realized," Grosskreuz added.

"Bobby Kennedy" wraps up MCCTA's fall season, which included Neil Simon's "Rumors" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Next season includes the small musical "Songs for a New World," the Children's Theatre



The cast of "All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy," shown above. From left to right: Matt Angrisani, Brian Loew, Eddie Grosskreuz, Amanda Giordano, Jesse Disbrow, Natalie Fellows

production of "The Tale of Sleeping Beauty" and the Festival of student-written one act plays. MCCTA is completely student run and allows Marist students from all majors to help in every aspect of producing a show.

Loew left one last word for Marist students. "We really hope everyone comes out," he said.

"All the Girls Love Bobby Kennedy" will be performed

Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m.. All performances are in the Nelly Goletti. Tickets are \$3 for students and faculty, \$5 for senior citizens and alumni, and \$7 for general admissions. Tickets can be reserved by calling the MCCTA box office at ext. 3133 or logging on to www.mccta.com. They can also be purchased at the door.

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The James Q Guest Review

With James Q. currently on hiatus, Adam Guarino is less than impressed with "Jarhead"

Desert Storm - wind, sand, sun, and oil, fragile psyches, Jake Gyllenhaal. Enter "Jarhead," directed by Sam Mendes, the newest and hippest take on the Gulf War conflict with a surprising lack of ... conflict. Despite a well-rounded cast, hit soundtrack, Oscar-worthy acting, and epic cinematography, the film seems to fall short in the delivery department, a serious problem considering what you paid to see the movie.

Gyllenhaal plays the newest cadet, a confused 20-year-old from a long line of war heroes. Jamie Foxx plays the staff sergeant that whips Gyllenhaal into shape and recruits him for the highly-prized opportunity to become a Marine sniper. Enter basic training, portrayed as a walk-in-the-park in comparison to other classics like "Full Metal Jacket." No yelling here, just positive encouragement (so realistic!). Finally the new soldiers get their chance and are shipped to Saudi Arabia and eventually Kuwait. Train, hydrate, maintain. Months pass and the soldiers look about as bored as the audience members.

Just when the film seems to pick up some steam, you guessed it, the war is over. I left the theater feeling like something was stolen from me; I now realize it was my time. Conflict and resolution; these are terms from high school English that are supposed to comprise all of our great stories. Looks like Mendes and the rest of his crew must have failed that one.



ADAM GUARINO

SLA Theatre to Hold Auditions for spring production of "Noises Off"

By PAT PHILLIPS
Circle Contributor

Marist College School of Liberal Arts will be holding auditions for the spring production of "Noises Off," the hilarious slapstick farce by Michael Frayn. Considered to be one of the funniest comedies of the last 25 years, Frayn's play is one long howl from beginning to end. "Noises Off" is a play within a play and presents the story of a hapless English acting troupe touring a production of a farce called "Nothing On." There are lots of slamming doors, sexual dalliances, confusions, and, of course, plates of sardines. And

the background concerning the romantic troupe is every bit as convoluted.

As the plot begins to unfold, nine characters prepare to open a show without their lines memorized, the staging completed, or the set finished. But that does not stop them from traipsing up and down a daunting staircase, barreling through eight different doorways, hiding in the aisles, and falling through bay windows to the giant English country estate set.

What is interesting about "Noises Off" is that the audience gets to see the same play three times, but never in exactly the same manner. With each succes-

sive act, Frayn takes the audience from a terrifying dress rehearsal of a first act of a dreadful comedy, through that same scene a month later, backstage during a matinee performance as the cast's personal problems begin to take over, and finally ending onstage two months later, when the company has completely unraveled and the production is going down the toilet.

After the serious subject matter of "The Laramie Project," SLA Theatre's fall production that was performed this past September, "Noises Off" turns the tables to present a joyous and laughingly delightful evening that will entertain the crankiest of individ-

uals. Auditions for "Noises Off" will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Nov. 29 and 30, at 9:00 PM in the Nelly Goletti Theatre, on the third floor of the Student Center. No acting experience is required, so mark your calendar and come to an audition.

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Mayor's Reception organized by capping students providing services Red Cross ... continued from page 1

their mission and get involved." Mullins went on to say that working with a non-profit is what really made the project worthwhile.

"Since it was a non-profit, you really had to learn to gain the support of your community through donations and having businesses back their local Red Cross," said Mullins. "And at time like this with so many disasters it was a great opportunity to remind the community about the good work of the Red Cross."

The Dutchess County chapter

has recently started a chapter of the Clara Barton Gibbons Giving Society, a nationally recognized Red Cross Society, to honor those benefactors; namely those who make donations of at least \$1000.

At the reception, Mayor Cozean was recognized as a member of this society for pledging to donate \$1000 to the Red Cross annually, for the next three years.

