

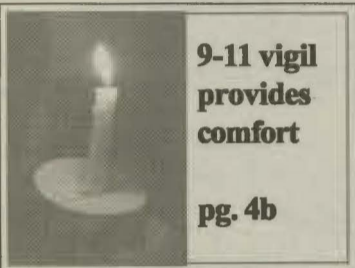
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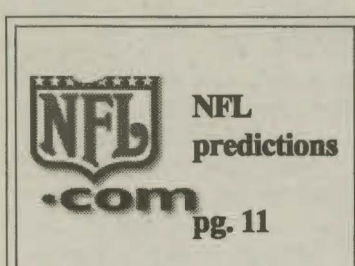
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Ethernet card gets mixed reactions



by **ED WILLIAMS III**
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Copy Editor

The switch to the new Ethernet system has gotten mixed reviews among Marist students.

Over the summer, there was a \$3.6 million campus-wide network overhaul from a token ring system to an Ethernet card system. To facilitate the conversion process, the ResNet swat team patrolled the campus helping students switch from token ring to Ethernet card during the first two weeks of school. The new connection is faster and more compatible with developing technologies, but some students have concerns.

In the past, students had to pay \$300 for the token ring and, in some cases, needed to upgrade their operating systems. In an effort to reimburse the students, Marist has supplied the Ethernet cards free of charge, and offered the upgraded Windows XP for a fraction of the retail price. Some students, however, feel as though this was not enough.

"I feel like my parents wasted \$300 on a token ring. We should have been compensated," said sophomore Allison Raggie.

"I think they are a big improvement from the token ring, but I wish we didn't have to pay so much in the first place," said student Abraham Nseir.

Yet, another issue arises. Most computers manufactured in the past two years come with Ethernet cards. Students that purchased a token ring for \$300

last year, and already own a computer equipped with an Ethernet card do not reap the benefits of the reimbursement.

Despite the efforts to install a faster internet connection, most students believe the Ethernet card is the complete opposite. "It's a lot slower, [and I] get kicked off a lot," says senior Greg Vernaci.

According to a memo from Roy H. Merolli to the Marist campus, IBM, CISCO and Marist Network staff have identified the problem causing students to be randomly disconnected from the campus network. The team has applied the necessary software fix and feels that all problems have been corrected. They advise that any student experiencing difficulties to contact the IT Help Desk at extension 4357 or ResNet at extension 3135.

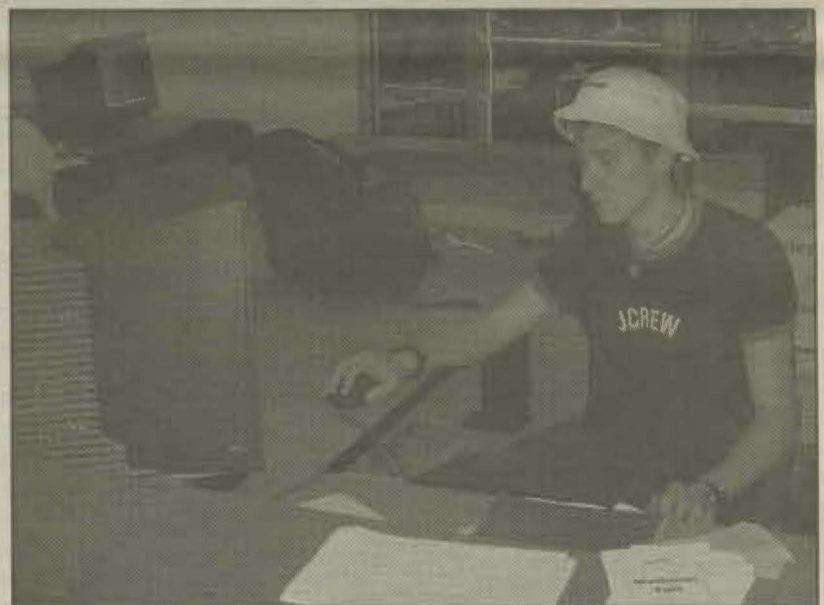


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Top: The Donnelly computer lab, the home of late-night workers. Above: Rick Ambrosio puts in quality time at Donnelly.

Internet access limited in labs

by **ALISSA BREW**
Staff Writer

Signing onto a computer in Donnelly lab isn't so easy anymore. Neither in the library. The labs are always populated, despite the fact that many people are being turned away. Anyone who does not possess a k-account cannot log in at the labs. The reason behind this new security feature is a startling one.

According to *The Circle's* correspondents, people were using the computers to gain access to websites containing pornographic

material. When confronted with this statement, Harry Williams, Director of Technology and Systems, did not refute this report, but did say, "Students should have primary access...we are trying to reduce the non-students' usage." By using the k-account, Marist's Systems Department hopes to increase "equipment availability" and deter any wrongful usage.

Both Donnelly and the library's labs are filled with IBM computers that are Internet enabled through the new Ethernet system. These centers were built to offer students and faculty a means of obtaining

information for academic purposes. The Donnelly lab is open 24-hours all year long, which comes in handy during midterms and finals, especially because the library closes around midnight. They offer a quiet setting to do your work and research at no cost. To the community, this would seem like a valuable resource as well, and up until recently it was available to anyone. Unfortunately, they were overused and people took advantage of it for the wrong purposes. The k-account is a code used to

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Security Briefs



compiled by **ED WILLIAMS III**
Community Editor

Sunday 9/15

The guest of a Midrise student was spotted by security wandering the dorm's hall in what appeared to be a drunken stupor. After investigating the student's level of intoxication further, the student was sent to St. Francis Hospital.

Sunday 9/15

A party was abruptly interrupted by security at about 1:50 a.m. in Upper West Cedar, Y Block. Security was called after the RD suspected alcohol consumption, and 11 cans of Busch Beer was confiscated. An unauthorized guest was also on the premises and had to leave the campus.

Sunday 9/15

Joining the ranks of alcohol confiscation was Marion Hall at 11:06 p.m. The short list of beverages taken from the premises consisted of a six-pack of Mike's Hard Iced Tea and three 12 oz. cans of Bud Light.

Saturday 9/14

Two students underestimated the alcohol detection skills of security guards on duty at the South Gate entrance at about 9:40 p.m. The security guards were at the entrance because of the football game on Leonidoff Field and were quick to notice the not-so-concealed 24, 12 oz. cans of Natural Light Beer. The tasty beverages were confiscated, and the students were left thirsty.

Saturday 9/14

The tunnel by the boathouses was the scene of a car accident at 9:30 a.m. A 1994 Chevy Suburban and a 1996 Ford Explorer met in a head-on collision. No injuries were reported, but the battle of the vehicles was won by the Ford Explorer. The Chevy had to be towed away with extensive damage, while the Explorer escaped relatively unscathed with minor damage.

Saturday 9/14

After partying a bit too hard at an off-campus party, a Leo student sought refuge in the dorm's lounge. He was spotted by the RA's, and after realizing his condition, he was properly reprimanded and told to stick to Root Beer.

Friday 9/13

The location: Champagnat Breezeway. The time: 12:35 p.m. The Event: A 12-round fight between two skilled fighters. Well, maybe not exactly. One of the spectators feared for the lives of the two combatants after witnessing the brutality and called security to stop the fight. Security responded, but when they arrived on the scene the fight had already met its conclusion, which as of press time is unknown.

Friday 9/13

A student trying to get the attention of someone in an H block townhouse decided that the easiest way to accomplish her goal was to hurl a "small stone" at the window. The "small stone" penetrated its way through the window at about 11:00 a.m. as the glass shattered. Security spotted the incident and asked the student with the bionic arm why they didn't use the doorbell instead. The student's reply was, "I don't know." Mechanical services saved the day, though, and repaired the window.

Friday 9/13

A couple of unauthorized visitors were caught in Marion Hall at about 4:05 p.m. They were told to leave the campus, and they left without incident. They attempted to sneak back onto the premises later in the day, but they could not elude the watchful eyes of the security staff. This time, the Town of Poughkeepsie police were brought onto the scene and arrested the unauthorized guests for trespassing.

Friday 9/13

After noticing a student "falling" all over in between Donnelly and Champagnat at 1:39 a.m., security investigated the situation. The

student whose walking skills had been temporarily impaired was believed to be intoxicated, not just clumsy, and sent to St. Francis Hospital.

Sunday 9/8

Vandalism has made its triumphant return to the security briefs a mere six days into the semester. Marion Hall was its first victim. The security guard on patrol noticed several pieces of furniture turned upside down, a couch with a broken arm and leg, cushions strewn about and a piano tipped over. The couch is currently being treated for its ailing arm and leg.

Sunday 9/8

Opening day of the Beer Pong season in Lower West Cedar, P Block was cut short at 1:00 a.m. when security called the game on account of alcohol policy violations. Fifteen students were engaged in heated competitions, but no true winner could be crowned. Empty beer cans were found and the table was removed.

Thursday 9/5

If you thought security just sit in their vans all day in Upper West Cedar, just ask this W Block student if that's the case. A security guard spotted the student aiming a B.B. gun rifle out his W Block, first-floor, kitchen window at about 12:15 a.m. Security bravely snuck up to the window without the student knowing and yelled out, "Security!" The student ran away, but the persistent security guard was determined to catch the hoodlum as he jumped through the open window after him. He chased the student outside, past the Y Block, and the student temporarily escaped. Some T Block students confirmed that they had seen the student with the rifle, so security continued the chase. St. Francis security later spotted the same student on their premises and informed Marist security. The security guard's dedication and diligence led to the confiscation of the B.B. gun rifle, and no one was hurt.



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Campus Corner

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are back in black, and they're going to be on the Champagnat green! Come check out the free showing of Men In Black II Thursday, Sept. 19 at 9:00 p.m.

