

As ornaments on these trees dwindle, holiday spirit soars

By **MATT WALSH**
Circle Contributor

The tree is trimmed; the lights are bright. Only this time, the presents are on the tree, not under.

The Giving Tree program entered its 13th year this past weekend. It is run by Campus Ministry and sponsors 25 needy families

through five outreach agencies.

The Ministry asks the campus community each year to donate gifts to these families. Every year, about 90 per-

cent of the requested gifts are distributed to the families.

The interesting part about this charity is the aspect of the tree. Seven trees are placed around campus, each one containing paper ornaments. These ornaments represent "wishes," items the family tells the agency that they need.

Students and administrators

alike are then urged to take an ornament from the tree and buy that respective "wish."

Brother Frank Kelly, director of Campus Ministry, explained that the families sponsored by Marist include battered women and children and those having financial difficulties. These are families who barely have enough to buy food, let alone presents.

'Last year the team chipped in to buy an X-Box ... we are going to try and do something just as nice this year.'

— Steve Hicks
Senior

Marist. Administrators, students, and sports teams alike all participate in the event.

Steve Hicks, Marist senior, is a member of the cross country and track and field teams. He said that he and the other seniors on the team are organizing a team-sponsored gift.

"Last year the team chipped in to buy an X-Box," Hicks said.

"We are going to try and do something just as nice this year."

The track team is not the only team participating. The men's and women's swim teams are planning on donating two bicycles as well.

However, this is not a charity that is just about toys. Several families ask for household or personal needs, such as a table or dishes. Some are in need of soap or shampoo — items that people usually do not think of as gifts.

Indeed, shampoo does not exactly fit the holiday-gift genre. However, what a family needs is that which other people may take for granted. The Giving Tree program is not only philanthropic, but successful in raising students' awareness of the needs of those who may not be as lucky as they are.

Dan Garaffa, Marist sophomore, said that he loves the way Marist responds to the Giving Tree program.

"I think it's good that it is more

than just toys," Garaffa said. "The fact that a small school such as Marist can help so many families' needs; that's good stuff."

The Ministry asks all gifts be brought to the chapel, wrapped and labeled with the ornament from the tree.

All gifts need to be donated by Dec. 12, in time for the Giving Tree Ceremony. The ceremony

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Sophomore

embraces. He said he is always amazed by the turnout of administrators and students showing generosity to the poor.

"There is more to the season than getting presents," Kelly said. "When I get the thank-you cards from families, explaining that they were crying when they saw how generous Marist is, that's what the holiday season is



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One of the Giving Trees is located in the main entrance of Lowell Thomas. On the left is one of the many wishes of needy families.

about."

Students laugh it up at Comedy Night



Senior Tony Messina put his talent to the test on Tuesday night in the Cabaret. Messina is a member of the Marist College comedy group, the Humarists, who will put on their annual "Big Show" Dec. 7 and 8 at 9 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theater.

School of Management makes the top grade in the 2005 Princeton Review

By **ALEXIS TEDESCO**
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According to The Princeton Review, the School of Management at Marist is one of 143 schools featured in the student-opinion guidebook "Best 143 Business Schools", 2005 Edition.

The School of Management is one of only 300 business schools in the country to be accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a premier accrediting organization for business schools worldwide. In addition, Marist now offers the first online MBA to be accredited by the New York State Education Department.

"The Best 143 Business Schools" has 11 ranking lists, each one identifying the top ten business schools in a specific category. The categories cover a range of topics applicants to the schools might want to know or ask about on a campus visit. The list subjects cover academics to careers to how family-friendly the schools are.

Robert Franek, Princeton

Review vice president for guidebook publishing, said the rankings in the book reflect a compilation of useful data that students can effectively use to choose a school tailored for them.

"Every school we profile in this book offers students an outstanding MBA education, yet each one is distinctive in its academic programs and campus

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— Cary Bernard
Sophomore

environment," Franek said. "There is no one best business school overall. For this book we developed comprehensive profiles of the schools and compiled ranking lists in multiple categories to help students choose the best business school for them."

