



## With election day approaching, Marist weighs in

### Iraq war top issue for voters

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

If there is one word that the Marist community associates with American politics, it's Iraq. More than three years after U.S. troops invaded the Middle Eastern country, the continued military efforts there constitute a major issue for the upcoming congressional elections, according to some.

The war is important to English professor Donald Anderson because "from a practical standpoint, it shouldn't have happened." He said that it was ill conceived and mismanaged from the beginning, "costing American lives, Iraqi lives, and lots of resources."

That perceived mishandling, Anderson said, may well foreshadow a shift in one or both houses of Congress to a Democratic majority. Even in the Bush White House, he said an ideological shift is "already starting to happen. The vocabulary about the war has shifted in the administration — they're no longer allowed to say that we will 'stay the course.'"

Changes in the manner in

which the war is spoken about and described have clouded the entire issue, some students said.

"It confuses me," said freshman Paige Matetich. "The war in Iraq goes back so much further than 9/11 — if I don't have all the facts, I'm not going to choose a side."

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— Paige Matetich  
Freshman

Freshman Emily Wiepel agreed, adding that she doesn't think the whole story is being presented to the public at large, which makes it very difficult to support one viewpoint.

"I never really followed politics [closely]," though, she said. "It never really interested me."

Though he said he plans to vote in the congressional election by absentee ballot, freshman Richard Carey said he is already looking to the presidential cycle in 2008. Right now he said that he sees Senators John McCain, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama as likely candidates.

However, he, too, mentioned that Iraq will play an important role in both the congressional and presidential elections. While Carey said he believes that America should get the job done in Iraq, he predicted that whichever side wins the election is "going to stay in Iraq, with troop reductions, definitely."

While the war remains a key issue among some voters, this election is incredibly important to all aspects of U.S. policy because votes in several key states could tip the balance of power in Congress, according to MIPO Director Lee Miringoff.

The outcome of Tuesday's elections will serve to "shape the relationship with the Bush administration for the next two years," Miringoff said.

According to him, the hype concerning the midterm elections will also set the tone for the 2008 elections. "[It will be] a presidential election where there will be no presidential or vice presidential incumbent running for the first time since 1952," which could cause frantic races for the presidential bid, he said.



James Marconi, News Editor, poses for a photo in the computer-lined polling room.

### MIPO chief balances polling with student needs

By JAMES MARCONI  
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"slow day") the informal lunch conference was business as usual.

For some, lunch hour is a time to recharge, relax, and distance themselves from the stresses of the day. For MIPO Director Dr. Lee Miringoff, it's an opportunity to get polling operations settled. Though they ate, joked, and laughed like others in the workplace, Miringoff and his colleagues also prepared for the intense few weeks preceding the congressional midterm election.

Coming after a day already peppered with interviews, phone calls, and the occasional student advisee (what Miringoff called a

His position is prominent: MIPO, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, is used nationwide by the media, politicians, and the public at large. Often, Miringoff said, he finds himself traveling to New York City to work with anchors from Channel 4, either for a short sound bite or an interview regarding the latest polling data.

For such trips, there is still a need to be in frequent contact with his colleagues to get a steady stream of information from work, which cell phones make far easier than pit stops

along the road. Miringoff joked, though, that shifting reception makes even cell phones problematic, at times.

"I know every spot on the Taconic when I have to talk fast," said Miringoff. "In the bad zones you drive really fast, in the goods zones you drive really slowly." The average speed, he said, just about matches the speed limit.

Despite frequent visits to the city, Miringoff said that his role as a teacher is of the utmost importance. When he talks about his students and the work they do in class and in MIPO a kind of warmth creeps into his voice, and his eyes seem to brighten. He is very quick to say that MIPO was, at its humble beginnings in 1978, a student generated idea.

"It was a course in voting behavior, and a student suggested that we do a poll," Miringoff said. The class aimed to do exit polls of Dutchess County voters after a local election. "One hundred students that day fanned all over the county, and we did a hand analysis of the results." Due to the large number of participants interviewed, Miringoff noted that his students' results were particularly accurate.

The rest is history. The Marist Poll was one of a handful in the country, and soon became involved in state and then national elections. Since then, Miringoff described himself and MIPO as perpetually busy. "We're always a project-and-a-half behind," he said.

Students and staff flow in and out of his office with questions and concerns, and hand-scrawled sheets of paper detail phone calls to be made and future activities of MIPO to be coordinated. When it's busy, he remarked that he might have to do 25 interviews over the phone.

Even Miringoff's professional but intensely personal office space mirrors his workday. Books, mostly with political

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### Marist Poll gears up for midterm elections

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

As congressional candidates draw closer to the judgment of Election Day on Nov. 7, the Marist Institute of Public Opinion is gearing up in preparation for collecting and analyzing the results, according to Director Lee Miringoff.

Throughout an election cycle, particularly the week before the vote takes place, the "pace picks up," Miringoff said. "We've

been polling — actually, we had a huge story last week on the Alan Hevesi controversy...at four [in the afternoon] Elliot Spitzer withdrew endorsement of Alan Hevesi — at five we were revising the [polling] questionnaire. That's about as real time as you get."

The state comptroller race is not the only pre-election polls conducted by MIPO. The institute plans to release results regarding the senatorial race in New York on Friday, and is currently conducting polls on the

race in New Jersey between incumbent Robert Menendez and challenger Tom Kean, Jr.

This, according to polling assistant Danielle Cauchi, can make things "a little hectic" around the office and polling area.

"It's really important that we get a certain amount of responses," Cauchi said. After all, she said, there is a huge interest by the outside world in the work being generated by MIPO. "When I'm in the office, I get a

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Some Marist abroad students pose for a photo in Frankfurt, Germany during the spring 2005 semester.

### Abroad program encourages more applicants

By ARION HERBERT  
Staff Writer

The Marist Abroad Program puzzled students when it was announced that spots were still vacant for the Spring 2007 semester, over a month past their posted due date for applications that was September 15.

The reality is that this is not a desperate attempt by the Marist Abroad Program to fill up spots, but an effort to allow more students to experience going abroad. Typically, the Marist Abroad Program sends 125 students overseas each semester. For the Spring 2007 semester, they were granted additional 20-25 slots, but few took them up on the offer.