During her acceptance Mayor Cozean reminded those present that we can not wait for a nation-

al disaster to donate money to an organization this vital.

"We need to help them consistently so we don't wait for the next disaster to have the support we need," said Cozean. "We need to set foundation of support."

For Cozean being recognized as part of the Giving Society is an honor, but she also feels she is fulfilling a responsibility.

"For me it signifies a personal commitment, any supervisor or official should be willing to take that step to help, whether on a local, national or international

level," said Cozean. "I am trying to set the example for the type of foundation we need to provide."

Marist was also able to provide the evening's entertainment, as The Sirens performed for the guests throughout the reception.

Nicole Gesh, Development Director, served as Mullins, Marino and Duncan's supervisor at the Red Cross and commended the girls on their work.

"They did all the hard work behind the scenes, they really pulled it all together," said Gesh. During the course of the project,

all three girls became registered as Red Cross volunteers. According to Marino, this project became about more than just getting a good grade in capping.

"So many people are unaware which is sad, it was nice to be able to help make people aware of what they do," said Marino, who plans to continue helping beyond graduation.

"I would want to help after college and called to go on the sight after a fire and help people."

In Dutchess County alone \$80,000 is needed annually for

relief efforts, most of which go to help victims of house fires.

During the relief efforts over the past few months, Dutchess housed 170 displaced Americans in hotels the county. Upwards of \$300,000 was raised for hurricane relief throughout Dutchess County.

Willis McCree, Executive Director, thanked the Marist Community for all their ongoing support.

"I truly appreciate the support we get from Marist," said McCree.

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From Page Four

Dark and unspoken truth now brought to light

with surrounding circumstantial evidence suggesting the reasons were not only criminal, but childish.

For my next point, I will tentatively suspend, though I reserve the right to use in future columns, my opinion that there has been no president in America's history more poorly suited for the task of selecting a Supreme Court justice than George W. Bush. I only bring up the issue because of what has been said in the past by a handful of conservatives about Bush's skills pertaining thereto, as seen

in nominating in John Roberts, and how they became dormant in his selection of Harriet Miers. Conservatives talk of how they want a candidate who will bear in mind the moral fabric of our country and hopefully judge favorably in cases relating to abortion rights and "one nation under God" rights while the liberals are fretting over how such a powerful right-wing influence in the Judiciary branch could have a devastating impact on their political interests. The arguments waged by both sides are carefully articulated to sound as

though they want a good judge possessive of impartiality and fairness who maintains the preservation of the constitution, free of political influence, at heart. I was not convinced by the arguments/grievances of either side, but rather appalled by how transparently artificial they both were, while they were standing on moral soapboxes condemning the other! It was quite disheartening. In my memory, what remains so vivid, as I suspect it shall for years to come, is how the nomination of Miers, seemingly an innocuous choice

by Bush, led to the development of serious tensions between influential Republicans that threatened to outright unravel their party from a state of elaborate intricacy comparable to that of a wedding dress to a chaotic and incoherent heap of cotton fibers. In short, their party would have been crashed.

It is my sincere hope that whoever has read the words above did so with an open mind and a capacity for self-critical assessment. We, as an entire society, have made mistakes through action as well as inaction but we

can never improve ourselves if we are unwilling to concede that this is true. The Republicans are discovering, as the consequences of their deeds begins to unfold, that the truth has a way of surfacing and the results of lying and exploitation can get nasty. The Democrats learned this very lesson when Clinton was in the White House and they made mistakes of a different nature, but were of a similar magnitude, and there were lies involved there as well. But the consequences of Clinton's lies got no one killed, and after exposure, Clinton

sought the forgiveness of the people that had elected him their leader. The current president and his cabinet have made no such reparations, and I am not optimistic they ever will. It appears fundamentally unlikely that a person willing to lie, cheat, deceive and subvert his people so that he can ensure the deaths of numerous people, their culture, and America's diplomatic relationship with them will ever apologize for it.

From Page Five

Freshman looks to resident assistants for advice rather than just discipline

to just stop in, had. There has been no meeting for me, and I was guilty. Two of the people involved, who did receive reports and had their meetings, will be leaving housing come January. Which is a shame, because their last chance was a five minute visit in which they were on their way out before the notorious knock at the door ended the new life they were building. Being his roommate, I listened to the testimonies of one of these students regarding behaving day in and day out.