Dr. Andres Fortino, dean of the

School of Management, said that these rankings tell the school that they are preparing leaders for the future who will take the values they learn at Marist and apply it to their field of choice.

"What makes this honor special for Marist is the fact that we get high marks for the program from our students," he said.

Cary Bernard, a Marist sophomore, said the accreditation does not come as a surprise.

"I only have good things to say about the business program here," she said. "I like my major and I feel very confident in the program. The professors are insightful and well experienced and seem to really care how every student is working in their class."

The surveys asked students over 40 questions about themselves, their career plans, and their school's academics, student body and campus life. The rankings are based entirely on student answers to survey questions. The resulting responses determined a school's eligibility in the guidebook and were used in writing the narrative of each selecting program.

Despite great expectations students decline donating money to the Marist Fund

By **ERIC HANSEN**
Circle Contributor

The average annual cost of attending and living at Marist College in 2004 is almost \$30,000, yet the school still seeks outside help for acquiring financial support.

This additional support is the responsibility of Marist's advancement office. The offices,

located in Fontaine Hall, oversee support for the college from outside of tuition. Among other fundraisers and projects supported by advancement offices is the Marist Fund, run each year from July 1 until June 30.

"Every year we solicit alumni, friends and business for what we call the Marist Fund, which is our annual campaign," said Robert West, vice president of college advancement at Marist.

"Those moneys that we raise for the Marist Fund are what we call 'unrestricted;' they go to support the operational budget of the college. They help support everything from the library, faculty salaries and special programs. In a way, that does support, or helps try to keep tuition down so the more we do with the Marist Fund, the more operational money is available for the college."

More than half of the money raised comes from alumni who participate in every fund, although friends, families and businesses associated with the college are not to be discounted. Donations average around \$125, but are sometimes in the high five-figures. Marist seniors and recent graduates are also encouraged to participate in the fund, though to a lesser extent than more-established alumni.

"What we've done the past few years is create what we call a senior class gift program," West said. "The senior class gives a contribution as they are leaving, and the last two years it has really worked very well, so we're seeing that the younger graduates are participating."

However, some Marist seniors and graduates are less than enthusiastic to donate money to their school. Senior Dan

Yingling said that he had never heard of the Marist Fund, and when it was described to him, he showed little desire in participating.

"There is no chance of me ever giving money to Marist," he said. "I don't see why there'd be any reason to. Why would I give money to help out people I don't know?"

Yingling is not alone in his
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The "Security Briefs" and the "Alcohol Fantasy Beat" are intended to be a parody and not a representation of The Circle's editorial stance on drinking — illegal or otherwise — nor is it intended to be a statement regarding the official Marist College policy on alcohol consumption.

Security Briefs:

Sneak into the dining hall like normal starving students

Compiled by DAN ROY
Campus Editor

11/10 — I'm going to be honest; we had a pretty slow week here at Marist. At 11:21 a.m. a cement truck doing its thing by the Boat House snapped some electrical wires in the process. Central Hudson Electric came, and put everything back together. Speaking of slow, how slow does the mixer on those cement trucks move? Real slow, I'll tell you that. In a race between a cement truck mixer mixing and the sun setting ... I'd take the sun. Anyone else with me?!

11/11 — Just when we thought it was safe to park our cars here again, someone's got to go and do something like this. A car's driver side window was smashed out in the Beck Place lot at 12:01 a.m. Thursday. A purse and the contents of the purse were stolen. From an old woman a few blocks away! "It was also stolen from the car you idiot." Whatever, the girl whose car it was got the last laugh. "How do you know?" While sifting through the purse, the thief made the same mistake the teacher did in that commercial when he asked if the girl had enough candy for the whole class. You know, and she's all smart like, 'Enough for the girls, hehehe.' "Yeah, I know the one." Let's just say our thief isn't going to be eating cotton candy with spaghetti anytime soon.