Join the fun at the Mardi Bob Hoe Bowl as The Marist Bowling Club hosts its first bowling trip Wednesday, Sept. 25. \$6 will get you three games of bowling, transportation and shoe rental. The bus will leave at 9:00 p.m. from Donnelly. Registrations for the club's league have begun. Go to <http://maristonline.com/bowling> to register. The deadline is Monday, Sept. 28 at 8:00 p.m. Call Secretary Ed Williams III at x4622 for more information.

Come enjoy the comedic stylings of Kevin Hart Saturday, Sept. 21 at 9:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room in the Student Center. You may recognize Hart from appearances on Fox's *Undeclared*, B.E.T.'s *Comic View* and *Showtime at the Apollo*. Free refreshments will also be served, and admission is free with a valid Marist ID.

Listen to the soothing sounds of Katy Paffl at the Coffeehouse event on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 9:00 p.m. The concert will take place in the Performing Arts Room, and admission is free with a valid Marist ID. Refreshments will also be served.

Marist College Singers proudly presents a cancer benefit concert on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002. The concert will take place at 8:00 p.m.

in the Chapel. Donations are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions call the music department at x3232.

SPC presents Rusted Root with special guest Mike Doherty on Thursday, Sept. 26. Tickets are \$2 for students with a valid Marist ID. The show starts at 8:00 p.m., and the doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Policy planning staff member of the U.S. State Department, Jon Alterman will be giving a lecture called "Engaging Islam" on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in Student Center room 349. The program is sponsored by the Marist College School of Liberal Arts Political Science Department.

Come dance the night away at Club Affairs' sponsored Dance-a-thon to benefit the American Red Cross. Music from the 1970's, 80's, 90's and today will fill the Student Center's rooms 348, 348A and 349 on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The 21 Society presents the Welcome Back Bash on Friday, Sept. 20 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Cabaret. \$4 will get you 4 tickets that can be redeemed for drinks. The tickets can be purchased beforehand or at the door. Remember to bring your valid Marist ID as well as your Driver's License for age verification. There will also be a D.J. on hand as well as subs and snacks. For more information call Erin at x4163.

ATTENTION MARIST STUDENTS AND FACULTY!!!

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Bank of New York will begin to exercise their right to have vehicles towed from the bank parking lot.

The Bank property is private property and customers and employees have preference to park there.

It is acceptable to park there in the evenings after the bank is closed and on the weekends.

The bank's hours are Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.



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Cross donated by alumni

by **CHRIS TOMKINSON**
Staff Writer

Charlie Vitchers, a Marist alumni of 2001, donated to the college a Celtic cross made from one of the I-beams of the Twin Towers.

Vitchers made this cross along with a friend who is an ironworker. The piece, which is one of three that Vitchers made from debris, stands three feet tall, weighs between 90 and 150 pounds, and was made in a little more than two and a half hours.

Vitchers received the beams, after going down to Ground Zero in Sept. 2001. Being turned away for experienced help, he then returned in Oct. to receive a job clearing out the site. His father is the superintendent of cleanup at Ground Zero and Vitchers took the beams from the site while steel was just being re-

moved.

Later in Mar. and April 2002, people started requesting steel from the debris to be made into memorials. Vitchers chose to make the Celtic cross because he liked

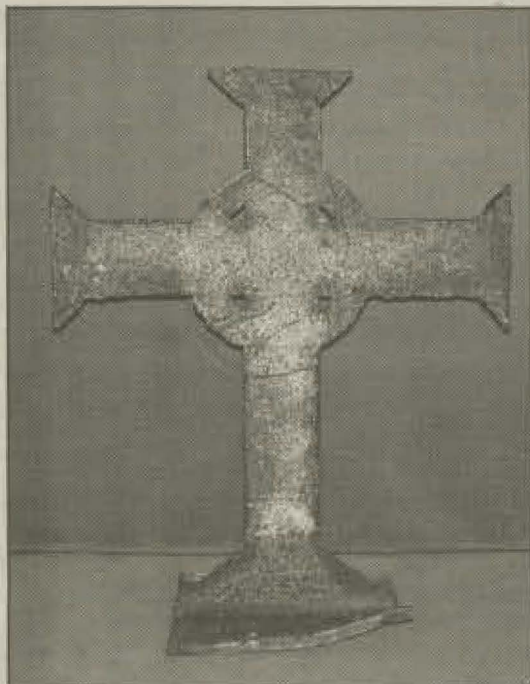


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Celtic cross from Ground Zero now located in Chapel.

the way it looked along with consideration that a number of the original Marist brothers were Irish, as well as his grandfather. Vitchers donated the cross, and it was blessed at the 12:05 mass on September 11, 2002.

Marian's new look



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Marist tried out several looks for Marian Hall last spring. A new and improved residence was unveiled this semester.

Gartland Commons gets a facelift



Renovations began in Gartland Commons this past week.

Ralph Short, Grounds Supervisor, said that the G-block of Gartland was ripped up due to complaints that the sidewalk was deteriorating.

"We try to do a little [paving of sidewalks] each year just as a safety thing."

The sidewalk is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

Left: Bulldozers worked all day Mon. ripping up concrete on the G-block. Bottom left: Workers sit back and look fondly at their progress. Below: Two Gartland students side-step the danger of the bulldozer. Right: Three students strategize a plan to get around mesh fence.

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FEATURES



Hudson Valley: Alternative fun for students



The Vanderbilt Mansion is just one of the many historical sites the Hudson Valley region has to offer as an alternative to the party scene.

by ALI REINA
Staff Writer

Drinking and partying is the agenda for much of the Marist population come Fri. and Sat. nights. What some fail to realize is that being in the heart of the Hudson Valley region are many places that offer rich history and culture, and provides a plethora of activities ranging from bowling to pumpkin picking.

In addition, the College Activities office can be reached at x3279, and they usually provide fun activity options for students. Melinda Martinez of College Activities said there are mall trips every Sat., Broadway trips throughout the year with a Marist student discount, and occasional trips to Six Flags Great Adventure.

If you're still stumped as to what to do, here are some options for enjoying the Hudson Valley outside of campus:

1. New York City — For \$20 round-trip you can take a train ride into Grand Central Station. Trains begin leaving the Poughkeepsie Train Station at 6 a.m. and the last train departs at 2 a.m.

2. Roller Magic — Located on

Route 9 in Hyde Park, this roller skating arena has a snack bar and arcade.

3. Hoe Bowl — Traditional bowling on Route 9, open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

4. Wonderland Farms — 191 Schoolhouse Road in Rhinebeck where you can pick your own pumpkins! Free admission open 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. starting Sept. 28 — Oct. 27.

5. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home (museum, library and grounds) — On Route 9 in Hyde Park

6. Vanderbilt Mansion — Great for picnics and nature walks on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

7. Bananas Comedy Club — Located in the Best Western on Route 9 in Poughkeepsie. Fridays and Saturdays, admission is \$10. Featuring comedians seen on television and movies.

8. Café Aurora — 145 Mill St. in Poughkeepsie. Acoustic music on Friday nights with coffee and pastries, with an optional \$5 donation.

9. Historic Hyde Park Trail — 8.5 miles of trails starting behind the FDR library, free to the public and open until dusk.



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Renovations at Leo Hall took place over the summer and were completed in time for freshman move-in. The residence hall was built in 1963, and is dedicated to the memory of Marist Brother Leo Brouilletter. Leo was funded with a federal government loan and is one of the favored places of residence for freshman.

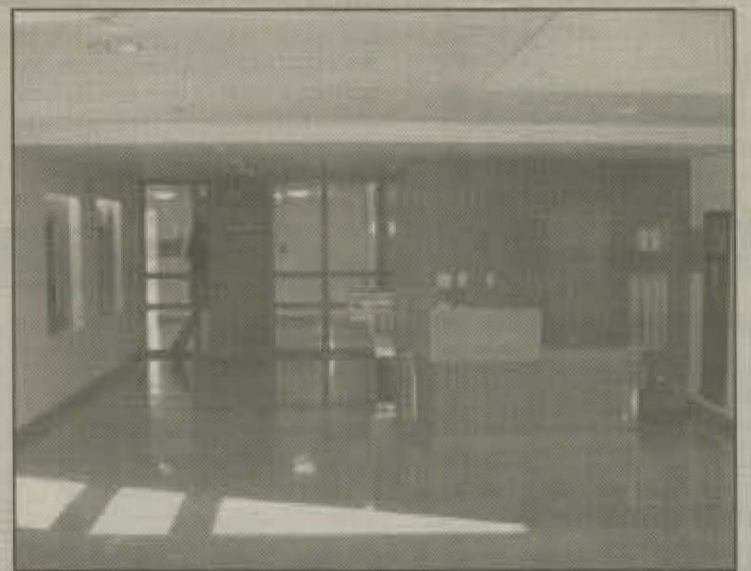


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Graduate School Forum

Wednesday, October 2nd

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cabaret in the Student Center

*Sponsored by the Center for Career Services
A Division of Student Academic Affairs*

Representatives from over 50 graduate and professional schools will be in attendance to discuss their academic programs, admission procedures, financial assistance, etc.



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Career Month valuable resource for student body

by **MEGHAN TWOHIG**
Staff Writer

It has become a widespread misconception that one should know what profession they want to pursue by the time they are able to talk. Many undergraduates have an undecided major and still even more upperclassmen do not know how to go about pursuing a career with their designated major.

College is full of indecision and hesitation. This is where the Center for Career Services comes in. The center offers a variety of programs and information to help students set career goals and seeking employment.

One of the programs they offer is Career Month, which will run for

its third consecutive year, starting this month. Career Month was started in order to give students a systematic method for exploring the different careers available in each of the different schools at Marist.

Each of the six schools has its own designated month during which a career panel and field trip pertinent to that particular school will take place.