"It's unfortunate that we couldn't get more applicants," said Duleep Deosthale, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of International Programs. "I think it was the fact that it was announced so late that more people didn't jump at the opportunity. They need time to think about it over the summer and many don't have the flexibility to juggle courses."

The application process can discourage students, as sustaining interest throughout the sea of paperwork is often the most difficult part.

"I think the hardest part for me was filling out all the forms. There was a lot of running around to do," said Leanne Cipolla, a sophomore at Marist traveling to Italy next semester.

Deosthale described the process as "a mini application to Marist all over again." There is an essay to write, letters of recommendation, copies of your transcript, and other legal forms that must filter into the Abroad Office in a timely manner.

Students described the financial aid factor as another source of stress. Students can receive financial aid through the FAFSA and Financial Aid Office as if they were living here on campus. In addition, they receive a cost sheet, which provides the breakdown of additional expenses of living abroad. It displays what is included and what is not included.

The cost of studying abroad

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## Security Briefs

### Residents of Foy Townhouse A fail Grilled Cheese 101; Forced to repeat next semester

By ANDREW MOLL  
Leader in homeland security 10/25

When sitting down to do this week's security briefs, I thought "Hey, why not do a Halloween theme?!" Then I remembered a couple things; One: By the time this goes out to the public, it'll be two days past Halloween, so it would kind of be outdated, making me look out of the loop, when we all know I'm incredibly hip and in tune with popular society. Two: As we all learned last week, I'm not the best when it comes to writing creatively, so trying to work in a theme may not be the best idea in the world. So get ready for another set of generic and predictable security briefs!

10/25 - 3:04 A.M.



An unauthorized guest attempted to gain entrance into Leo Hall using a student's ID card. No such luck, as the guest was asked to leave the campus. Come on, buddy. This is the country that requires you have to 37 forms of identification and to undergo a full body cavity search just to board a transfer flight from Albany to Pittsburgh. What makes you think you can just sneak into Leo Friggin Hall? Consider it a lesson learned: Don't mess with Marist Security.



Security received an anonymous call saying that there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the Fulton 7 area. And Marist sent out its top drug enforcers from SNAP to do the job. They brought along their trusty sidekick, SNAPper, the anti-drug dog, who uses his keen sense of smell to weed out (Get it? "Weed" out?! HA!) the pot heads here at Marist. SNAPper was able to track down the apartment, and a small amount of marijuana was confiscated. Another job well done for SNAPper and the gang.

10/26



In the North End parking lot, a student reported a theft from their car. Apparently, they left their drivers side door unlocked, and their temporary parking ticket was stolen. This came after they had been given a ticket from security for parking or something. Not gonna lie, I kind of forgot exactly what John Gildard said, so I'm going to just end this one here before I say something stupid, or go on a rant about the way parking is handled here. Because the way parking is handled here ain't the best of ways. That's all

I'm going to say on the matter.

10/27 - 1:42 P.M.



A fire alarm was set off in Townhouse A due to a burnt cheese sandwich. Right. I don't even know what to say.

10/27 - 10:20 A.M.



Mkay. In Lower West Cedar some windows were seen smeared with ketchup, jelly, and chocolate. How or why they got there, I'm not exactly sure. I mean, it does sound a little kinky, but still, on the window?

10/28 - 12:37 A.M.



An intoxicated student was found in front of Gregory after an apparently entertaining Friday night. I wasn't told the name of the young student, but sources close to me tell me that the student's name is Andrew Russell, and that he was on the ground screaming, "I'm not an animal, I am a man!"

10/28



While a student was sleeping in their Gartland residence, some attempted

to enter their house through the unlocked front door, although nothing was found stolen. What's the point of entering someone else's place if you aren't going to take anything? Are you just there to admire the home furnishings? Are you Michael Lowell? Just take something! A lamp, some jewelry, a cookie, anything! Make your trip worthwhile, at least.

10/29



Another fire alarm went off in Townhouse A, this time due to an inability to sear a roast. According to my files (and by files, I mean my spiral notebook I jot my notes down in that I spilled Mountain Dew on last semester) this is the fourth time this semester that there has been a fire alarm incident at Townhouse A, including two in this week alone. That's not good, people. Why are you searing it anyway? Everybody knows that searing results in a greater net loss of moisture versus cooking to the same internal temperature without first searing. This is common knowledge.

10/30 - 3:00 P.M.



A Gartland fire alarm went off, because of burnt food. The culprit this time? Soup. That's right.

Burnt soup. I hope somebody can tell me why we're bringing in so many new students when at least have of them are a threat to burn down the campus because of a toast incident.

10/30 - 7:30 P.M.



There was a fire alarm set off in Champagnat, too. No, not because of burnt food. It was due to a fog machine, set up for a Halloween party. Sounds more like a Prince video from the Eighties to me. But Prince is cool. So I have no problem with this. A strobe light would have completed the effect, but also turned it into a rave. And that means bad techno music, which is, of course, an oxymoron because all techno music is bad. Stick with the Purple One. He'll lead the way.

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## Midterm elections could 'set the stage' for 2008 race

lot of calls from the media about what's going on...I think that everyone is very interested in...the elections."

Questioning hundreds of people takes a certain amount of tact and talent, according to Cauchi. Good interviewers need to be, first and foremost, enthusiastic about the job, she said. Confidence also is a must, as well as neutrality — keeping the pollster's personal beliefs completely separate from interviews. It can also be hard, at times, to deal with the variety of personalities that may be encountered. Some, Cauchi said, are timid and thus hard to keep on the line long enough to complete a survey. Others are the diametric opposite, people who are "really passionate" about their political views and will continue talking on the phone for far longer than the average survey should run. Especially in the weeks preceding an election, interviewees seem more eager to express their political views.

So there is a need for a fairly

large pool of student workers manning the phones. On Halloween, "It looks like we should have between 35 and 40 [pollsters] and that's actually a little light," said Project Director Meghann Crawford. Typically, she said, the number ranges from 50 to 60. "They'll be [working from] 5:15 p.m. to 10:00 p.m."

Despite the sometimes frantic pace, Miringoff said that everything was going along smoothly. "It's multitasking," he said. "We're doing the New York poll, getting ready for the New Jersey polls, and staying in touch with what's going on [in the political world]."