11/11 — What, did "Jackass" come to town? Or maybe it was "Viva La Bam." Whoever it was left a rotting deer carcass on the campus green at 6:52 a.m. Thursday. Rumor has it, there was a note left on the body. With my excellent investigative work,

I was able to get a hold of the note, and read it with my own eyes. It read, 'One cup of sugar, one cup of molasses, two tablespoons of butter, and one dead deer. We're having deer pie tonight!' "Funny, the recipes I know don't end exclaiming their excitement for the dish." What, they just have the ingredients? "Yeah." Yeah ...

11/13 — What, did "Jackass" come to town? Or maybe it was "Viva La Bam." Whoever it was stole the chairs from the Leo entry desk at 5:53 p.m. Saturday. Damn kids aren't satisfied with a dead deer! You have to take our chairs too! You know the officer on duty came back and tried sitting down anyway? Yeah, he's still in St. Francis as we speak. Not from a broken back or anything; from a broken ego. So I hope you're happy. One of these days we'll Bam your Jackass and then we'll see who's laughing.

11/13 — Probably celebrating the successful removal of two Leo chairs, some students in Midrise threw themselves a little party at 7:08 p.m. Security confiscated a full bottle of Skyy vodka, and the remaining ingredients to a punch on hand. These include: an empty bottle of Skyy vodka, sloe gin, Herman Walker triple, and Bacardi Rum. Last but not least, a funnel and hose were taken. Holy ravioli. You morons were funneling that contraption? What a terrible idea. You're lucky you got stopped at 7:08. Who the heck is Herman Walker anyway? Johnny's younger, less talented, thus less loved brother?

11/15 — This is the second week in a row where I end with a frightening brief. At 12:45 a.m. Monday,

two masked subjects knocked on a Gartland door and entered when one of the residents looked to see who it was. One was wearing a military gas mask, and the other had a scarf over his face. One was stocky and one was thin. They proceeded to the kitchen, opened the refrigerator, took several food items and left. O.K. Yogi and Boo Boo, Gartland refrigerators aren't pic-a-nic baskets. And Boo Boo, Yogi has a gas mask. The best you can do is a scarf? Come on.

Alcohol-related incidents this week:

1. Midrise — 1

Total alcohol-related incidents:

1. Leo — 7
2. Gartland — 6
3. Champagnat — 4
4. Old Townhouses — 1
5. Gregory — 1
6. Upper West Cedar — 1
7. Midrise — 2

8. Sheahan — 1



Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004
SPC Western Night
8 PM
Cabaret

Friday, Nov. 19, 2004
SPC Presents:
Mark SalDana
9 PM
Cabaret

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004
College Bowl
9 AM to 4 PM
Student Center

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004
Mall Trip
4 PM - 12 AM
Bus leaves from Midrise

Wednesday, Nov. 24 —
Sunday, Nov. 28, 2004
Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004
Music Department
Small Ensembles
8 PM
PAR

Friday, Dec. 3, 2004
"The Nutcracker" ballet
4 PM
Bus leaves from Midrise

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2004
Chess Master Challenge
2 PM
LT 125

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004
SPC Broadway Trip:
"Avenue Q"
10 AM
Bus leaves from Midrise

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Student Government Flash

Nov. 18 — Club Challenge: Blood Drive from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Student Center. Please sign up. Giving blood is a great way to help the medical community.

Nov. 18 — The Student Programming Council (SPC) presents Western Night starting at 8:00pm in the Cabaret.

Nov. 20 — College Bowl — academic jeopardy tournament from 9am-4pm in the Student Center. All are welcome to play, students play in teams of four

Nov. 20 — Auditions for the Freshman/Sophomore Talent Show from 5-9 p.m. in the Performing Arts Room (PAR). IM Talents2004, MidriseRSC, or SGA2008 if interested

Dec. 2 — Freshman/Sophomore Talent Show from 9:30-11 p.m. in the Nelly Golletti Theater. Admission: \$1 in advance, \$2 at the door. Marist Money accepted. Prizes for winners and audience at the show.