Besides the slight corruption of the reports made, the reason for entering the room was uncalculated. As a floor, we are aware that

our first few weeks had made us a personal target for authority. Stupidly we did make the mistake of attempting more impulsive acts, however, as cautiously as we could. We were told by the R.A.s on duty, who shall remain nameless, that the reason for entering our room was the smell of a candle, which was not lit ironically. Also, the actual reason of our encounter was noise complaint from a third adviser, one that knew more or less of our location. Interestingly enough, not only was one of our friends not able to find us due to the silent nature of the hallway as he passed up and down, but both surrounding rooms had no idea a

single person had been in the room. It is only fair that we be given the chance to make our own version of incident reports, so we have the possibility to avoid biased notions towards certain individuals.

It is sad to say that some of our advisers decide to abuse the power given to them to rule with an iron fist, believing that the clipboard and CB radio justifies personal revenge on those they do not get along with, almost like the hall monitors and safety patrol on the bus did in fourth grade. Telling on the kid that was different and did not fit into his or her own circle of immature friends. Even the statements of

some advisers, against those of which who are not even their residents, of vowing to "get them kicked, out of housing," have been heard by students in the halls and bathrooms. There is nothing to be done however, due to the way these allegations disappear when they reach the ears of other people of authority.

It seems as though if there is a problem with an R.A., nobody seems to care. We are reduced to lurking in corners and stepping on eggshells everywhere we go. They can choose to write anyone of us up for the most ridiculous of occurrences. Every person you tell will pretend as if it is an issue, act as your friend, and then

shut the door with intentions of forgetting the conversation ever took place. If they want us out, we will be out. The select few that wish to help however can't. Those of which, whom are compassionate and feel for the students, are frowned upon by the other R.A.s. Their efforts to help and be good-natured, are seen almost as a crime, and just get them into trouble.

All we have is time before we lose a vital piece of our family. Like most parents, theirs will not allow them to stay if they are stripped of housing. They will be going home.

There is nothing left for us to do. We have talked to everyone

we can, and said all we can. With the ideas of protest in our minds, they are shot down by the doubtfulness of effectiveness. A petition cannot even be accepted because we are a private institution. Even if the entire student body was to back up the cause, there would be nothing to come of it. That is why I am writing this letter, to see if there is even one person out there who cares. Even one person who could help make this ideal a reality. Maybe that's all it takes.

— Erik Sassone
Freshman

Student questions safety of Marist guest policy and other security practices

gets behind the wheel drunk they are not only endangering themselves but other innocent people

as well. Posters and bulletin boards can be seen throughout Marist buildings quoting statistics

and facts about the dangers of drunk driving. Security is intended to keep the Marist com-

munity a safe place for everyone. Although it may have been against policy to be drinking in

our residence hall, both our guest and everyone on the road that night would have been safer if he

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— A concerned student

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Special-interest floors house freshmen with common ties

By KATHRYN ZWEIFEL
Circle Contributor

While it is typical for students to claim they live in the academic buildings designated for their major, some freshmen this year really are living where they are learning.

Last year, Marist Housing introduced a new program into a freshman dorm—the science floor of Champagnat Hall, specifically reserved for freshmen with science majors. This school year, Champagnat Hall is host to two specialized floors called “living and learning communities.” They cater to freshmen involved in community service or majoring in science.

According to Sarah English, director of Housing and Residential Life, plans for the

program began when the science department approached Housing a few years ago, suggesting that the freshmen involved in the sciences be housed together. Last year, Housing implemented the program, which received about 30 applicants. This year, three floors were proposed: Community service, science, and emerging leaders. Although not enough incoming freshmen expressed interest in the emerging leaders program to warrant their own floor, twice as many students applied for the science floor. The community service program proved popular among freshmen as well.

“We like to have floors for people who want to do more than the typical activities we offer,” English said. “We are pulling academics into the residential setting. Students have the oppor-

tunity to have dinners with faculty, meet with upperclassmen about majors, and have review sessions with upperclassmen for lab classes.”

Kerri Aris, a freshman with a

double major in biology and education, said that she signed up for the program because there was

so much she wanted to do. Aris said she thought it would be helpful to live with students who had the same classes she did, and said that she would most likely take advantage of similar programs if they were ever offered in upperclassmen residence

areas. Living on the science floor “makes life easier,” Aris said. “Biology is a demanding major, so having people right there with you makes it easier.”

Housing approached Campus

Ministry about forming a community service floor this year as well.

—Sarah English
Director, Housing and Residential Life

According to Jamie Williams, campus minister and advisor for the community service floor, so far, the experience has been worthwhile. Students on the community service floor must adhere to only two requirements, Williams said. They must be part of one of the

weekly service programs, and be available to meet every other week to spend time with the other students on the floor to reflect on their community service experiences. Students also participate in other programs, such as hall dinners and special community service trips.

“The best part of this program is that these students are a group of people with different experiences of service getting together,” Williams said. “Most of the time, they learn more from each other than the community service itself.”

Freshman Kristen Hayes, a resident on the community service floor, said that she had done a lot of community service in high school, and saw the program as a way to continue with it as well as be a part of a “family.”