The focus for the month of September will be careers in computer science and math. On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Center for Career Services will offer a panel presentation at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center 346 (PAR). The panel will consist of five professionals in the field of computer science and math

- four will be Marist alumni. These panelists include Greg Dallari, a Marist '98 graduate with a B.S. in information systems, who is a staff systems and procedures analyst at IBM; Stephen Ropel, a state statistician with the New York Agricultural Statistics Service, Nicole Thompson, a Marist '93 graduate with a B.S. in information systems, who is a clinical analyst at Benedictine Hospital; Leonard Turkenkopf, a Marist '76 graduate with a B.A. in mathematics, who is a principal consultant for Keane Inc.; and Susan Tyler, a Marist '91 graduate with a B.S. in information systems, who is a senior data analyst for UPS.

There is a tentative plan for a

field trip at the end of September to IBM for a "behind the scenes" look. Each member of the panel will make a presentation on their career, what they do everyday, and how they got to where they are today.

The Marist alumni will speak about what courses they took and any internships they participated in while at Marist. These presentations will, in total, last roughly 25-30 minutes, after which students will have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Chet Koulik, the Associate Director, said he recommends this panel to everyone, particularly undergraduates with an undecided major and upperclassmen

who are trying to figure out how to go about making the career of their dreams a reality.

"Career Month is a way for us to reassure students to show them there are a lot of options out there that they might not know about," said Koulik.

The Center for Career Services is located on the third floor in the library.

Look no further for supplies and services: it's in your backyard



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- Red Cap Cleaners: 485-6443
- K & D Deli: 471-1607
- E-Z Wash of Poughkeepsie: 485-7837
- Campus Deli & Citgo gas station: 462-4609
- The Cuttery (hair): 454-9239
- Making Faces (hair, nails): 452-7170
- Staples: 483-0765
- Home Depot: 485-0420
- Rhinebeck Savings Bank: 471-4467
- Bank of New York: 452-1131
- Saint Francis Hospital: 483-5000

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North Road holds just some of the many stores and shops that can accommodate any Marist student.

Jobs available for students

by **ERICA HOFF**
Staff Writer

If you missed the job fair and think you are out of luck for fall semester employment, don't stress out: there are plenty of opportunities for on and off-campus jobs. The Financial Aid staff is willing to answer any questions students may have. The bulletin board outside the Office of Financial Aid located in Donnelly provides opportunities for those who qualify for work-study, as well as students who do not and are looking to practice their classroom skills, or be a cashier or stock-person.

According to the Marist website, all students are eligible to apply for jobs. Each department of the college hires students. According to an anonymous financial aid employee, "The jobs are good and do not pay well, but the deduction of estimated family contribution proves to be helpful. They offer excellent experience and flexible hours."

If you do not qualify for a work-study program or are not a master

of a trade such as life guarding or computer skills, there are still many opportunities of which to take advantage.

Some campus jobs posted as of press date were:

- media assistant
- Marist Fishkill Center - clerical work
- Marist Institute of Public Opinion (MIPO)
- Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol (SNAP) for those interested in campus security.

There are also tutors wanted for Poughkeepsie middle school and high school, along with Clinton, Warring Academy, Miller Middle, Bailey Middle and Kingston High School.

Other special interest jobs include: an attendant at the Dutchess Country Club, sitters for children, and a part-time aide.

For additional locations and availabilities, look on the Financial Aid website at www.marist.edu/financialaide/jld/.

In the spirit of the upcoming apple season...

All-American Apple Pie

- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 medium baking apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced (about 2 pounds)
- 1 cup dark raisins
- 1 unbaked, ready-made 9-inch piecrust

For the glaze: 1 large egg, beaten (optional), 1 teaspoon granulated sugar (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray a 9-inch deep-dish pie plate with vegetable cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, granulated sugar, flour, lemon peel, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix well.
3. Add apples to sugar mixture; stir until coated. Stir in raisins. Spoon into prepared plate.
4. Place piecrust on top of filling. Trim edges, pressing against edge of pan. Using a sharp knife, cut steam vents in piecrust. To glaze, lightly brush piecrust with beaten egg. Sprinkle with sugar.
5. Bake until piecrust is golden brown, about 35 to 40 minutes. Place on a wire rack and cool for 30 minutes. Serve warm.

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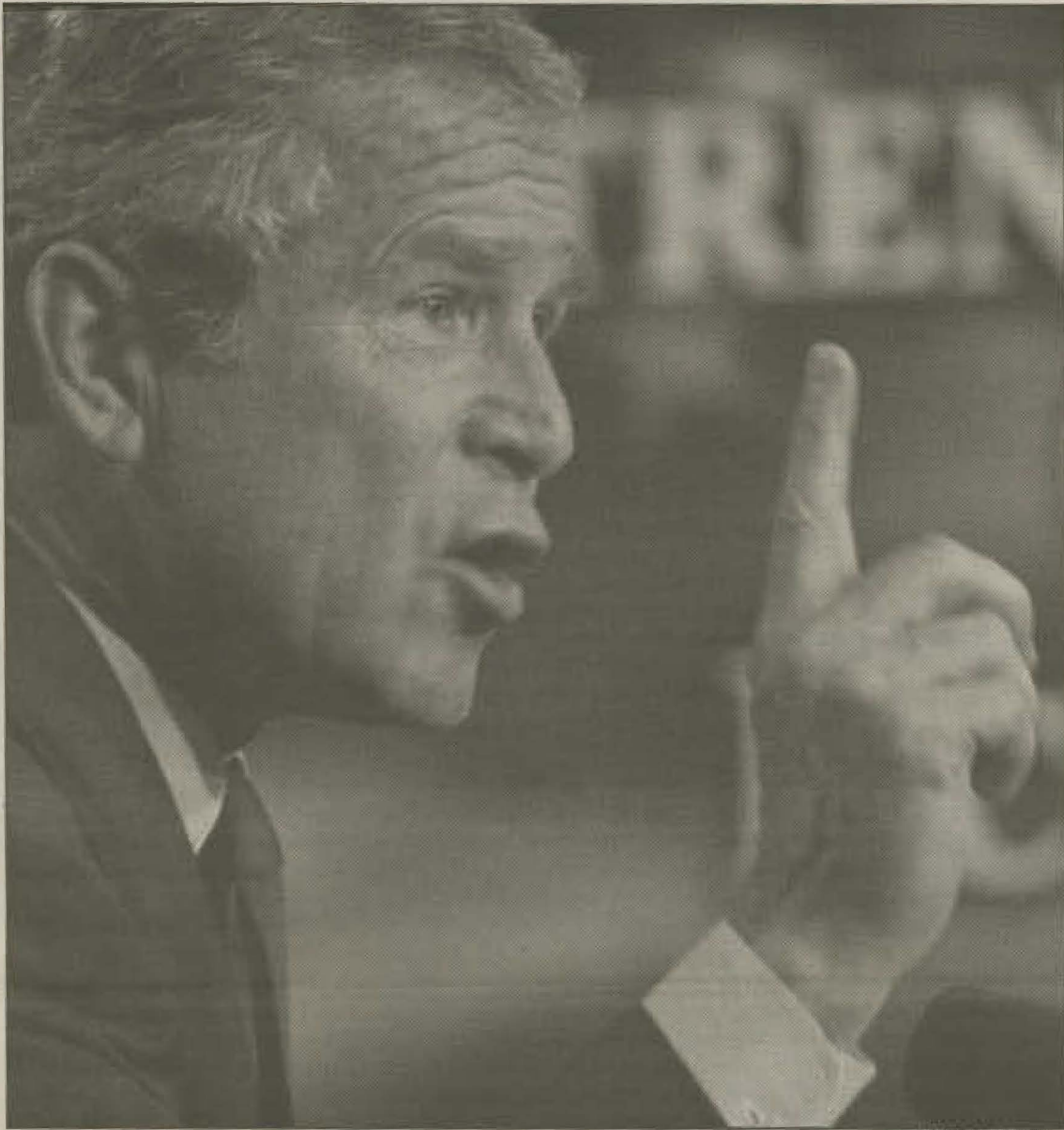


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OPINION



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



Our President has been getting a lot of slack lately for wanting to declare war on Iraq.

Bush is not as dumb as he looks

by **SCOTT PERELL**
Staff Writer

In his speech before the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday, President George W. Bush presented the case against the current regime in Iraq, led by Saddam Hussein.

Among the major points touched upon by Bush were violations of numerous U.N. Security Council resolutions covering topics concerning the release Gulf War prisoners, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction.

Bush challenged the General Assembly to uphold the nature of the United Nations and act to preserve the liberty of the oppressed Iraqi people. The long story short is that Bush wants to go into Iraq to get Hussein out in what has been called a "regime change".

But is this a good idea? I say yes, and here's why.

Bush is no fool. He knows that an Anglo-American operation in Iraq will be an international relations nightmare. Bush Sr.'s coalition from 1991 is long gone, and the only option as of right now is a mostly unilateral land campaign, if the Iraq campaign is indeed a "go".

Bush was smart in his speech — Saddam didn't violate American standards and requirements, in-

stead he violated United Nations resolutions. Even if military support is never lent to America and Britain, this multilateral rhetoric can bail Bush out in a big way, in the event that international opinion sharply criticizes another Gulf War.

Bush needs more than just British support. If he can sway the Security Council to pass another resolution demanding concessions from Hussein, military options in Iraq would become much more legitimate and less open to the critique of unilateralism - especially if Hussein balks at the new resolutions (And I bet he would). Moreover, the breaking of a new Security Council resolution, which would ideally be more of an ultimatum than a restatement of previous demands, could provide the basis for a new Gulf War coalition that could solve Bush's unilateral concerns for him.