Dec. 6-9 — Class rings will be sold by Exemplar: Recognition in the Rotunda of the Student Center. There will be an assortment of styles to choose from, so please stop by. The ring is a great symbol of school pride, and it is something you will always have to remember your years at Marist.



* For more information on these events, visit our homepage at clubs.marist.edu/sga/ or call x2206 *

Veteran journalist Lesley Stahl receives Lowell Thomas Award

By ALEXIS TEDESCO
Circle Contributor

Veteran journalist Lesley Stahl has joined the ranks of famous recipients of the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award.

The Union League Club honored Stahl, co-editor of the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes" and anchor of "48 Hours Investigates," at the Lowell Thomas Award luncheon in Manhattan on Oct. 14.

Since beginning her career as a CBS White House Correspondent in 1978, Stahl has covered countless stories for the Nixon, Carter and Reagan administrations, including the 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. Stahl moderated the long-running public affairs show "Face the Nation" on CBS and has the last spent 13 years working with "60 Minutes."

Before attending the award luncheon, Stahl sat down with 10 Marist students for a round-table discussion, during which the students asked Stahl questions

about her career and her experiences with the media.

After receiving her award, Stahl spoke to the crowd about journalism and journalistic integrity.

She described reporters as being thrown into a "huge salad bowl" that consisted of different types of journalists with different

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— Lesley Stahl
Recipient, Lowell Thomas Award

ideals. She stressed the importance for journalists to report the truth. Stahl said that journalists need to find ways to differentiate themselves from the crowd and establish their credibility with the public. She also spoke of her love for journalism.

"It is the best career I think," Stahl said. "You get paid to educate yourself everyday, and it's wonderful."

Stahl has won many honors,

including a Lifetime Emmy Award for her work. She has also written a book titled "Reporting Live," about her experiences during her 20 years as a Washington reporter. During the luncheon, Stahl expressed her gratitude for the recognition.

"I am humbled by this spectacular award," Stahl said. "I love my profession and to be honored by my peers is the highest."

This was the 18th presentation of the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award, which, according to the Marist Website, recognizes outstanding individuals in the communications industry whose lives and work reflect the imagination, courage, ambition, and humanity of Lowell Thomas. Marist's School of Communication and the Arts is dedicated to and named in honor of the renowned journalist. Dennis J. Murray, Marist College president, said Stahl was more than deserving of the award.

"Lesley Stahl is a pioneer in



Lesley Stahl accepts the Lowell Thomas Award in front of students and faculty. Stahl is a seasoned reporter having worked for CBS as co-editor of the CBS newsmagazine "60 Minutes" and anchor of "48 Hours Investigates." She joins other recipients Diane Sawyer, Eric Severeid, Walter Cronkite, and Cokie Roberts.

journalism who has broken down barriers for women in her field and is a model for all aspiring reporters," Murray said. "She has mastered the art of the inter-

view and, in the mold of Lowell Thomas, knows how to tell a story that is interesting, informative, and insightful."

Previous recipients of the

Lowell Thomas Award include Diane Sawyer, Eric Severeid, Walter Cronkite, and Cokie Roberts.

Marist Poll predicts results of missed opportunities for student workers

By JESSICA FOLEY
Circle Contributor

The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion (MIPO) can provide promising opportunities for students; unfortunately few take advantage of this.

For students interested in pursuing a marketing career, Marist offers public opinion courses which may enhance their work at the poll. Marist alumni who worked for the poll have continued their education in survey research or earned positions in software development, publishing, media polling analysis and the government. While these opportunities are appealing, few students realize the networking that the poll can provide.

Meghann M. Crawford, the

Project Coordinator and Survey Operations Manager at the Marist Poll, said that the poll can connect students in many different areas.