In the future, Housing plans to

implement similar programs in Leo Hall. English said the plan is to use one of the floors with a lounge, and convert the lounge to a library or study for a particular group. Other plans include combining freshman and sophomores in an area such as Marian Hall to cater to specific interests, programs, or study areas. English also said student suggestions for living and learning communities are always welcome, whether students are interested in having a residence of people who choose not to drink or smoke, or those with other lifestyle preferences and academic interests. She said that at one point, Housing was approached to create a vegan area in Gartland Commons. “We own housing. We can work with you to make it happen,” English said.

From Page Seven

High-end fashion brought to the masses, pope indulges in Gucci

McCartney is an important presence in the fashion world, known for her innovative, “girly” aesthetic. H&M offers McCartney’s trendy but wearable silver chain mesh bracelets, slinky charmeuse dresses, skinny ankle-zip trousers, silk-screened tees, oversized sweaters, satin bomber jackets and severely tailored blazers.

The best element of the new line? Definitely its price.

Each piece has been refabricated and reinterpreted to meet H&M’s famously modest pricing. Ranging from a \$9.90 panther keychain to a \$199 black, double-breasted tuxedo overcoat, the entire collection could be purchased for less than the price tag on one of McCartney’s chic, signature suits.

The limited-edition line debuted last week at select H&M locations worldwide, including

at H&M’s Fifth Avenue flagship store in Manhattan. Throngs of devoted and immaculately dressed fans began lining up outside at three am in hopes of getting their hands on the goods first when the store opened at ten. Marist students interested in purchasing the line will should cross their fingers and hop on the next Metro North train; the Galleria won’t be receiving McCartney’s chic collection. Six New York

City branches carry the line, though most sold out of their entire stock last week.

The devil may wear Prada, but so does the pope.

Almost immediately after landing his new job, Benedict XVI made waves when he dismissed the tailors who have outfitted over two centuries worth of popes.

Known to sport Gucci sun-

glasses and red leather Prada loafers under his traditional cassock, Benedict prefers tailor Alessandro Cattaneo, who has dressed him since his years as a cardinal. He’s also a fan of Raniero Mancinelli, a well-established Italian religious-fashion house, which has created a series of stunning new vestments. A few are dazzling, channel circus or vaudeville style, embellished with

sparkling, sequinlike accents.

Benedict was recently disappointed by a high-water-worthy cassock made by the Annibale Gammarelli tailors, who have had a dress contract with the papacy since 1972. The Gammarelli group will have to toughen up or risk losing their devout, but stylistically demanding, high-profile customer.

A late-night and destructive case of the munchies strikes a group of comrades

finally home. Will was next to me on the futon, alternating between the bacon, egg and cheese and the slice of pizza we had picked up on the way back. I studied him for a moment, and

concluded that his eyes were so far closed that I could have easily blindfolded him with dental floss. Jake nodded in agreement.

I had just finished my late-night snacks, and headed to the

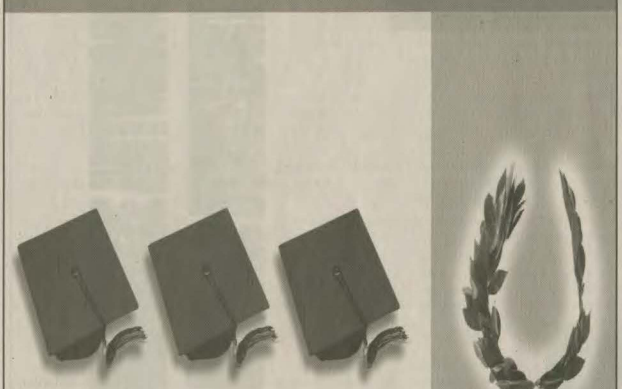
kitchen to search for some more food. When I returned, Will was leaning on his side with a plate of a half eaten sandwich balancing on his stomach and a nearly full slice of buffalo chicken pizza to

his left. I reached across the table, surreptitiously aiming for the food. Just as I clasped the crust, I heard, “That’s mine!” He wrapped his hand around the slice, cheese oozing in between

his fingers and yanked it out of my hands. Will then proceeded to smush the entire remains into his mouth with his palm, spilling chicken onto his lap and smearing sauce onto the sides of his

mouth. Then, like the feeling of a whip just after being cracked, the life was taken out of him and he passed out in an instant. Jake and I stared, trapped in between amazement and disgust.

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Torero scores four touchdowns to ruin Foxes' SoCal trip

By NATE FIELDS
Staff Writer

In a game dominated by two high-powered offenses, the Marist football team fell to Division I-AA's, number-one ranked San Diego University, 42-35, last Saturday at Torero Stadium.