And despite long hours and hundreds of potential surveys to complete, the job has its rewards, said Cauchi. The fact that students have a hand in something so widely distributed and used by the media and politicians is a very gratifying experience.

Seeing a Marist poll on the news "definitely gives you a sense of accomplishment," Cauchi said.

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## Elections in October

-ance for diversity between many countries we influence. It is also widely known, well

documented in print, and undisputed by the president, that government subsidiaries

## Miringoff maintains dual role as teacher, pollster

titles, fill a quarter of the left wall. Right next to the bookshelf lay neat stacks of cassette tapes, each of a television interview. The inner doorknob is nearly invisible beneath a collection of press passes from various political and journalistic conferences.

He probably wouldn't want it any other way. Politics in general has always been a part of his life. "I grew up in a house where politics and current events were discussed daily," Miringoff said. Since becoming a teacher at Marist in 1975, he has further indulged and developed that connection.

"I like election day the best. It's hard, it's physically demanding, but it's a lot of fun. The next best thing [about my job] is the idea of connecting people. It [MIPO] is sort of plugging students into the whole experience, which is the biggest ongoing positive."

A balancing act between the worlds of teaching and professional polling might seem impossible, but "they're not as distinct as they appear," Miringoff said. "I bring up some of the same people that I would

be meeting in the polling world [to class]." Many of his students end up working as interns and then employees of these media figures. Eventually, some former students come back to class to teach the next generation, completing the cycle.

And that, according to Miringoff, is what he and MIPO are all about. It is a very gratifying experience, he said, to see students succeed in such a concrete, tangible way. Theory taught in a classroom is fine, but actually doing a poll and seeing the results on television, well, that's something special. "Since 1978 when we started, it has been a student education project; the education has always been what's paramount."

He placed his phone back in its cradle and began typing up a midterm exam.

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that has received billions of government dollars in "no bid" contracts, happens to be the very same corporation

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varies depending on the student's program and destination. It includes the credits they're earning abroad, tuition, housing, insurance, some site visits, and legal aspects that must be covered.

"Each program is not a carbon copy of each other, as they each respond to the cultural components of each country," said Deosthale.

Deosthale agrees that some programs cost less than others or even the regular tuition of a semester here at Marist, in which case that particular program will incorporate other benefits, such as site visits of that country.

Air fare is one charge that is the responsibility of the student. "Air fare is not included in the abroad fee and I believe that it should be or at least some of it," said Melissa Harrington, a Marist junior currently studying in Ireland. "However, there are some traveling costs included in the program fee. My program included two three night field trips with everyone in the program that was all inclusive.

However, we stayed in four-star hotels, which was definitely a nice perk at the time, but I would have rather stayed in a less expensive hotel and have had some of my flight paid for instead."

Excluding the cost of living, such as meals and travel expenses while abroad, the price is approximately the same as a semester at Marist.

"It's worth the obstacles," said Deosthale. "My dream is to have every student go abroad. I don't know if that will happen, but one can dream. It's an incredible experience."

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## October deaths in Iraq could affect results of election

By DANIEL BLACK  
Staff Writer

November 7 approaches, and (hopefully) so too the demise of many political careers in Washington D.C. Just eight days before this long awaited opportunity to oust a large fragment of arguably the most despicable, self-serving party from public office, the hundredth U.S. serviceman's death for the month of October was announced by the U.S. military.

October, I believe it has been reported, ranks as one of the deadliest months of the 44 month-old campaign, an iron fact that eradicates any truth or meaning from the hogwash rhetoric of "final throes of the insurgency" or "major combat operations have ended". It makes very difficult the acceptance of our government's instructions like "stay the course," which suggests blind acceptance of government behavior simply because that's what we've done in the past. With the arrival of

November 7, 'staying the course' becomes an option, a choice to be decided by the people, and as a result, the congressmen whose power is threatened are attacking one another ruthlessly and

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shamelessly. I have removed myself from these reprehensible feeding frenzies because, as with most voting seasons, slander is in abundance but truth is in short supply.

Let us bear some facts in mind, as the libel campaigns and childish mud fights of politicians and potential politicians don't seem to have any wisdom to be gleaned. President Bush recently passed the "Military Commissions Act" - a harmless sounding title- which allows him to interpret the Geneva Conventions as he pleases and insulates intelligence agents and

government officials (himself included) from facing justice. This Act is truly mortifying for a couple of simple reasons, an appreciation of which requires a little background knowledge the

Geneva Conventions themselves and their history.

In the wake of World War II, just a couple of years after the atomic bomb, a whole bunch of developed countries gathered in Switzerland with the common interest of preventing the Holocaust from recurrence. They had basically decided that the Holocaust was something very, very bad and nobody wanted to see history repeat itself. They convened a series of meetings, the substance of which led to the drafting of such documents as the Geneva Conventions and the Universal

Declaration of Human Rights. It is important to remember that the sole, single, lonely purpose of holding these meetings and writing these documents was contempt for the actions of the Nazis and a concealed attempt to lay those sorts of atrocities to rest in the pages of human history for all time.

When any political leader, of any country, establishes procedures that flatly disregard and openly denounce the guidelines of those same Geneva Conventions (as President Bush has done, numerous times), everyone else in the world cringes and feels chills up and down their spines because they, like those admirable gentlemen who wrote the Conventions, desire to see the Holocaust exist only in history textbooks and museums where it belongs. Because of Bush's

strategies, as embraced by many of those congressmen up for reelection, in fighting our "Global War on Terror" the rest of the world cringes. This assertion-alleging that Bush's foreign policy is comparable to that of Hitler's-is extremely sharp, will probably be rejected by many people on account, but it is nevertheless purely factual.

For the dismissive folk, I invite you to consider the crumbling public opinion of the Iraqi citizens themselves, who have to

ly worse than the ratio of French citizens who considered the German Gestapo an occupying force as opposed to a liberating force at the height of the Third Reich's power. Once again, we are merely examining facts; we are uninterested in employing immature tactics of fact-distortion as used by corrupt politicians and media pundits.