Crawford said that both directors, Dr. Lee M. Miringoff and Dr. Barbara L. Carvalho, are excellent sources for helping students pursue marketing careers.

"Both directors have great connections with the news media, such as NBC, ABC, and CBS," Crawford said.

The Marist Poll helped Linda M. Crane, a senior and student

body president at Marist, obtain an internship at Harris Interactive this past summer. Harris Interactive is the fifteenth largest and fastest-growing market research firm in the world. Based in Rochester, NY, the firm is known for The Harris Poll.

Crane, 21, worked as a Research Assistant for the Youth and Education Research Team. Crane said that she learned of the internship through the Marist Poll, under recommendation from Crawford. Crane also said that without the connections that the poll provides, that it would

be a lot harder to obtain marketing internships and jobs.

"Due to the fact that I was familiar with research practice and polling techniques, there was less I had to learn and that allowed me more time to work on specific studies for our clients," Crane said.

While MIPO can provide excellent connections and opportunities for students, like Crane, few students know about this service.

Crawford said that those very connections unfortunately are infrequently taken advantage

of. "I wish more students knew about the MIPO services available at Marist," Crawford said.

Brian S. Gray, 21, a junior political science major at Marist, said that he wishes he knew more

about the MIPO opportunities his freshman year, and did not know that they help students find internships in market research.

"Studying political science, the poll could not only enhance my communication skills, but a market research

internship could put me one step ahead of other students applying to law school," Gray said.

Suzanne C. LaTourette, 20, a junior communications major at Marist College, said that she did not realize that MIPO was more than a public opinion poll. She also said that a lot of students may not recognize the MIPO opportunities, which may help students who aspire to work in research or analysis fields.

"I did not know the opportunities that the poll could provide for students, and I feel as though I missed out," LaTourette said. "I think students perceive the poll as if it is telemarketing, when it really is a service to enhance student's communication skills and research knowledge."

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— Meghann M. Crawford
MIPO Project coordinator
Survey Operations Manager

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— Suzanne C. LaTourette
Junior

Students give midsemester grades mixed reviews

By NICOLE SOLAZZO
Circle Contributor

One would think that removing the stress of midterm grades would be appealing, but apparently, some students thrive on stress.

This recent change in academic policy seems to have bothered some Marist students.

Dan Butler, a junior and graphics design major was baffled and outraged when he looked in his mailbox in October.

"Why would a school deliberately take away a tool that helps student establish their current academic standing," he said.

Because of a Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) decision called "Workload Study" adopted in February, sophomores, juniors and seniors did not formally receive midterm grades this semester. The purpose of the decision was to decrease professors' workload.

Instead, the workload may not have dramatically decreased, and there have been complaints from students, like Nadine Asaad, a sophomore communications

major, who find it very inconvenient not to be getting midterm grades.

"I think we should still receive midterm grades," she said. "I think they're a good marker of how you're doing in a class."

Mike McLaughlin, vice president, student affairs for the Government Association (SGA), said the faculty found out that the lack of midterm grades was not favored by students when a few professors investigated the matter.

"A few professors in the Behavioral Sciences school polled their classes to see whether midterm grades should return, and it was almost unanimous that students preferred getting some type of progress report," he said.

A combination of committees was involved in passing this decision last semester. The FAC, which is made up of faculty representatives from each academic

school, voted to pass the "workload study" decision. The Plenary, which consists of all tenure track faculty and calls meetings on a need basis, also has a hand in policies such as this.

If a majority of upper classmen want to reinstitute midterm grades, the Plenary will have to call a meeting and the FAC will have to vote on the decision. The third board

that is involved in academic policy is the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) of which McLaughlin, is also a board member and Dr. Artin Arslanian is the vice president. McLaughlin and other members of the board were able to view the nuts and bolts of the decision before it was implemented.

"Workload study involved eliminating the requirement of midterm grades for everyone other than freshman and transfer students," he said.