The Foxes failed to hold an early 14-0 lead, as San Diego evened the score at halftime, and proceeded to pour on 28 points in the second half.

The loss was Marist's fourth of the waning season.

Head coach Jim Parady said that despite the loss, the team gave a strong performance.

"I was not happy with the outcome; obviously it was a loss," he said. "But I was very happy with the intensity and effort we put forth."

After surrendering just 14 first half points, the Red Foxes' defense failed to contain San Diego's offense (which averages over 40 points per contest) in the

second half. The teams traded touchdowns until the fourth quarter when San Diego capitalized on a Red Fox turnover and went on to 42-28.

After Marist scored a touchdown to get within seven points, the Toreros recovered Marist's outside kick to end the start of a comeback.

Marist started the game with momentum, as junior defensive back Huck Correia intercepted Josh Johnson's pass, ending San Diego's first drive of the game. After a 10-yard return by Correia, the Marist offense set up shop.

Almost six minutes and twelve plays later, sophomore running back Bo Ehikioya bulldozed into the end zone from a yard out to give Marist an early 7-0 advantage. It was Ehikioya's 13th touchdown of the season.

On San Diego's ensuing possession, three plays produced only five yards, and the Toreros were forced to punt. Marist's special teams came up with a block,

however, handing the ball back to the offense deep in San Diego territory.

With first and goal from the nine-yard line, Marist quarterback James Luft lofted a high pass to senior Guy Smith, who ran a fade route in the corner of the end zone. Smith corralled the pass, and set the Marist record for touchdown receptions in a season with his sixth.

Parady said that building a 14-0 lead on the road against the best mid-major team in the country pumped the team up.

"We had gained a lot of confidence and momentum, but knew we had to keep playing," he said.

The Torero offense, which had put up 60 or more points in its previous two games, then started to find its rhythm.

Johnson found his favorite receiver Adam Hannula for a 15-yard scoring strike at the 8:57, bringing the score to 14-7. On San Diego's next possession, running back Jon Polk scored the first of his four touchdowns on

the day.

Having each dominated a quarter of the first half, the teams entered halftime tied 14-14.

After Marist punted to open the second half, the Toreros took just two plays to reach the Marist one-yard line. Polk punched in his second touchdown, giving his team a 21-14 advantage.

After freshman Nick Andre returned San Diego's kickoff to the 35-yard line, Luft again stepped into the spotlight. He picked up huge blocks from both Ehikioya and junior running back Frankie Farrington and sprinted 65 yards into the end zone. It was Luft's 5th rushing touchdown of the season, and it evened the score at 21.

The scoring parade continued for San Diego, as Johnson completed all three of his pass attempts. He later scored from two yards out.

Marist responded in good fashion. On third down and 16, Luft found junior receiver Andrew Smith for 21 yards and a first

down.

Later during the possession, Luft dropped back to pass and eyed his favorite target, Guy Smith, who hauled in the pass and gained 53 yards to the San Diego six-yard line.

Parady said Luft and Smith responded well to each other on the field.

"He [Smith] and Luft have a special connection," he said. "He is our go-to receiver, when we need a play, we look to him."

Smith has accumulated over 600 yards receiving this year, and is averaging a whopping 15.2 yards per reception.

Two plays later, at the 2:22 mark in the third quarter, Ehikioya had his second touchdown of the game.

The Torero's then chewed up over five minutes of clock, mounting an eleven-play drive that was capped by Polk's third touchdown.

With San Diego leading 35-28, Torero Philip Bretsch intercepted James Luft at the San Diego 43-

yard line. Bretsch returned the interception 55 yards down to Marist's two-yard line.

It took Polk two rushes to catch in his fourth score of the game, giving them a 14 point lead.

Andre fumbled the kickoff return, but the Torero's failed to capitalize on the good field position, handing the ball back to Marist after failing to convert on fourth down.

The Foxes then put together perhaps their most impressive drive of the season. Luft guided the offense 75 yards in just over two minutes, handing it to Ehikioya for a one-yard score.

Despite the loss, Marist moved up one spot in the mid-major polls to number four.

Coach Parady said he knows his team opened some eyes despite the loss.

"We gained a lot of respect outside our community, just by the score," he said.

Marist will finish up the season this Saturday, Nov. 19 at home against Stony Brook.

Falco, Fontaine's individual efforts maintain Foxes' undefeated streak

By DREW BUDD
Staff Writer

Last Saturday afternoon, at the James J. McCann Natatorium, the Marist women's swimming and diving team defeated Fairfield 178-106, keeping their undefeated season, 3-0 overall, 2-0 MAAC, intact.

Marist was led by sophomore Jamie Falco and senior Jackie Fontaine, both of which won

two individual events.