If our representation's ambitions had a thing to do with making the world a safer place, they might do well to pay some attention

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live with the daily presence of foreign troops in their own. The ratio of Iraqis who consider the U.S. Military to be an occupying force to those who consider it a liberating force was recently assessed at 12:1. This is actual-

tion to how the world's responded to the "Global War on Terror". It is well known that Bush's war in Iraq has worked wonders for recruiting in international terrorist organizations, caused decline in the world's perception of our country -considered by some to be irreparable, and caused a widespread breakdown between intercultural stability and toler-

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By Vinnie Pagano



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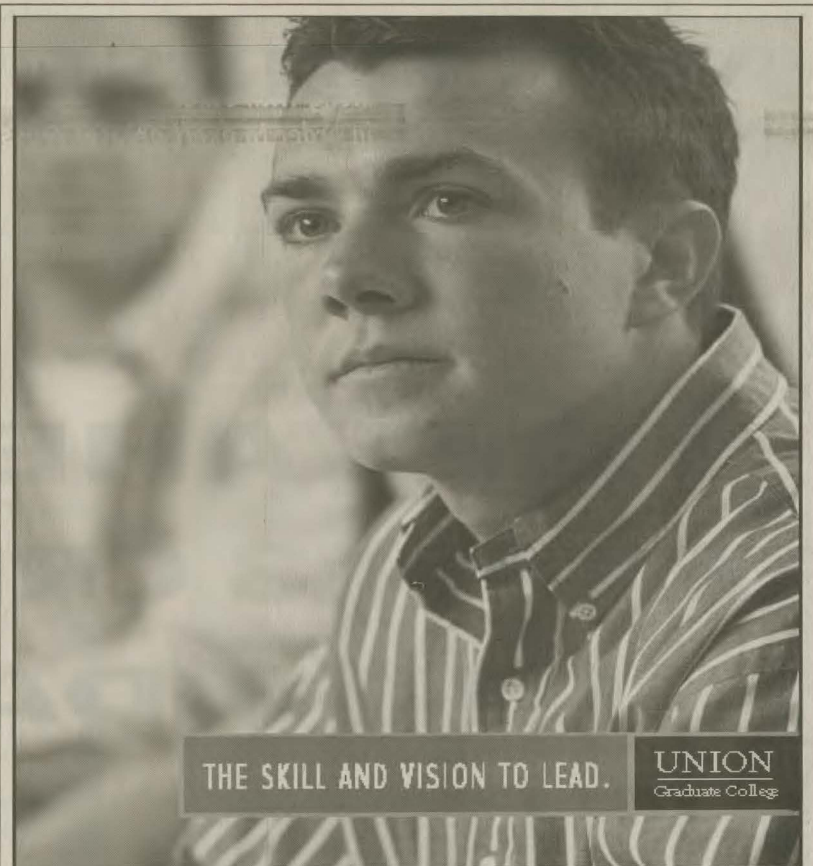
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## Active Minds gives voice to silent suffering

By BRITTANY FIORENZA  
Circle Staff

In a communal setting, especially a college campus, mental health is a vital issue and is defined as a state of emotional and psychological well-being in which an individual is able to use his or her cognitive and emotional capabilities, function in society, and meet the ordinary demands of everyday life. As college students we are constantly bombarded with all aspects of life, heavy class loads, stress, and relationships. Additionally, we face the need to reflect and focus on ourselves. At some point in our lives, we will all feel overwhelmed, extremely saddened, or lost. These feelings have the ability to weigh on our minds and to hinder our ability to overcome even the most non confrontational tasks. We all need to understand what these feelings mean, where they come from, and how to properly deal with them.

With this in mind, a student based mental health awareness group, called Active Minds, travels nation wide to enlighten students at different college campuses. Their website states: "By planning campus-wide events that promote awareness and education, the group aims to remove the stigma that surrounds mental illness and create a comfortable environment for open discussion of mental health issues." Using stirring slogans such as "Silence is Suffering", the intention to bring about awareness and a shift in the way mental health is dealt with is apparent.

In 2001 a college senior, Brian Milinton, com-

mitted suicide after suffering from mental health disorders, later diagnosed as schizoaffective disorder, as well as depression and psychosis, for three years. The devastation of his death motivated his younger sister, Alison, to start a program that would give college students an outlet to voice their distress and to deal with it effectively to prevent suicide. Her program generated so many followers that it spread throughout her campus and

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others before forming a headquarters in Washington D.C and becoming what is now known as Active Minds, Inc. in 2003. "Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for college students" With statistics such as this, the reality comes crashing down. The need for awareness and a certain sense of openness is absolutely necessary, not only to improve

lives, but to save them. College is a time of expansion and growth; however a certain amount of introspection is also necessary. Therefore, at some point we all must step back from the world that will never cease to exist and focus on nurturing ourselves so that we may exist healthily within it. Active Minds has several events at different campuses, and is hosting one in Washington D.C. this weekend. By visiting their website ([www.activemindsoncampus.org](http://www.activemindsoncampus.org)) you can read more about their philosophies and motives. Marist is particularly sensitive when it comes to dealing with the wellness of body, mind and spirit. The counseling center here at Marist (ext 2152) is free and completely confidential. You can attend individual sessions or group sessions at

talk about whatever is on your mind.

These are the times of our lives but there is no shame in sometimes feeling as if something isn't quite right. Seek help, and seek awareness because even if you are not feeling depressed, someone close to you may be and the only way you can effectively help them, is by learning more

about what ails them. Just like studying for a test, or spending time with friends, we need to understand that our minds are crucial to our well being and the more open we are about our feelings, the better off we will be.



### Science Briefs

By ALEXANDER TINGEY  
Health Editor

#### KFC FOLLOWS TREND, DROPS TRANS FATS

KFC announced last week to the Associated Press that it would begin to remove the use of trans fatty oils in its original, extra crispy and potato wedge recipe. This move is a response to the national scrutiny of trans fats in high traffic cooking areas.

Recently, New York City announced that it would consider banning some trans fats within certain areas of the city.

KFC President Gregg Dedrick said there would be no change in the taste of the chicken and other food items. "There is no compromise," he said at a Manhattan news conference. "Nothing is more important to us than the quality of our food and preserving the terrific taste of our product," reported the AP.