The U.S. and Britain acting alone is potentially a major negative. But does Saddam Hussein need to be removed? Do we have that right?

President Bush thinks this is so, and in this case I'm inclined to agree. A decade of blatantly ignoring weapons inspection requirements and open admissions of a nuclear arms program aside, we must look more to Hussein's track record.

After all, America has more weap-

ons of mass destruction than anyone, but America is (much) less likely to use those weapons. Hussein used his medium-range delivery system many times in the first Gulf War to attack Israel and Saudi Arabia. Outfitting these Scud missiles with anthrax or a chemical agent isn't all that hard. Saddam has gassed his own people before - not to mention Iran.

Basically, Iraq has the means to kill a whole lot of people - and if you think Saddam won't use his weapons of mass destruction, then your argument could cost hundreds of thousands of lives.

Through terrorists or by himself, Saddam can, and likely will, use the doomsday weapons he's building. Can we really risk that?

Are they freebirds or role models?

by **JACKIE STASIUK**
Staff Writer

There's been much talk on campus about the promiscuous MTV show, *I Bet You Will*, and their visit to Marist College. The underlying purpose of the popular program is to get people to perform ridiculous tasks for money. Accordingly Marist hyped up MTV's arrival producing a relatively large outcome. The campus green was filled with people and it seemed to be all in good fun, or was it.

Marist College considers itself to be a prestigious institution of higher education and President Murray holds steadfast to this ideal. And for a school where the sale of gum is prohibited on campus, *I Bet You Will's* appearance seemed slightly out of place. Nonetheless, students acted as the participants in the menial games and tasks, such as eating ten fermented duck eggs for over \$400. However, the show took a slightly not-so-prestigious turn.

Two of Marist College's finest freshmen Resident Assistants decided that it would be fun to be a part of the television show. Only these RAs didn't eat ten fermented duck eggs. Their task was to complete a naked relay race across the campus green. They were given a tiny box in which to cover themselves, however, the boxes served little purpose as one RA ran clearly naked across the green without the aid of the box.

The audience burst out in laughter, including myself, I must admit, and it seemed completely harmless at the time. However, it wasn't until a few hours later when my housemates and I were recounting the story for a few friends that

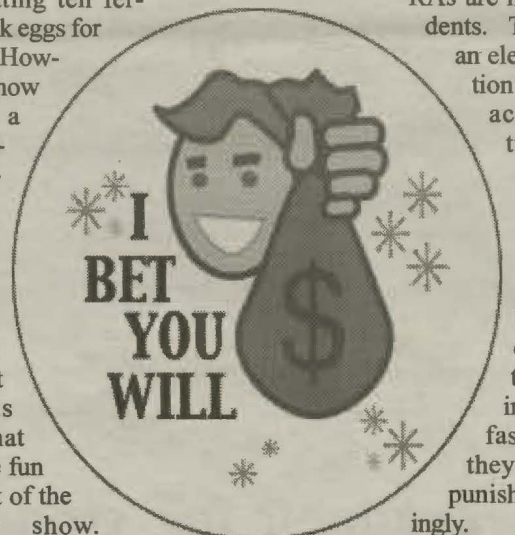
didn't have the opportunity to be there, that we began to discuss the inappropriateness of the situation.

Being an RA, especially a freshmen RA, is a large responsibility. It is not just about patrolling the freshmen dorms making sure that students are not being too loud and are obeying all school regulations. It is about being a role model. Last week these two RAs were not role models for these young people. They exhibited behavior that was completely irresponsible.

Now, the question is, should these RAs be punished? The answer for me is yes. As described in the student handbook, RAs are "supposed to supervise and enforce administrative policies and regulations." I highly doubt that President Murray sent a memo to the freshmen RAs telling them to participate in a nude relay race on the green.

RAs are not just students. They are in an elevated position and should act and be treated as such. If these "chosen" people cannot uphold their duties to the college in an orderly fashion, then they should be punished accordingly.

Marist RAs: Free birds? I bet they aren't. And they certainly shouldn't be!



For more information about MTV's show, *I Bet You Will*, Go to www.mtv.com and click on shows, or simply tune into MTV or MTV2 on your local television station.

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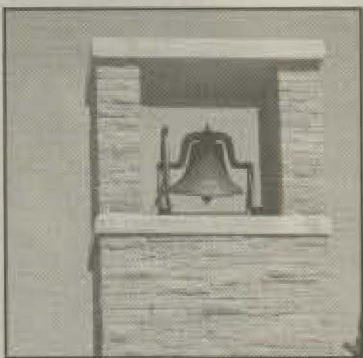


"I am with you always..."



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Compassion from tragedy:



Top: Students and faculty ring bell in honor of lives lost on Sept. 11. Left: Addressing Marist students during ceremony last Wed. Above: The chapel bell was rung for each life lost on Sept. 11. Right: Solemn onlookers watch President Dennis Murray deliver heartfelt speech. Below: Dr. Art Himmelberger conducting the band in a riveting song.





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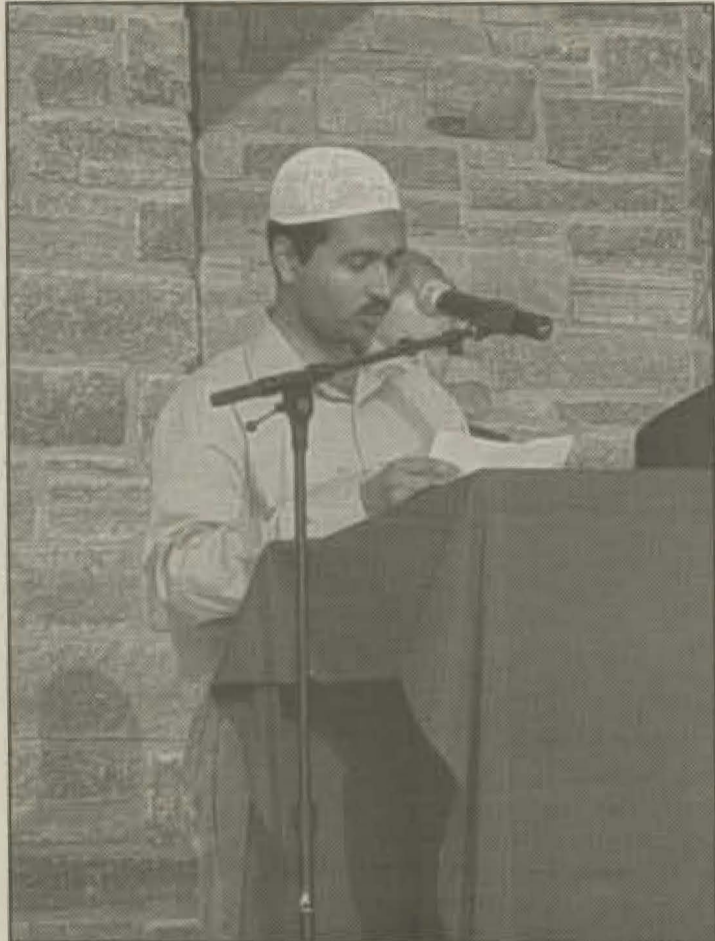
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Marist remembers Sept 11



Above: Kamran Hafiz reflects on Sept. 11. Right: Listening to passages from religious texts. Below: Two students take time out to ponder the year's past events.

by **CHRIS TOMKINSON**
Staff Writer

Students and faculty gathered in front of the chapel Wed. morning to pay respect to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks that shook America a year ago on Sept. 11.

"We remember the horror of September 11... we remember too—that as the towers fell, the best of the American character arose, and how our own students, faculty and staff gave blood, volunteered at

Ground Zero, donated money, [and] offered their prayers," said President Dennis J. Murray Wed. morning.

One year can bring many changes. Thirty minutes can bring more. The Marist community cancelled classes until 2 p.m. on Sept. 11 in order to pay homage to those 30 minutes that questioned the stability and security of the United States.

There were many accounts of younger men and women who

could have raced down the stairs ahead of nearly all the others, but perished because they refused to abandon those for whom every step was a struggle.

Student Body President, Brian McAlpin, offered words of hope. "Let us never forget how Americans came together after the attacks. Our strengths, our unity, our conviction, and our resolve all brought about the very best of human nature."

Various speakers read texts from holy books, including Hebrew and Christian scriptures, along with readings from the Koran.