Falco took the top position in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.90, and she also took part in the 200-yard backstroke, which she finished with a time of 2:33.69.

Falco was followed by junior Ashley Papuga in the 100-yard event with a time of 1:03.45. Papuga, most notably, won the 200-yard event with a finish time of 2:14.01.

In each event that Fontaine won, Marist took the top three positions.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, she led everyone with a 1:05.55 finish time. Freshman Savannah Puca took second in the event with a time of 1:10.95, and Laura Pepin took third in 1:13.65.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Fontaine again led everyone by finishing with a time of 5:17.01.

In the 500-yard event, Marist took the second and third positions with senior Karen Fleckenstein finishing in 5:18.15, and freshman Kelsea Fortner finishing in 5:33.26, respectively.

Freshman Jennifer Silva won the 100-yard freestyle in 58.32 seconds, and junior Jessica Paul finished in first place in the 50-yard freestyle in 26.73 seconds. Paul also finished third in the

200-yard backstroke in 2:22.14.

In the 200-yard butterfly event, freshman Sandra Bujalski took the top seed with a finish time of 2:13.14 while teammate Fortner finishing in second place in 2:19.47.

In diving, the Red Foxes took all three top seeds in the one and three-meter events.

Senior Meghan Duffy took first in the one meter with a score of 271.65. She was followed by

sophomore Melissa Mangona with a score of 246, and junior Anna Sanner with 239.95.

Mangona took first place off the three-meter board with a score of 274.75. Duffy took second with a 266.65 score, and Sanner took third with 232.

The Marist women will travel to Baltimore, Md. on Friday, Dec. 2 as they compete against Catholic University, Niagara University and Loyola College.

Multiple Red Foxes compete highly in classroom as well as during team matches

By ANDY ALONGI
Co-Sports Editor

After the regular season ended, the accolades continued coming into Marist College for the men and women's soccer teams.

The two teams totaled 12 players who were named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) All-Academic Team. The women's soccer team took nine spots while the men filled up three vacancies on the list.

To be considered for this prestigious honor, a student-athlete must foster a minimum 3.2 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. The players must have completed at least two semesters at their college or university, and be significant starters or reserves according to maacsports.com.

The Red Foxes had the fourth most athletes on the team, only behind Manhattan, Fairfield (league champion), Iona and

Siena.

Elizabeth Roper M.A., Marist women's soccer coach, said school work remains one of the primary concerns for her players.

"I've been in education my entire life," she said. "I have a masters [degree] in education. In our individual meetings I always ask how classes are going."

Of the nine women named to the MAAC All-Academic Team, two were placed on the list for the first time. Sophomore Liz Herber, undrafted major, boasts a GPA of 3.80. Herber saw time as a goalkeeper this season earning a 2-1 win over Canisius this year.

Classmate Melanie Ondrejik, a psychology/special education major had a 3.87 GPA, which was the team high and the highest GPA among sophomores in the MAAC. On the field, Ondrejik started all 19 contests for the Red Foxes this season and scored the game winning

goal on a penalty kick against Manhattan on Sept. 23.

Four juniors were given this honor for the second consecutive season. Lauren Dziedzic, Kristen Leonard, Jenna McCrory, and Brittany Shellington maintained 3.70, 3.38, 3.61, and 3.20 GPA's, respectively. Dziedzic, McCrory, and Shellington played in all 19 games this season. Leonard played in 16 games and recorded a crucial insurance goal against Siena, giving the Red Foxes a place in one of the MAAC semifinal games.

The final three players named to the team were seniors. Captains Kat Murray and Amanda Kulik earned a spot on the team for a third time, while senior Ashley Johnson was named to the team for her second season. Murray has a GPA of 3.49, Kulik earned a 3.86, and Johnson maintained a 3.55 GPA.

The awards did not stop at MAAC All-Academic Team for

Kulik. She was also named to the 2005 CoSIDA Academic All-America District I Second Team. The district covers the Northeast and part of Canada and only 11 players were picked for both teams. She was one of only four defencemen selected.

Tim Murray, athletic director, Marist College, said that this is a great accomplishment for Kulik.

"We are very proud of [Amanda] Kulik and we've had a number of athletes on Academic All-American teams," he said. "This is definitely an outstanding achievement for any athlete."

The team improved on a 4-14-1 record and finished their 2005 campaign 5-12-2 overall and 3-5-1 in the MAAC. This season was the first under coach Roper, who led Marist to their first playoff game since 2001. However, they fell in the MAAC semifinals to Niagara, the number two seed in the tournament.

Roper, women's soccer coach,

said the team was very competitive during the playoffs.

"The win up us where we should be in the MAAC conference," she said. "We knew we would be competitive with anyone we faced. The young women played so confident in that [the quarterfinal] game. We were out there looking to win and everyone contributed. You look at any other MAAC team, and they didn't have every player on the field; we did that."