One item that has not been announced as part of the changes are the restaurant's biscuits. These will still be made with some trans fat, as no other alternative is currently available to substitute.

Currently, changes are only planned for the United States, as the foreign counterparts of the restaurant will retain their current recipes for now.

Trans fats are responsible for the consequent rise in "bad" cholesterol and HDL levels in the blood. This rise of artery clogging material is

one of the major causes of heart disease which is responsible for 30,000 deaths annually.

#### TAINTED FOOD MAKES HEADLINES AGAIN

Eighteen states have reported over 117 salmonella infections in the past few weeks and the recent outbreak is puzzling officials. The outbreak was likely caused by tainted produce, lettuce or tomatoes, yet no one brand, restaurant or supermarket has been pinpointed as the source, yet.

While no one has died of salmonella from this outbreak to date, it is still worrying as the E. coli outbreak a few weeks ago left the country reeling in surprise of what was on their plates.


"We're very early in the investigation," said Dave Daigle, a spokesman for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the AP. "Most of the cases are in adults, and more than 60 percent are women, said Dr. Chris Braden, a CDC epidemiologist investigating the outbreak."

Salmonella is identified by the particular strain that affects a given population. In Massachusetts, the largest concentration of illness occurred as the state reported more than 20 cases of the illness.

Salmonella occurs naturally in soil water, and on some of our more commonly purchased food items such as eggs and raw poultry.

One problem with the recent outbreak is that the strain of salmonella being reported is one of the most common and often difficult to identify strains. This has caused the Centers for Disease Control in Washington to issue an investigation into the source and probable cause for the infections.





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### BusinessWeek Magazine Names Enterprise Rent-A-Car Among Top Five Places to Launch a Career

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**ST. LOUIS, Oct. 31, 2006** - Ready to graduate? Sure. Robe? Check. Course requirements? Check. Future? Uh oh.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, North America's largest rental car company, has again been listed as one of the best places college graduates and young professionals can turn to for a promising career. The company recently earned the No. 5 spot on BusinessWeek's inaugural list of "Best Places to Launch a Career."

BusinessWeek used three sources of data - a survey of career services directors, a survey of employers, and a student survey conducted by Universum Communications, a market-research firm based in Philadelphia - to develop its rankings.

"It's a great honor to be on the BusinessWeek list and we thank everyone involved for supporting our business and employees," said Marie Artim, assistant vice president, recruiting at Enterprise. "We especially appreciate the fact that career services directors surveyed ranked Enterprise as the No. 1 employer for entry-level workers."

Enterprise, which hires about 7,000 college graduates a year, has a well-developed management training program that teaches employees how to run their own businesses. In fact, nearly 100 percent of Enterprise's current senior management - including the president and CEO - started as management trainees, learning the ins and outs of the business.

#### Enterprise - BusinessWeek

The company's management training program enables employees who work in the rental car offices to learn how to manage profit-and-loss statements, control expenses and implement a comprehensive business plan - a sort of MBA crash course. Within nine to 12 months, managers in training are typically eligible for promotion and get the opportunity to run part of the rental branch business as if it were their own, including sharing in the profits they help create.

"At Enterprise, we instill a fun, exciting atmosphere, where employees are in charge of their careers and set their own pace for career growth," Artim said. "Because we strongly encourage a promote-from-within philosophy, as individuals learn, they move rapidly into branch management positions and beyond, typically becoming branch managers within two to three years."

Other recent recognition for Enterprise includes being named the No. 1 entry-level employer by CollegeGrad.com, being featured in the 2007 Princeton Review book as a best company for entry-level jobs, and the No. 1 spot on Diverse: Issues in Higher Education's list of "Top 30 National Firms Most Effective at Diversity Recruiting."

For students looking for an internship, Enterprise offers spots for more than 1,500 interns a year. Fortune.com named Enterprise one of the "Five Best Internships for Real Work" during the summer of 2006. Interns at Enterprise are involved in all aspects of running the business and are given the responsibilities of a full-time employee.

For more information about Enterprise or its management training program, students should contact their career center or go to [www.enterprise.com/careers](http://www.enterprise.com/careers).

#### About Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Enterprise Rent-A-Car operates more than 850,000 rental and fleet services vehicles worldwide and has annual revenues of more than \$9 billion. Last year, Enterprise opened more than 400 new locations, increasing its total locations to nearly 7,000. The company operates more than 900 offices in Canada, United Kingdom, Germany and Ireland. Enterprise is currently number 16 on the Forbes '500 Largest Private Companies in America' list. For more information about Enterprise visit [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com).

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## Comedian and animal activist Dan Piraro visits Marist

By KAITLYN ZAFONTE  
Staff Writer

farming. The Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary rehabilitates the animals that are fortunate enough to escape slaughter. At the farm, "food-production animals" such as cows, pigs, turkeys, and sheep are provided shelter and a peaceful living environment. The sanctuary promotes the fair treatment of animals by allowing people to visit with the creatures that could have ended up on their plates. This is the issue on which Piraro focuses: vegetarianism/veganism and understanding that animals deserve equal respect as humans.

Piraro, however, eased the crowd into this topic with his humor. One of the cartoons he projected summed up the attitude and message of most of his show. It featured a pig sitting in a restaurant and asking the human waiter, "Can I substitute the pork chop for a fried chunk of your left buttock?" Amusing? Absolutely. Yet it has a strong underlying message. This cartoon, along with many of his others, stresses how humans have a tendency to treat others with disrespect, but if our actions are turned around it is viewed as simply appalling. One of Piraro's favorite quotes is, "humans aren't the only species on earth—we just act like it." However, it wasn't until five years ago that he actually

reached this epiphany.

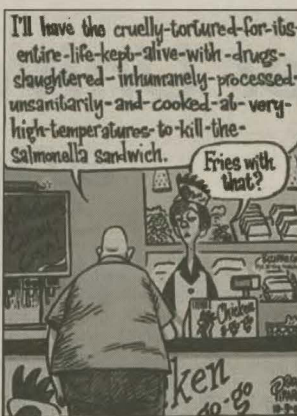
Before that time, Piraro was a meat eater. He joked that if someone had then told him that he would become a vegan and an animal rights activist, he would have "covered them in barbecue sauce and eaten them." Like most people claim, he was compassionate for animals, in the sense that cats and dogs deserved the love and respect of humans. But this feeling was not extended to those animals that are used for food consumption. Piraro followed this hypocritical belief until he became aware of factory farming and then visited an animal sanctuary. Seeing the rescued animals made him realize that they were no different from the animals we keep as household pets. Disgusted that his money was fueling such a cruel trade, Piraro underwent a lifestyle change. Out went all animal products from his diet and in went abused foster animals to his home.