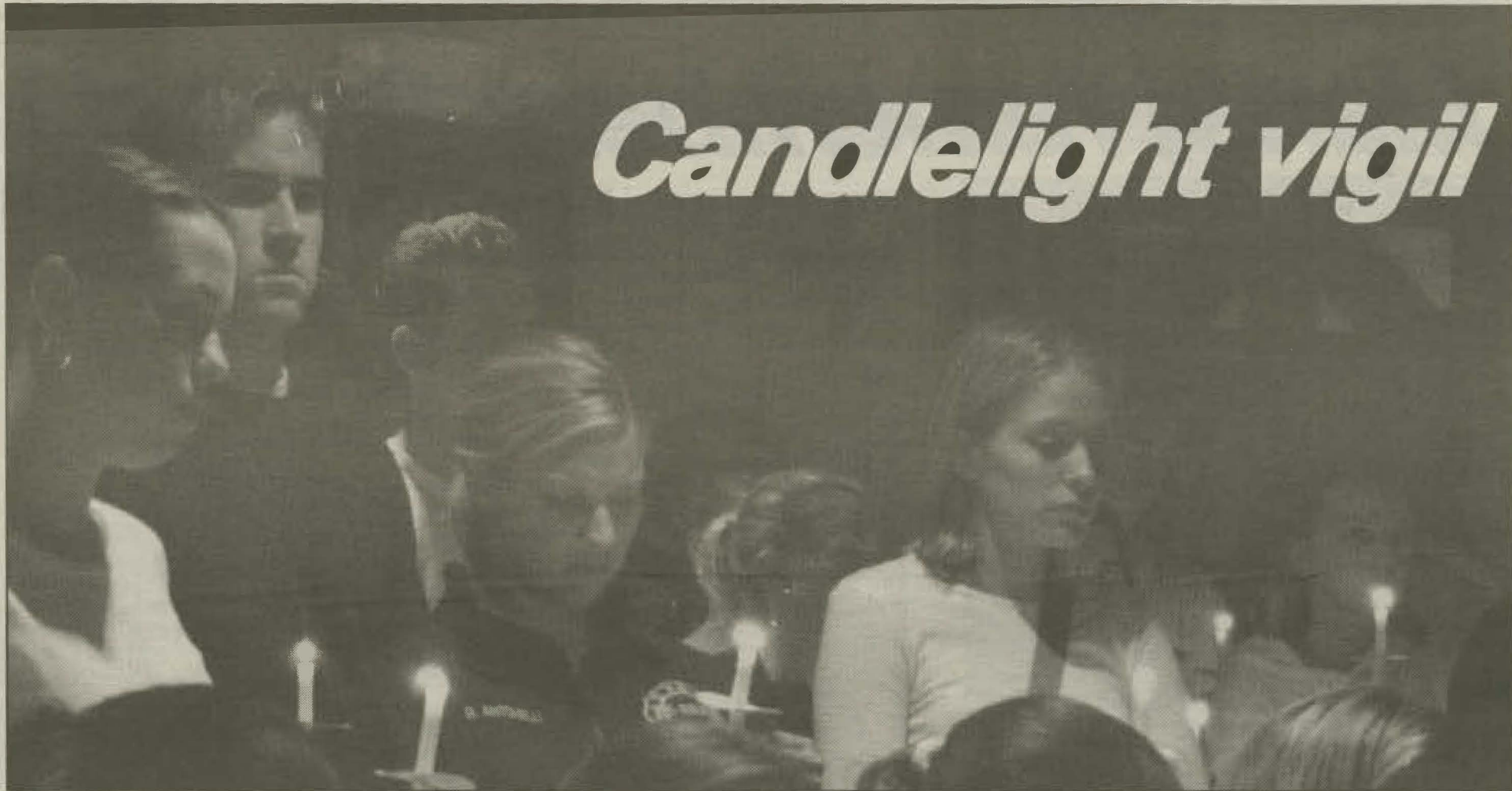
Antonella Delli Carpini sang "America the Beautiful," and soon after, there was a moment of silence to pay homage to all those lost in the attacks.

Following was the final remembrance that morning, in which faculty and students volunteered to ring the chapel bell for each life lost in the Twin Towers on Sept. 11, beginning with six Marist Alumni who lost. They were Carmen A. Rivera '02, Thomas G. Crotty '81, Daniel M. Coffey '69, Jaqueline K. Sayegh Duggan '89, Vincent D. Kane '86 and Kevin J. Pfeifer '83.





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Students pay respects

by **JEN HAGGERTY**
Editor-in-Chief

Originally scheduled to take place at the Grotto, high wind warnings moved the candlelit vigil to the chapel Wed. evening, Sept. 11.

It was not long before the church was entirely full, yet several more students gathered outside the church down onto the road to simply be a part of the memorial.

The vigil began with drumbeats, pulsating off the walls. Each student inside the chapel, whether sitting on the altar, in the pews or standing in the back, set ablaze a few hundred candles without even a whisper.

Dennis J. Murray, President of Marist College, began the vigil. "Sept. 11 will always be remembered as a day of sorrow. But I believe it will also be remembered as a day of great strength... The Pentagon, Washington, the field in Penn., the Ground Zero... Americans came together... they remembered, they cried, they prayed."

Murray also spoke of the Celtic cross donated by a Marist alumni (see page 3) and of the morning ceremony in which the chapel bell toll 2,801 times for those individuals who lost their lives in the World Trade Center.

Students inside the chapel held one another searching for solace. Several more remained outside the chapel, stretching down onto the road.

Amazing Grace was chosen by the choir to accompany this evening, first being hummed in the background while students role played various lives of those on 9-11.

"When another called from a plane to say, 'Honey, I'm not go-

ing to make it. But it's ok, I'm ready to go. I love you," said one speaker who role-played during "Where were you?"

Heavenly voices, inspired by the pain of those who suffered on Sept. 11, continued the song, now with words, as the distinct smell of candle smoke filled the room. Heartfelt emotion was felt by all in the chapel.

After the candles were blown out, the crying song of taps on the trumpet concluded the vigil, accompanied by the painful weeping of students.

Afterwards, students lingered outside the chapel, seeking comfort from friends.

Vanessa Katz, junior, was touched by the ceremony. "It was definitely a good healing process, and a chance to come together as a Marist community. It was a great remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9-11."

"Words can't express the amount of emotion that was shown in there.

It went right to the heart," said senior John Gray.

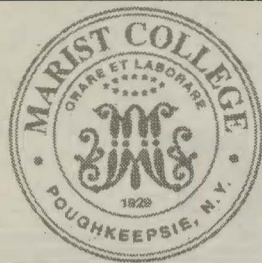
Junior Dan Ianniello, said that the ceremony was "very touching, even though I was not affected by it directly. I felt the community of Marist helped everyone cope and it was a good healing process."

Kimberly Albin, junior, was deeply moved by the event. "It was very touching and moving. They did [the vigil] in a really good way. It deeply affected me."



Students reflect and remember the year that was.





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9/11 commemoration nice, but poorly planned

Chapel does not accommodate the large turnout for vigil

by **JORDANEIBLE**
Staff Writer

Sept. 11, 2001 was a day of sorrow, mourning, grief, confusion, anger, and trepidation.

Sept. 11, 2002 was a day of healing, remembrance, hope, prayer, and union.

I commend the way Marist College reacted one year ago upon the horror that was Sept. 11, 2001. However, I was slightly disappointed with the commemoration last week. The candlelit vigil held Wednesday evening could have been a truly unique and unifying

event for the campus. Instead, it came off as ill-planned, segregating the crowd that gathered to remember.

Although I realize the turnout was larger than expected and the weather was an issue of concern, I feel that more should have been done to accommodate all of those who attended. Last year, the grotto proved to be the perfect place to provide a comforting and welcoming area to come together. The chapel did not serve the same function.

Seating for just over 300 people

was not nearly enough for the remarkable number that collected that night. It forced more than two-thirds of the crowd to remain outdoors, unable to hear or see the goings on inside. While the fortunate few who did receive seats, as well as those who stood within a few feet of the chapel doors were treated to a special tribute, the rest remained ignored. They knew nothing of the prayers, songs, and words of encouragement that were proudly delivered. It was through no fault of their own that they did receive the same healing as others

did that night.

With the impressive technology that Marist boasts, I find it disappointing that no outdoor sound system or other adjustments were made to accommodate us. After the great support of last year's vigil, it surprises me that administrators did not expect as strong of a response from the Marist community this year.

I appreciate the planning that did go into the event and the people who spoke that night. I have heard from those who congregated inside that it was absolutely

amazing, but I would not know for myself. I was given a candle and nothing else. The only poignant thing I walked away with that night was the sight of so many caring and proud Americans in one place at the same time.

I hope that the lack of accommodations does not dissuade students from attending such events in the future. Their presence was a comfort to at least one person. So, thank you to those who took time to join quietly in honor of 2,800 lost lives. And to the administration, better planning next time, please.

Fears continue to grow a year after tragedy

Student concerned over escalation of violence, aggression

by **JAMES J. SKEGGS**
Opinion Editor

Imagine one day soon that life may whisk you away to another state for the weekend. Maybe you'll go to New Hampshire for a weekend volleyball tournament, or to Maryland to visit one of your friends from back home. Then imagine flipping on the television and watching the anchorman speak of a nuclear bomb that was just dropped on New York City, which wiped out the entire tri-state area.

Everyone you've ever known would be killed in a single moment. Everything you've ever worked for would be destroyed by the ultimate

blast that would leave everything barren and unusable for the next five thousand years or so. It's a scary thought that transforms itself into an even scarier thought, due to the fact that it is now a foreseeable option.

We may be going to war soon, even if it's not this year, and even if it's not a war against any specific nation. It may just be the continuation of this vaguely titled "War against Terrorism," or it may be a new war with Iraq or China. I sit back and think about how this makes me feel and I can't really come to a conclusion. I think that I'm just scared of what the world has only seen twice, the detonation of a nuclear weapon. With

the technological advances our society has made in the last thirty years, any country could come out of left field with a nuclear bomb. Even India had one, and they're not even a threat, to us or to anyone for that matter. Yet the point is that if they can develop one, and other countries can test them underground, then some lunatic who's in the right place, with the right power, at the right time, could take the lives of over 100,000 people.

I would love to take my family and move to the Netherlands or somewhere else like Iceland and live the remainder of our days on earth, knowing simply that we will have a remainder of days on earth. I know that there is no particular focus to

what I am saying, other than expressing the fears and the doubts that I have about our future. When did we all stop working towards a common goal of achieving a global community?

We were not placed on this earth to act as separate entities, each vying for their own superiority and dominance over the rest. We all share the same form, are born in the same manner, and share the common bond of uncertainty about our origins and our spiritual destinations. Why do we act as separate countries with separate interests when we're all playing the same game, and in reality, we're all on the same team?

I don't know why we have come

to the point where there must be a most feared nation on the planet: the bad-ass America that will kick your butt if you mess with her. Why must we fight fire with fire? Can't we just pile up a lot of water and put all of the fires out? We must realize that aggression leads to more aggression, which leads to further separation which leads to further tension, which leads to hate and which will ultimately lead to the ultimate aggression. Then there will be no more hurt, no more suffering, and no more pain because there will be nothing left at all.