The men's soccer program also raked in post-season honors, naming three players to the MAAC All-Academic Team. Senior Tomislav Rogic was named to the team with a 3.44 GPA in athletic training, and was also named to the MAAC first team.

Also making the grade for the Red Foxes were senior Bruno Machado and sophomore Damien Caputo with GPAs of 3.34 and 3.32, respectively.

Murray said these statistics validate the good work being done by our coaches and players.

"I think it [the amount of athletes] validates the good work our coaches are doing," he said. "Obviously it shows what the athletes are doing. We want the athletes to be competitive in the classroom as well as on the field. I am equally proud of their academic accomplishments as well as their championships."

The men's season continues after they repeated as MAAC champions for the second consecutive season. They defeated Fairfield, 2-1, last Sunday in the final round of the MAAC championship.

Their season will continue as they face-off against St. John's University, the 11th best team in the nation. The Red Storm will host the Foxes on Friday, Nov. 18 with the game scheduled to kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

Cochrane and Lux honored on Senior Day at James J. McCann Center, team falls to Peahens

By MATT ANGRISANI
Staff Writer

The Marist volleyball team was defeated by St. Peter's last Saturday, 3-0, in their final regular season game.

Seniors Meghan Cochrane and Katie Lux were honored for Senior Day.

Meaghan Cochrane has been Marist's setter for four years and

one of the team's captains. One of her great accomplishments is holding the Marist record for career assists. Katie Lux is Marist's libero, team captain, and has been awarded with Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Defensive Player of the Week honors in the past.

St. Peter's took control of the contest early, holding a dominant lead throughout most of the first

game. Marist attempted a comeback when Sally Hanson re-entered the game but fell short, losing the first game 30-20.

Marist looked like a new team in game two, quickly taking a lead against St. Peter's. However, the Peahens took back control and won the second game 30-18.

St. Peter's got off to an early lead in game three, but Marist

did not go down easily, getting inspiration from the loud McCann crowd. The contest was a see-saw match with more lead changes than the first two games combined. St. Peter's went on a streak at the end and took the final game 30-25, winning the match 3-0.

In her final game in the McCann Center, Cochrane added to her school record in career

assists, recording 23 against St. Peter's. Lux was a defensive presence in her final game, recording 16 digs in the match. Junior Jaime Kenworthy led the Red Foxes offensively with eight kills for the match.

Three St. Peter's players had double-digit kills and Serra Soyoul led the Peahens with a double-double, 15 kills and 14 digs. Sasha Pshenyckha and

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Foxes repeat as MAAC champs, next up St. John's

By GABE PERNA
Staff Writer

Testaments to the old adage, coach Bobby Herodes and his team believe that history has repeated itself this season.

Marist entered the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) tournament as the number three seed in consecutive years while coming away as champions for the second straight year.

Marist defeated the host and top-ranked Fairfield Stags, 2-1, this past Sunday, giving them their second straight NCAA tournament berth. The Foxes will play the St. John's Red Storm in the first round of the tournament on Nov. 18th at 7:30 p.m.

"It's remarkable, really that's the best way you can put it," said head coach Bobby Herodes. "So many things were stacked against us. Some kids really stepped it up."

To say things were stacked against the Foxes might be an understatement.

For starters, Marist was playing without the services of starting defenseman Dustin Byrnes, and the game was played at Lessing Field on the campus of Fairfield.

Add on Fairfield's national ranking (they were ranked 20th),

their undefeated MAAC record, and the fact that they had only given up two goals in their past ten games, it is a wonder why Marist stepped on the field in the first place.

But once the Foxes stepped onto the field, they never looked back.

The confident Stags, who were used to beating up on teams and taking them out early, failed to respond to Marist's persistent defense in the first half.

"We'd like to be the first Marist team to win an NCAA tournament game and advance to the second round."

"Luis Andre, Matt Mones, and Ben Castor just shut down the Fairfield team for 88 minutes," said Herodes. "Tom Rogic, Benny [Castor], Matt [Mones] and David Aucar are guys you want to talk about as having true team spirit and true team effort."

The defense, along with sophomore goalkeeper Daniel Owens, kept Marist in the game as they held off a Fairfield attack that included six shots, three on net and a few near scores.

Owens made an amazing save in the 33rd minute when he stopped a close shot by Fairfield striker Sam Bailey. He was later

named to the MAAC tournament team.

Defense remained the constant as the second half began. The teams remained scoreless, but things would not stay that way for long.

At the 56th minute mark, junior forward Keith Detelj broke the ice off a pass from Chris Nacca. Detelj was hit in stride by Nacca and nailed the ball to the upper left corner from ten yards away.