This may seem like a severe transformation, but Piraro explained that its many benefits and rewards make it more than worthwhile. He started incorporating animal rights cartoons into his usual repertoire, using a sarcastic and incredibly witty tone to express his opinions. It is extremely difficult for people to be told that a lifestyle choice of

theirs is hypocritical, heartless, and unhealthy. Because of this, many are closed off to the idea of going vegetarian, let alone vegan. The idea seems too radical because it so severely conflicts with what they have been brought up to believe.

Therefore, efforts to make people aware of these injustices often go in one ear and out the other. After all, isn't ignorance bliss? Dan Piraro, however, shattered this wall of ignorance and penetrated into a new realm of understanding using one of the most persuasive mediums: humor. He did not berate people for eating meat, but he did explain why it would be beneficial to alter their actions.

"Peace begins on your plate," declares one drawing. If we are to become a more compassionate society, how can we allow these injustices to animals continue? Piraro concluded his presenta-



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tion by urging the audience to make their lives significant. You have the choice to make it more than simply "the trash you leave behind." To take a step in the direct of animal compassion is to add worth to your life. And that's no joke.

Dan Piraro's cartoons can be viewed on his website [Bizarro.com](http://Bizarro.com). To learn more about the Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary and animal welfare, visit [WoodstockFAS.org](http://WoodstockFAS.org) or email [FoxP.A.W. at maristfox-paw@gmail.com](mailto:FoxP.A.W. at maristfox-paw@gmail.com).

## FOX REEL

### Been there, 'Saw' that

How many times can you make the same movie? Lion's Gate studio answers

JAMES Q.



SHEEHAN

that question with their latest release, "Saw III." After the incredibly successful sequel, the Jigsaw killer is back for his third gruesome set of games this Halloween. However, with his health compromised because of cancer, the deadly games take on a different twist and the stakes are even higher.

It's useless to review the "Saw" series in the traditional approach of this column. The acting and cinematography are mediocre at best and not worth discussing. "Saw III" is a film that needs to be taken for what it is—a movie meant to startle and disturb, and in this context it does very well.

"Saw III" deviates in one way from its predecessors in that it seeks to be more of a psychological thriller. In attempting this, its dialogue becomes rushed in an ultimate quest to fulfill its surprise ending which have become a standard to the "Saw" series. The blood level is about on par with most other "Saw" films and the torture devices certainly show influence from the Spanish Inquisition, making this a holiday for gore fans.

"Saw III" is not a great movie. Don't go to see it expecting your mind to be blown. The film is fun to see leading up to Halloween if you want a good scream but I wouldn't recommend it after October 31<sup>st</sup>. Just steal your friends copy after it comes out on DVD.

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the show. "It has good comedy, good gags" she said. "It's funny. It is not just a dumb little musical."

"Crazy for You" has performances on Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4 at 8 PM as well as Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 PM. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and alumni and \$12 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased at the door before each performance as well as by calling the MCCTA box office at extension 3133. They can also be purchased online at [www.mccta.com](http://www.mccta.com).

## You will go 'Crazy' for MCCTA's fall musical

By ALEXANDRIA BRIM  
Staff Writer

The Marist College Council on Theatre Arts (MCCTA) will stage its fall musical "Crazy for You" from Nov. 3-5. All performances will be held in the Nelly Goletti theatre.

Junior Risa Pedzewicz is the assistant director for the show. "It's good. It's better as a lot of high schools produce this show," she said. "We're doing it pretty professionally."

Matthew Wolfe, a sophomore, plays lead character Bobby Child. "He's from a rich family, a banker," Wolfe says of his character. "His mother has been grooming him to take over the family business but all he wants to do is dance. She sends him out to Nevada to foreclose on a piece of property, which happens to be a theatre owned by a beautiful girl."

This action sets the play into motion as he arrives in Deadrock, Nevada. Bobby decides to help resurrect the theatre by impersonating a famous producer. "It all blows up in his face," Wolfe says. Bobby falls in love with Polly, who doesn't return it when she finds out Bobby is the banker who will close the theatre. Bobby tries to win her heart as the town puts on the show to save the theatre. Will Bobby succeed in winning Polly and will the show change Deadrock's luck?

"Crazy for You" features songs from Ira and George Gershwin as well as a book by Ken Ludwig. The show was inspired by an earlier one by Guy Bolton and Jack McGowan called "Girl Crazy," which opened in 1930.

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## Time flies for Marist seniors

Talk of future graduation festivities stirs excitement

By ANDREW GOSS  
Circle Contributor

The Class of 2007 is in the process of finishing their last year in Poughkeepsie while keeping an eye towards their futures. Senior class president Mary Cornetta has been far too busy to even worry about what life in the "real world" will be like.

"My senior year has been great so far, but also stressful," she said. "I'm finishing up the last of my courses which includes capping and that's proving to be harder than I thought, but I know it will be worth it in the end and everything else is going smoothly."

Senior activities are already in the process of being planned. The 21 Society's event is tentatively scheduled for the Saturday before Thanksgiving break, November 18. It will include wine tasting from around the world. In addition, Senior Day for members of the Marist band will take place November 11 at the final home football game. Senior week, even though it is in May, is also already in the planning stages. The majority of the senior activities, in fact, are expected to take place during the spring.

As the end of the month approaches, seniors should be aware of November 27 when undergraduate graduation applications for the May 2007

Commencement Ceremony are due. Marist College's 60th Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 on the Campus Green at 11:00 a.m. Soon after that day, many of the new Marist alumni will venture out into the real world. Senior Mark Perugini, who is a member of Lambda Pi Eta and the section leader of the Marist band drum line, isn't scared.