Marist renovations result in improved image

by **TIM DUGAUAY**
Staff Writer

When new students walked on to the campus grounds for the first time two weeks ago, they were looking at a completely different campus than what my class saw two years ago when we were freshman.

These renovations took much time and money to finish, but now the product that we see is what will build even more character to our already beautiful campus. Back when I was a freshman, Champagnat was the place to be, because it was the biggest and the

cleanest freshmen dorm. Many of my peers told me that Sheahan was dirty and smelly, and after walking in the building a few times myself, I agreed completely with their sentiments.

First of all, let me say that Sheahan Hall is probably the dorm that has come along the farthest. Back in 2000 when I arrived, it was three floors of filth, horrible smells, and bad air. Since that time, all of the freshman dorms have been inspected, damages assessed, and corrections made. Now that Sheahan Hall is back on the map,

students will be requesting that dorm as their first choice when picking where to live as a freshman.

I remember when I was a freshman, thinking how horrible it would be to live in a room with another person the same size as my own bedroom back home. Well, the folks who reworked Leo Hall have fixed that very problem. Not only are the dorms now spacious enough for two people to live in comfortably, but a third person could probably fit comfortably as well. My congratulations go to the administration of the college who

first realized that there was a major problem and then actually fixed it. If the same could be said for the quality of food in the cafeteria, you would have the happiest college students in the nation, here at Marist.

The last dorm that I will speak of being renovated is unfortunately Marian Hall, which, in my opinion, they waited a year too long to renovate. I was a resident of Marian Hall last year, and I felt that the outside façade needed to be redone, especially painted; however, I am not happy with the color

that was chosen. The maroon-type color that is superimposed on the plain black hue, in my opinion, just does not work. I think that there should just have been a uniform look to all of the dorms and not have them separated by color. Leo and Sheahan look similar from the outside, so why can't Marian? The real problem with Marian, however, lies within the dorm, which is bare in furnishings and feels like a prison to live in. Unless the interior of the dorm is reworked, I would much rather recommend Leo and Sheahan Halls to students, rather than dreary old Marian.

Would you like to comment? Don't be shy, speak out!



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MTV invades Marist College

by ALLISON KELLER
A&E Editor

It happens to be a known fact that people will do just about anything for a buck. Add a camera and a campus full of college students and this becomes the basis for the season premiere of MTV's new hit television show "I Bet You Will."

Armed with a large chunk of money and a crazy imagination, MTV transformed the campus Green into a circus.

"It is crazy to see what some people will do when they're poor," cried one spectator.

Smashing cell phones, destroying purses, and eating the strange and disgusting, Marist students fell prey to the hunger for money.

"I had no idea that the eggs were fermented," explained sophomore Kerin Sevron. "But when they offered me \$10 an egg, I had to do it."

Kerin was one willing participant in the MTV game. She was presented with a bet to pick up as many fermented duck eggs as she could off the bottom of a tub filled with a mixture of flour and water. Seems easy, right? The catch: she was only allowed to use her teeth.

"I had to do it. People in the crowd were guessing to see how many I would pull out," stated Kerin.

In the end, she racked up 10 out of a possible 20 eggs. Receiving a couple of pats on the back, Kerin

thought that her bet was over. However, when the host, JONES, offered a quadruple or nothing bet, she could not help, but accept. To eat all 10 eggs, Kerin

would walk away with \$400.

"My sister stood next to me, telling me 'Just walk away. Don't do it!' But I will do just about anything," declared Kerin.

She consumed all 10 eggs, and walked away with \$400.

"I didn't do it for the money. I did it for the thrill," Kerin jeered.

While some walked away with a feeling of success after completing a bet, other were not prepared for the consequences.

According to *The Poughkeepsie Journal*, another Marist student was not so ec-



static after her purse was sacrificed to the MTV gods.

As the crowd cheered "Do it," Beth Wunder watched as her bag and all of its contents, including a cell phone and a camera, were publically destroyed by a sledgehammer.

Internet Access

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access personal data on the Marist network. Students should never give out their k-account password to anyone. Some of the services assessable through the student's k-account include viewing schedules, number of priority points, checking Marist money accounts, along with any other service that contains individual information.

Using k-accounts to access the Internet can be a hassle for some, but for others like freshman Lauren Murphy, it's worth it. "It is a pain, but it's security and it's worth it because no one can view your information."

The Systems Department and the Technology Department do not this as a way of monitoring what students and professors view online

"One would hope that resources are used correctly," said JoAnn DePue, Manager of Training Development and Support.

Hopefully, Marist has weeded out the people who have caused problems with availability and who have used these computers to obtain wrong kind of information.

Movies on the Green: Success!

by ALLISON KELLER
A&E Editor

With the cold weather setting in, the students warm up to blockbuster movies on the Champagnat green.

"We weren't expecting it to be as successful as it was," reported Sarah Dowling, Student Programming Council President.

Giving up their club clothes and

modeling sweatshirts, students, freshmen through seniors, pass up a night on the town to lounge in the grass.

"I had an excellent time," exclaimed freshman Melissa Clark. "It was a nice alternative from the usual partying of Thursday nights and the studying of Thursday mornings."

With students cheering for more, college activities and the SPC can not deny them another one. With over 200 students in attendance at the first two performances, originators of the Marist

Movie on the Green hope to continue a successful streak.

"We will be showing Men in Black II on Thursday, September 26, 2002, at 9 p.m.," Dowling promoted.

Combining efforts and equipment, College Activities and the SPC joined forces once again to provide students such a wonderful idea.

"We heard that other clubs

While many students on-campus are enthusiastic about the theatrical idea, some students living off-campus have yet to hear of it.

"I would have gone, but I suppose they just didn't publicize off-campus," wondered one off-campus resident.

Although off-campus residents were disappointed about the belated news of the movies, most were elated to hear of a third chance.

For the showing of *Spiderman* and *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, students made pop-corn and grabbed blankets. They piled onto the Green as early as fifteen minutes before the opening credits started to roll.

"It is nice to see that so many students want to get together and just have fun," Dowling added, "It gives students something to do aside from the party scene."



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were thinking of doing something like this. We had also heard of other colleges and universities having success with showing movies (in this fashion). So, we figured we'd give it a try," Dowling stated.

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Dave Binder returns to Marist College

by MEGAN LIZOTTE
Staff Writer

Singer and guitarist Dave Binder, played a remarkable performance here at Marist on Tuesday, September 10th on the Champaign green for students and faculty. He provided the perfect getaway from work and the stresses of September 11th with *Fire & Rain: An Evening of James Taylor*.

This event was a nostalgic stopover through 20 years of James Taylor's most memorable music. The audience was obviously quite impressed with Binder's talent as they cheered him on for his requested opening song, "Line Em' Up." Following the song, he introduced the life of James Taylor.

Born in 1948, James Taylor's musical talents stemmed from his mother, who was a classical singer. His first endeavor playing music was on the cello. As he got older, he wanted a change, so he picked up the guitar. His music was based

upon his life and the lessons he stumbled across.

In the 1970s, James Taylor defined the sensitive singer/songwriter stereotype. In the process he lifted the folk singing tradition out of the coal-mines and protest marches, making earnest lyrics and acoustic guitar safe for the condominium crowd.

Binder added, "James got severely addicted to heroin, then bringing him to England. His first record contract was in 1968 in London, England. It was known as *James Taylor's Greatest Hits*." While in England, he wrote about missing his home in North Carolina in his hit song, "Gone to Carolina."

The crowd sang along, recognizing known lyrics and praising Binder for his talents. They clapped along to the 1974 hit, "Whenever I See Your Smiling Face." This song has a very meaningful context to it. Taylor wrote it

after he did a movie with the Beach Boys in 1971. He married singer Carly Simon the next year, and released a series of albums featuring numerous duets with his new bride. They had a daughter named Sarah. This song was a tribute to her "smiling face."

The best album of this period is considered to be *Gorilla*, which included the cover of Marvin Gaye's "How Sweet It Is (To Be Loved By You)," a song that is still in heavy rotation on adult contemporary stations everywhere.

Despite his reflective reputation, Taylor's biggest hits were other people's songs. 1971's "Mud Slide Slim and the Blue Horizon" featured the hit version of Carole King's "You've Got A Friend" and cemented his reputation as the Alan Alda of pop.

According to Binder, one of the funniest songs Taylor recorded was "Mexico." He said, "It (the song) doesn't make sense until you

understand the story." Apparently, the band went to Mexico. Now, knowing *everyone's* been to Cancun, you know you can't drink the water, right? Well, not them. Taylor drank too much of it, got sick, and spent his entire vacation in the bathroom. Binder said, "That's where he wrote the song," tapping his foot, "It starts like this, 'You need no reason to move...'" (meaning he never left the bathroom.)

To change up the James Taylor-tone of Binder's show, he opted to perform his own music. His heart-gripping and compelling tribute to 9/11, "The Day America Cried" was riveting and definitely struck many emotions in the audience. This song had been previously heard on IMUS in the Morning on MSNBC, as well as John Rothmann's show on KGO Radio in San Francisco.

For all of you who couldn't attend, the SPC chose a great per-

former. Dave Binder had it all. He was able to interest and excite the crowd and provide an all-around great mixture of James Taylor's work and his own work. He provided a charismatic and upbeat performance, sure to please any crowd. He is definitely more than your ordinary solo performer.

Dave Binder began his career in 1979 and has since showcased in six regions of the U.S. at 12 showcases including a national showcase in Nashville. He has been a Campus Entertainer of the Year nominee for ten years running and performs exclusively on college campuses and at ClubMeds throughout the world. Learn more about Dave on his website, www.davebinder.com.

Megan Lizotte was the A & E editor for the 2001-2002 academic year, and continues to make contributions.