Detelj scored three of Marist's four tournament goals and was named tournament MVP for the second straight year.

Against Fairfield, besides scoring the first goal of the game, he had two other shots on goal against the Stags. He also set up the second and game-winning goal scored by freshman Steve Fantuzzo.

Being the offensive catalyst is nothing new for Detelj, who led the MAAC in shots and shots per game. He was also fourth in the conference in goals and points during the season. However, Detelj is not the bragging type or one to pound his own chest.

"I couldn't have done anything without the help from my teammates," Detelj said.

Detelj's corner kick at the 70th minute mark took a strange bounce, eventually striking the cross bar. The ball was later smacked into the back of the net thanks to Fantuzzo.

The two point differential was enough, despite a late Fairfield goal with minutes remaining in the game.

Next up for the Foxes is Big East powerhouse St. John's at Benson Stadium. The Red Storm came into the tournament carrying an at-large bid with a 9-5-5 record and a 3-1-2 record against ranked teams.

Coach Herodes said he hopes his team can make some noise and knock off St. John's and advance further than last year when they fell to the University of Connecticut, 2-1, in overtime.

"We'd like to make some history," he said. "We'd like to be the first Marist team to win an NCAA tournament game and advance to the second round."

Junior Keith Detelj works in the MAAC championship game against a Fairfield defender. Detelj scored the first goal for the Foxes and was named MAAC Tournament MVP. The Foxes will face St. John's in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



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Huskies too strong for Foxes

By JOSEPH FERRARY
Staff Writer

The ninth-ranked University of Connecticut Huskies women's basketball team outscored the Red Foxes by 23 points in the second half to pull away for a 71-45 victory in the first round of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) in Storrs, Conn. last Saturday evening.

The Huskies were led by sophomore guard Mel Thomas who scored 18 of her game-high 23 points, including three three-pointers, in the second half. Ann Strother, a preseason candidate for the Wooden Award, added 20 points while grabbing seven rebounds for the Huskies.

The Red Foxes were led by preseason Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) player of the year, Fifi Camara. She was limited to just 12 points and seven rebounds.

"It is very different playing a school like UConn," Camara said. "They are very big and physical. Even the guards are physical, too."

Red-shirt sophomore Meg Dahlman was the only other Marist player to score in double figures with 10 points.

The Huskies opened the game up with a 12-4 run over the first seven minutes of the game, but Marist kept the game close with a three pointer by Camara to cut the lead to just 5, 12-7, with 13:11 to go in the first half.

The Husky lead would grow back to eight points with 5:34 left in the first half when the Red Foxes went on a 6-0 run to slice the lead to just two points, 19-17, thanks to the help of sophomore guard Nikki Flores four points during the run.

The Red Foxes would cut the lead to just one point after Flores's three-pointer with 2:25 left in the first half. Despite only shooting 30 percent from the floor in the first half, Marist only trailed 27-24.

Head coach Brian Giorgis said he was very pleased with how his team played during the first half.

"We played great for the first 25 minutes of the game," he said.

"Geno [Auriemma, UConn Head Coach], went in at half time and made his adjustments to an all-guard lineup. He stuck with it and it worked. That's what makes Geno, Geno."

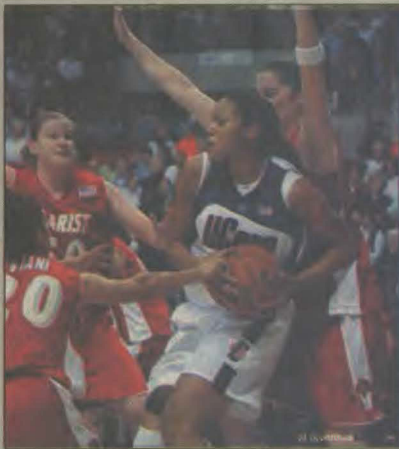
UConn opened the second half with a 5-0 run and increased their lead to 32-24 with 17:03 left in the half. Marist closed the lead to just two points when

junior guard Alisa Kresge hit a three-pointer, 32-30, with 15:40 remaining. That would be as close as the Red Foxes would get.

Thomas hit one of her three, second-half three-pointers, which sparked a 9-0 run for the Huskies and saw the Husky lead increase to 41-30. UConn then went on a 17-0 run at the 7:07 mark and had their biggest lead of the game 31 points, 69-38. The Red Foxes scored the last five points on the game to make the final score 71-45.

The Red Foxes shot only 30 percent from the floor while UConn shot 50 percent.

The Red Foxes will be back in action for their home open against Villanova this Friday, Nov. 19 at the McCann Center.



The Red Foxes' defense swarms sophomore forward Brittany Hunter. The team held the Huskies offense to just 27 points in the first half.

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