"Honestly, I am not nervous about the real world," he said. "Yeah, it is scary to know that you have to be fully responsible. But one of the most important people in my life once told me that you have to live life one day at a time, and by doing this, you will learn more about yourself and you will become more of an individual. You can only plan out your future to a certain extent. The best thing is to live life to the fullest and understand your passion for living. Once you understand your passion for living, then you will not only piece together your life but you will also find success."

Maryellen Conway, the President of the Student Body, is among those who will be heading directly for grad school after graduating.

"I will be finishing up a five-year program here at Marist," she said. "I will be getting my BA in psychology and MA in educational psychology by December 2007. In January 2007, I will hopefully be starting

the advanced certificate program for school psychology here. Later on, I would love to go to Columbia University or Fordham University to get a PhD in school administration."

Lives of the senior students who will graduate in May will take many different paths afterwards but nearly all agree that the one four-year experience that brought all of their lives together was a memorable one. Perugini holds his time at Marist in high regard.

"Marist has been the best experience of my life," he said. "It has opened my eyes to what is truly beautiful in life. I will miss hanging out with the guys and my fraternity brothers until the early morning. I will miss sleeping in late and starting my day at two in the afternoon. I will miss the philosophical and social talks with my friends about life, the future, and of course, the mystery of understanding the opposite sex. Most importantly, I will miss the freedom, the freedom of helping out people at all hours of the day and the freedom of my young adulthood. It is going to be hard knowing that I will be leaving my utopia and temporarily departing from the people I love. Marist will always be home, and I will absolutely miss the people who have helped me find myself."

## column about nothing French kisses and disses

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD  
Staff Writer

I am a bit challenged when it comes to avoiding solicitors, strangers, and especially people who are trying to sell me candy. After growing tired of these awkward and horribly inconvenient occurrences, I developed a system for avoiding any unwanted attention. Pretend you don't speak English. Obviously, this is a risky approach since someone could call your bluff by attempting to speak your 'native' tongue, but it's a risk worth taking. I speak French at the level of a toddler, but I am able to avoid people by mumbling some sort of French nonsense as I hurry by. However, let's be realistic, no one wants to hear about success stories, and I don't want to tell them. If I am advocating something, I might as well properly warn readers of the risks. So, let's review some dangers of the faux-French word.

A couple of summers ago, I worked downtown in a store that was next to the coffee shop. My town is fairly small, and I grew accustomed to seeing familiar faces. One such familiar face was George. Probably in his mid sixties, George had gigantic, bushy eyebrows that seemed large

enough to be their own species of mammal, a lazy eye that would snap in and out of sync with the good eye, and the most crooked teeth I have ever seen. George would shuffle into my store and immediately start talking to me about "those damned motorcyclists" or whatever random tangent struck his fancy. I never had another coworker to rescue me, so I was forced to listen to his rants while I wondered if his eyebrows created visibility issues for him. After he has exhausted his subject of the day, George would shuffle into the coffee shop to harass whatever unfortunate customer happened to be in the store.

Eventually, I quit my job and was blissfully free of crazy George - or so I thought. My mom and I were in the coffee shop when she struck up conversation with a friend of hers at a corner table. At that moment, I heard George's signature voice behind me. I jumped onto a seat at the counter and thrust my nose into my book. George must have sensed my fear, because he made a bee-line for my seat. As he tried to verbally beat me to death with his senseless rants, I decided that I would beat him in his own game. With eyes wide, I shook my head said, "Je suis

désolé, mais je ne parle pas anglais." ("I'm sorry, but I do not speak English.") True, George has seen me before and conversed with me, but he talks to everyone - whether he knows them or not - and he is senile enough to not remember me. As I soon found out, George was not as senile as I had thought.

George's eyes bulged out as he immediately called my bluff with, "No, I know you, you work next door." Damn. In the heaviest French accent I could manage, I explained that I was visiting my American cousin whom I happen to closely resemble. George continued to stare at me like I had just grown a beard while I frantically tried to collect the shards that had once been my dignity. I continued to switch from broken English to French gibberish until my mom walked by. I blurted out some story where my mom was my American aunt, and I practically ran out of the shop after my mom. When I looked back, George was still standing, not speaking, just staring at me.

A month later, I was in the coffee shop when George managed to corner me. It assumed my 'American cousin' identity and he actually believed me. That was the last I ever saw of George.

## cartoon corner

by Vinnie Pagano





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## Red Fox offensive triumphs over downpour and Peacocks

By BRIAN LOEW  
Staff Writer

Wind and rain could not stifle a spectacular offensive performance with a dominating show by junior running back Adam Hansen as he helped to carry the Marist Red Foxes to a 35-18 victory against the St. Peter's Peacocks on Saturday evening at Leonidoff field.

Hansen tied a Marist school record for touchdowns in a single game with four, helping Marist record its highest yard-production game of the year with 406 offensive yards. The Red Foxes improved to 3-6 overall and 2-1 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). St. Peter's fell to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the MAAC.

The Marist special teams unit wasted no time in setting the tone for the game. On the opening kickoff, the Peacocks were only able to return the ball to the 14-yard line before freshmen O'Neil Anderson caused a fumble that was recovered by senior Dan Peckham.

The Marist offense capitalized on the turnover as Hansen's first of four touchdowns came at the 12:14 mark in the first quarter with a 1-yard plunge, putting Marist on top 7-0.

Seven more points would come

for the Red Foxes just before the end of the quarter. With 1:31 left in the quarter, Hansen tacked on his second 1-yard score of the game completing the 10-play, 49-yard drive that began with an interception by sophomore Paul Rabito, making it 14-0 Marist.

Shortly into the second quarter, St. Peter's quarterback Scott Bonnono capped off a 70-yard march down the field with a 10-yard floater to Jaled Kindell with 12:32 remaining in the half. After a blocked extra-point kick, the Peacocks trailed Marist 14-6.

Just under four minutes later, Marist answered back with an 80-yard drive topped off by Hansen's third 1-yard touchdown run at 8:42 left in the half, cushioning Marist's lead 21-6.

On St. Peter's next drive with 5:39 remaining in the half, Bonnono found Kindell once more for a 12-yard touchdown pass cutting Marist's lead to nine. A failed two-point conversion pass by Bonnono made the score 21-12 in favor of Marist.