Ashes proves to be a masterpiece

by JENNIFER HAGGERTY
Editor-in-Chief

Angela's Ashes: A Memoir
By Frank McCourt
Genre: Biography/Memoir

"Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood, and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood."

Angela's Ashes captures the reader as soon as it begins. It relates the tragic childhood of Frank McCourt, born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants. Believing there was a better way of life back in Ireland, the family returned to their homeland, but the situation was not much better, perhaps even worse, than what they originally encountered in New York.

What follows is the tale of Frank and his family, told to us through the author's eyes, as he was raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland. Angela, Frank's mother, can barely feed her children, with no help from her husband, Malachy, who rarely works. Even when he does, he squanders the money on pints in the local pub (sadly he is a model for the negative drunk Irish stereotype).

As a result, Frank and his brothers grow accustomed to a life of poverty: from picking up coal on the roadsides, being turned away from the church, and even begging for a pig's head for Christmas dinner, they are always hungry, but manage to survive. That is not true for three of his siblings however, such as his little sister Margaret, who end up dying from minor illness complicated by starvation. McCourt has the ability to make the reader feel the grief he experi-

enced throughout his life, along with the subtle joys that also arouse from it.

McCourt has an incredibly intimate writing style, filled with humor and eloquence that makes it seem as if he was sitting across from the reader, telling his tale. It is also amazing that McCourt can retell his childhood with such detailed and humorous imagery, especially when the memories are often less than enjoyable. The viewpoints are presented as McCourt grows from a naive child to a grown man. The following is one such example of this conversationalist style McCourt weaves as he retells one night he was sent out by his mother to find his father in the pubs.

"My heart is banging away in my chest and I don't know what to do because I know I'm raging inside like my mother by the fire and all I can think of doing is running in and giving him a good kick in the leg and running out again but I don't because we have the mornings by the fire when he tells me about Cuchulain and DeValera and Roosevelt and if he's there drunk and buying pints with the baby's money he has that look in his eyes Eugene had when he searched for Oliver and I might as well go home and tell my mother a lie that I never saw him couldn't find him."

Not only is *Angela's Ashes* deeply moving, it is also entertaining and fast-moving. As soon as I was finished, I wanted to read it again, and I'm sure I'll be picking it up for a second read in the future. I highly recommend taking time out of a busy schedule to read this Pulitzer Prize masterpiece, written by what may be one of the greatest Irish writers in a long time.

Rating: 5 out of 5 stars.

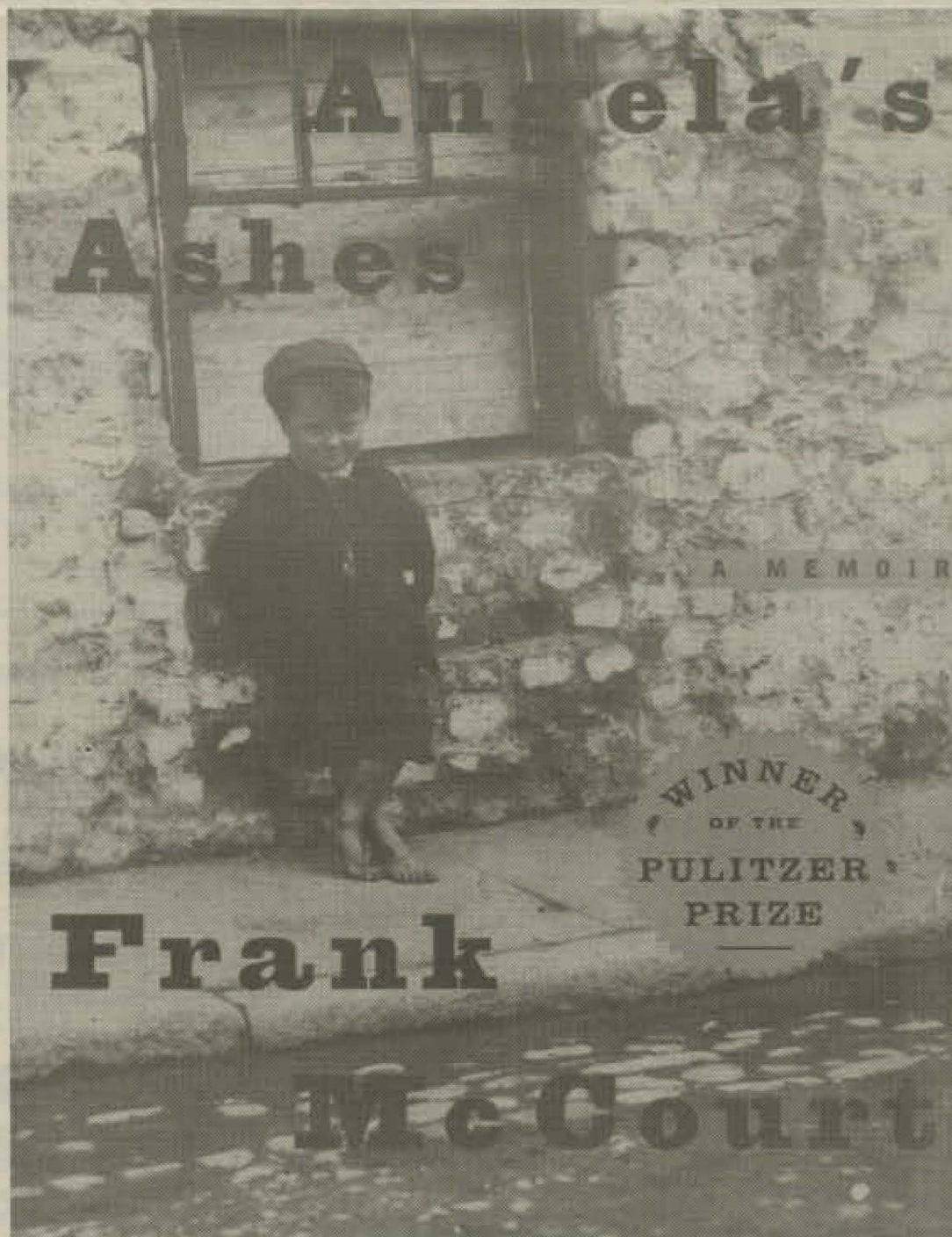


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## On that day, a year ago, sports did not matter

by Scott Desiere

I got to one of my classes last week, Wednesday it was, and sat down at my desk. It was the same desk I had sat at for the previous class, and that day every time I tried to take notes, the desk would squeak. Very annoying. I was not about to deal with it again, so figured I'd write something to see if the squeak was still present. The date, I figured. I wrote the date across the top of the page. No squeak. Then I looked back down at my page, and it hit me. I was already aware of it, of course, everyone was, but at that moment, it really hit me. September 11, 2002.

Unbelievable. I vividly remember one year ago thinking how impossibly far off this date seemed. I remember the exact thought running through my head. Not surprising, though. I remember everything about that day. I think we all do.

It was a Tuesday, of course. I had a 9:30 class that morning, a journalism class. Those days, in my house, the early bird did not get the worm. It went like this: earliest class, earliest up. On Tuesdays, I was the first one up. Always. No exception that day. The alarm rang as it normally did, a little before 9:00 a.m., and I carried on as usual, unaware what had already begun to transpire.

My morning routine was the same as always that morning, with

one exception. Normally I would go downstairs and turn off the television, as I have a housemate who was making a habit of falling asleep in front of the tube with the volume blasting. Not that morning though. That morning he was asleep in his room. No TV for me to turn off. I had turned that thing off uneventfully for what seemed like weeks straight, and of all days, that day I did not have to. So I left for Lowell Thomas without the slightest idea.

I arrived in class a little early, only a couple people there. It is the room with all the computers, 219, I believe. I figured I'd check the fantasy baseball stats. You know, see what happened in the previous night's late games. In New York City and Washington, D.C., thousands of unsuspecting innocents are about to or already have become victims of the biggest tragedy in American history, and here I am in Poughkeepsie getting angry with Richard Hidalgo. I specifically remember being angry with him that morning. He is a centerfielder for the Houston team. I drafted him high, and he was having a terrible season. 0-4 with two strikeouts, or something bad like that. "This guy is killing me," I thought.

Then the professor walked into the classroom with a female student right behind him. I remember them both having looks of concern

on their faces. "We have to put in on the TV," the student said as the two began fidgeting with the box hanging from the upper left corner of the room. I had no idea what they were talking about, nor did I really care to be honest. I figured it would not interest me anyway. "Why do they have to make these things so complicated?" the professor asked after a number of unsuccessful attempts to work the TV. "All right," he said, "let's go in the hallway. They have a TV set up out there." For the first time, I took interest. "What's going on?" I asked the girl, still clueless.

"A plane just hit the World Trade Center," she replied.

The way she said it did not alarm me. I figured some small single engine plane had grazed a tower or something. I think that is what most people initially thought. In fact, I made a joke with a classmate on the way out. "I was over there checkin' the fantasy baseball stats," he said. "Me too," I laughed, as we exited the room.

As we got to the end of the hallway, directly in front of the media center, where a large crowd, just about the entire building, was gathered, I realized this was no joke. There was one of the Twin Towers, completely ablaze. Smoke everywhere. The other tower one was not on camera, so I did not know that it had also been hit. Then CNN

showed a replay of the second tower getting hit. "Holy *@^#," I yelled to the kid next to me, thinking it was a live shot. "Did you see that?" I had never seen him before, but that really no longer mattered. "That was a tape man," he said without ever taking his eyes off the screen. "That already happened."