Just before the end of the half, Hansen added his fourth score of the game with a 2-yard rush with 2:39 left on the clock. Junior kicker Bradley Rowe's extra point sailed through the uprights making the score 28-12 Marist at the half.

With 4:19 left in the third quarter, Marist drove in for its final

touchdown of the game. Senior running back Frankie Farrington dove in for a 3-yard touchdown run making it 35-12. Marist. Farrington's score capped off an 11-play, 92-yard drive that began with a 50-yard pass from junior quarterback Steve McGrath to senior wide receiver Prince Premphe. McGrath finished the day completing 13 passes for 265 yards through the air.

Bonnono and the Peacocks offense had one final score with a 13-yard desperation pass to wide receiver John Bond with 2:51 left in the game making the final score 35-18 Marist.

The biggest story of the day was the Red Fox offense. With over 400 total yards, Marist Head Coach Jim Parady said that the week's focus on fundamentals made all the difference.

"Going into the game we went back to the fundamentals and the real basics and concentrated on those, and I think that paid off for us," Parady said. "We executed our game plan well and we won our individual match-ups, and that is something that in the last few weeks we've had trouble doing."

Hansen agreed with the coach saying that the offense worked very well together as a unit to get the victory.

"Offensively we had great blocking from the offensive

line," Hansen said. "People really stepped it up and made some great plays that got us down on the goal line numerous times. From there I was just able to punch it in and get us on the scoreboard."

Hansen said that coming out with the win was the result of a great overall team effort that never gave up.

"As a team, everyone just kept pushing, and we were able to get the job done."

Although the offense was dominating, Coach Parady said that the Marist defense also played a key role in Saturday's victory. Although they gave up 417 yards to the Peacock's offense, keeping the Peacocks out of the end zone was crucial.

"Even though we bent a little bit, we did not break," Parady said. "We had two great goal line stands that changed the course of the game. We stood up when it was time to down in the red zone, and I think that those were two key points in the game. The big thing was that we kept them off the scoreboard."

Marist goes head to head against another Patriot league opponent this weekend as they make the trek down to the nation's capital to take on the I-7 Georgetown Hoyas Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. Coach Parady said that the team feels

confident going into the contest, but knows Georgetown will be a tough opponent.

"I think the guys have confidence coming off of a good victory, and I know that we want to make sure that we're focusing on this game," Parady said. "We

know that Georgetown has played a tough schedule, and that they've played a lot of close games, so we know it's going to be a good challenge for us down there."



Hansen had a career day against St. Peter's scoring four touchdowns on great blocking from his offensive line. Marist had 406 total yards.

## Fairfield snaps Marist's four-game win streak, Foxes fall to 6-8 in MAAC play

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Strength is a word that can be used to describe many things. Using it to describe Fairfield's volleyball team could be deemed sufficient.

The Fairfield Stags came to the McCann Center Saturday with a vengeance to get their 13th straight win and stay undefeated in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). They got it in convincing fashion beating Marist in three straight sets.

In the first game, Fairfield never relinquished the lead having runs of six and eight points. They would go on to win 30-13.

Early in game two, Marist took a 1-0 lead on a kill by Sally Hanson. The Stags however would tie it at one point apiece and never look back. They went on runs of six and five points and would win the game 30-13 as well.

Fairfield from the beginning of warm-ups to the end of the match had great intensity. Marist head coach Tom Hanna felt that his team lacked that same intensity from the beginning of the first game.

"I felt that we played very flat from the beginning," he said. "We need to come out and play with a higher level of intensity."

Game three was a bit different than the first two. The score was tied four different times throughout the game and there were two lead changes, a stat that was vacant in the first two games.

For the first three points of the game, both Marist and Fairfield went back and forth with the lead until Fairfield was able to put together a six-point run and take the lead 7-2.

At points throughout the day it appeared that the Red Foxes were back on their heels and maybe even

out of position. Coach Hanna believed it was the play of Fairfield that made it appear that way.

"They were exploiting spots," he said.

The Red Foxes put together a strong come back and went on their first real run of the day with six straight points and took the lead 11-8 before Fairfield head coach Jeff Werneke called a timeout.

After the timeout, Fairfield came out and went on an eight-point run to take the lead 17-11. Marist fought well throughout the game but fell by a score of 30-24.

One key stat the Red Foxes could blame for their demise was the 19 unforced hitting errors they had throughout the match. Coach Hanna felt the offense was lacking all day.

"Our blocking assignment was OK, our passing went well, but it was our offense that just didn't do well today," he said. "We also had the 19 unforced hitting errors. You cut that in half, that's nine points right there that could go either way and really change the momentum either way for either team."

Christy Lukes led the Red Fox offense with nine kills. Stephanie Miksch had eight digs while Sally Hanson had four aces. Dawn Jan had 23 assists.

Lindsey Lee had 15 kills to lead the Stags. Brandi Higa had nine digs and Katie Mann had three aces. Barbie Thistle led the floor with 34 assists.

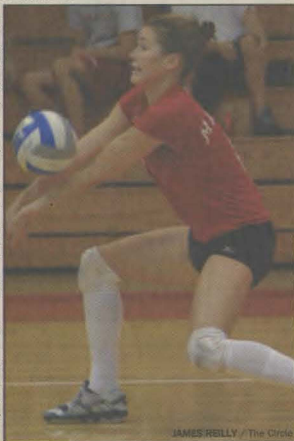
Marist was on a four-

before this loss to Fairfield. They had just beaten Rider 3-1 the previous night. With the loss, they fall to 6-8 in MAAC play, 8-15 overall.

Coach Hanna believes long streaks in volleyball are a big part, inside and outside, of the game.

"They're a huge part of the game," he said. "Whether it's a streak inside the match or whatever amount of games you've won beforehand, it gives you nice momentum."

Fairfield has not lost a game since September 16 and is now on a 13-game winning streak. They beat the Iona Gaels 3-0 last Thursday. The Stags are so hot right now they have not lost a single game since October 8. The last game they lost was against Siena, but they eventually won the match 3-1. Fairfield improved to 13-0 in the MAAC and is 16-6 overall.



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Senior Stephanie Miksch had eight digs in the loss to the Stags and Marist had its four-game winning streak snapped in CT on Saturday afternoon.

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