Then a breaking news flash appeared on the screen: Fire at the Pentagon. The relationship of the two events did not register right away. It flashed again, same message. Fire at the Pentagon. "This is not a coincidence," I thought. The girl standing next to me, the same one who had come into the classroom saying we needed to put on the TV, must have thought the same thing, because she let out a frightening shriek full of fear and disbelief that I will never forget. It sent chills down my spine then, and still does now when I think about it.

Never anticipating the Towers falling, the professor brought us back into the room and explained how great journalists could not cower in these situations. The class talked for a half hour or so, then he sent us on our way. By the time we returned to the hallway tube, the Towers had fallen. "What do you mean they fell?" I asked a friend of mine who was standing there with an expression

on his face as blank as I've ever seen. "It means just that," he said. "They fell."

I decided I wanted to watch the rest of the day unfold with my housemates, surrounded by the comforts of my home and friends. Right before I reached my house, I ran into one of my very good friends who was heading back towards his home. "Can you believe this?" I said, not knowing what else to say.

"Our country is falling apart," he said angrily. I suppose that is also what the terrorists who planned this attack thought would happen to our country.

They were wrong. My friend. The terrorists. All of them.

They were counting on the loss of lives, but not on the emergence of legions of heroes, or the unification of a nation. Nor were they counting on a U.S. response that was as swift and destructive as it was decisive.

In the days leading up to the one-year anniversary of 9/11, I heard many folks say that we must not forget. Rest assured, that will never happen.

I believe that is not the only thing that will never happen. Contrary to what a good of friend mine thought that day, the United States of America will never fall apart.

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MIAMI	6 1/2	New York Jets	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Jets
MINNESOTA	6	Carolina	Vikings	Panthers	Vikings	Vikings	Panthers
NEW ENGLAND	9 1/2	Kansas City	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
PHILADELPHIA	8 1/2	Dallas	Cowboys	Eagles	Cowboys	Eagles	Eagles
TENNESSEE	4 1/2	Cleveland	Titans	Browns	Titans	Browns	Titans
CHICAGO	1 1/2	New Orleans	Bears	Saints	Bears	Bears	Saints
Indianapolis	12 1/2	HOUSTON	Colts	Colts	Colts	Texans	Colts
DENVER	9 1/2	Buffalo	Broncos	Broncos	Bills	Bills	Broncos
San Diego	1 1/2	ARIZONA	Cardinals	Chargers	Cardinals	Chargers	Chargers
SAN FRANCISCO	8	Washington	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers
NEW YORK GIANTS	6 1/2	Seattle	Seahawks	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Green Bay	7 1/2	DETROIT	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
ATLANTA	7 1/2	Cincinnati	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Bengals	Falcons
St. Louis	1 1/2	TAMPA BAY	Rams	Bucs	Rams	Bucs	Rams



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## Football looking for first 3-0 start in program's history

by **PETER PALMIERI**  
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After cruising to a 28-0 victory over Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) foe Canisius, the Marist College football team is looking for its first 3-0 start in the program's history when it travels to take on Duquesne on Saturday.

Duquesne owns a 7-2 record against the Red Foxes, dating back to the 1993 season. Marist won the first ever meeting between the two teams and followed it up with a repeat performance in 1994. However, Duquesne has won the last seven matchups, including a 21-10 victory last season.

Marist enters the game as the 4th ranked team in The Sports Network I-AA Mid-Major poll, after earning wins over Sacred Heart and Canisius. Duquesne is the #2 team in the poll. The Dukes are also the three-time defending MAAC champions and have only lost one MAAC game during their championship run.

### WHO TO WATCH

Leading the way for the Red Foxes is a ground attack that is averaging 340 rushing yards per game, tops in the MAAC. Chris Price ranks eighth in the nation for Division I-AA rushers with 330 yards. Alfredo Riullano is 31st on that list with 238 yards, but ranks tenth in the nation for Division I-AA in av-

erage yards per game, with 118 yards per game.

Riullano was named the MAAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Canisius (112 yards, 20 carries, 3 TD's). Price was named the MAAC Offensive Player of the Week last week, for his performance against Sacred Heart (166 yards, 25 carries, 2TD's). For his efforts, Price also earned Division I-AA National Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors by Don Hansen of National Weekly Football Gazette.

The running back tandem has combined for 564 yards rushing in the first two games.

Kevin Bielen is second in the MAAC with 113 passing yards per game.

Niel Loebig ranks one place behind Bielen with 96.5 passing yards per game for Duquesne, but ranks first in quarterback efficiency with a 144.3 quarterback rating.

### WHERE THEY STAND

Marist won its first two games for the first time since the 1993 season. The team lost its first five games of the season last year. With its win over Canisius on Saturday, Marist is tied with five teams for first place in the MAAC with a 1-0 conference record.

Duquesne continued its

MAAC winning streak to 17 games when it defeated Siena on Saturday. The Dukes are also 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the MAAC.



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**Alfredo Riullano rushed for 112 yards on 20 carries and scored three touchdowns in Marist's romp of Canisius. He is 10th in Division I-AA with 118 yards rushing per game.**

### OFFENSIVE vs. DEFENSE

Marist has the number one ranked offense in the MAAC with a scoring average of 33 points per game. The Red Foxes also own the best rushing defense in the league, allowing 8.5 rushing yards per game.

Duquesne is allowing just over 100 rushing yards per game on defense and 104 yards in the air. On the other side of the ball, the team is second in the conference in scoring offense with 26 points per game.

### LAST WEEK

## Marist basketball teams announce 2002-2003 schedules

Both the men's and women's basketball teams announced their schedules for the upcoming seasons.

The men, who finished last season with a 19-9 record and were regular season Co-Champions, will begin the 2002-2003 campaign with the annual Pepsi/Marist Classic on November 22-23. The tournament will host Eastern Michigan, Vermont, and Colgate.

The highlight of the schedule includes a game at Madison Square Garden on December 7 against Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) opponent Georgia Tech.

Other non-conference games include Central Michigan, South Alabama, and Holy Cross.

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) schedule begins on December 5 against Rider in Lawrenceville, NJ.

A solid running game and strong defense provided Marist with a victory in its first conference game of the season.

The defense forced six turnovers, including two interceptions by Ian Jackson and three sacks from Robert Thompson. Thompson also forced a fumble and recovered one.

The MAAC Tournament will be held at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton, NJ beginning on March 3, with the Championship game being held on March 10.

The women's basketball team and new head coach Brian Giorgis will begin its season on November 24 at St. Johns. The team will play its first home game on November 26 against New Hampshire. Other non-conference games include matchups with American University, Hartford, Columbia, and Delaware.

The quest for the MAAC championship begins on December 6, as the team will host Loyola.

The women's Championship Tournament will also be held at the Sovereign Bank Arena from March 6-9.

## Women's soccer team struggles through first five games

by **SCOTT MONTESANO**  
*Staff Writer*

At first glance the Marist women's soccer team's 1-4 early season record is cause for alarm.

Then again, the Foxes may be on the way to developing the same karma that they rode all the way to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championship game last November.

Last season the Foxes struggled during their September non-conference schedule, losing all seven matches.

However, once the Foxes found themselves under the bright lights of meaningful MAAC contests, they excelled to an 8-1

record and first regular season crown.

Still, if the Foxes are to once again pull off a 180-degree about-face come conference time, they will have to awaken a slumbering offense.

The Foxes fell 3-0 to Big East foe Providence College on Leonidoff Field September 15.

It was the third consecutive game in which Marist had been shutout. The Foxes have not scored since Stacy Ryan's goal in the 20th minute in a loss to St. Bonaventure September 6.

The loss to Providence was also the fourth straight for Marist, after defeating Long Island in the season opener August 31. Marist has now been outscored 16-3 this sea-

son.

The team's scoring difficulties mirror those held by last season's team during non-conference play. The Foxes were shutout four times last season in non-conference matches.

However, when the calendar flipped to October, and MAAC play began, the offensive floodgates were opened somewhat. This of course remains to be seen with this team.

The ingredients are there though.

Tara Savidge, who had five goals to lead the team last year, returns for her junior season. In addition, Libby Ludwig - who had four goals last season as a freshman - should be even more polished as a sophomore.

One of the most important assets the Foxes have returning from last season is 2001 MAAC goalkeeper of the year Mellanie Nai. The senior, from Suffield, CT, averaged 8.5 saves a game a year ago and had four shutouts.

Nai is one of nine seniors that dot the veteran roster.

The team's experience, as well as last season's championship game appearance has not been lost on coaches around the MAAC. Marist was tabbed to finish second in the conference, behind defending champion Loyola.

Despite its struggles early on, the rest of the MAAC schools have also been struggling in non-conference play.

All 10 schools are a combined 11-

31-3. Niagara is 5-0-1 against non-conference foes and Loyola is 2-2. Other than those teams, no other MAAC team has more than one victory out of the conference, including Manhattan, Siena, Canisius, and Iona, who are a combined 0-15-2.

The Foxes are in the midst of a rare, scheduled nine-day layoff. This is by far the longest break between games all season for Marist.

Marist doesn't play again until Sept. 24, when the Foxes travel to Long Island to play Hofstra. The Foxes' next home game is Tuesday Oct. 1 when they host Army at 7 pm on Leonidoff Field.

MAAC play doesn't start until Oct. 11.

### Upcoming Sporting Events...

#### Football

9/21- Marist at Duquesne, 1:30 p.m.

9/28- Wagner at Marist, 6:00 p.m.

10/12- St. John's at Marist, 1:00 p.m.

#### Tennis

9/20- 9/22 Brown Invitational Providence, R.I.

#### Men's Soccer

9/20- Oregon St. at Marist, 7:00 p.m.

9/24- Marist at Columbia, 5:00 p.m.

9/29- Marist at Fordham, 1:00 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

9/24- Marist at Hofstra, 3:30 p.m.

9/27- Marist at Maine, 1:00 p.m.

10/01- Army at Marist, 7:00 p.m.

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