Students like Tasha Piccolo, a sophomore math major, said that midterm grades should come back.

"I think they should bring them back so you can see how you're doing so far to see whether you need to improve or not," she said.

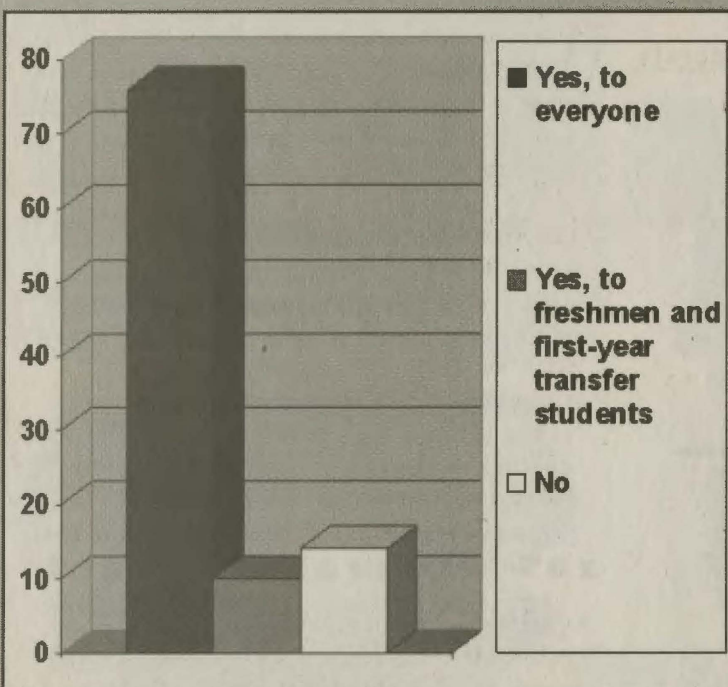
Without midterm grades, many students don't have a good idea of what their grade is. Some professors don't give out regular grades, and if a student does not reach out to the professor, he or she may have little clue as to where they stand in the class. Although the lack of a midterm grade shouldn't be an excuse, it can subconsciously affect the level of motivation and the amount of effort students put into their studies for the remainder of the semester.

Christina Moran, a junior finance major, said it was helpful to get midterm grades in every class in the past.

"I like knowing where I stand to know if I need to work harder," she said.

MARIST CIRCLE WEEKLY POLL

Do you think mid-semester grades should be given out?



Questions for The Circle's weekly poll are posted on www.maristcircle.com.

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Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

To the '04 victor, these 'spoils' do not matter

By IGOR VOLSKY
Staff Writer

The 2004 presidential election was decided in Ohio, by just 136,483 votes. In his victory address, President Bush promised to unite the bitterly divided country by further extending his tax cuts, reforming the tax code, and privatizing social security. And, while speculations about cabinet resignations and policy direction have dominated media discussion, accusations of election fraud have gone practically unreported.

That work has been delegated to investigative reporters, bloggers and maverick talk show hosts. Perhaps most compelling are the claims of British investigative journalist Greg Palast, blogger Bev Harris and syndicated progressive radio talk show host Thom Hartmann.

Palast, instrumental in uncovering the election fraud of 2000, (when a large number of historically Democratic voters, African

Americans — 89 percent voted for Senator Kerry — were purposefully purged from the voting rolls after being mischaracterized as felons) has recently reported that if spoiled and provisional ballots had been properly counted, Ohio's 20 electoral votes would have gone to Senator Kerry, and with them, the White House.

According to Palast, a typical national election leaves two million spoiled (uncounted) ballots in its wake. Spoiled ballots come in two forms — either as overvotes or undervotes. Nationally, the majority of the discarded ballots are the votes of African Americans and other minority groups. In Florida, for example, after the 2000 presidential election, two separate federal investigations uncovered that African American votes "spoiled" 900 percent more often than white votes and made up 54 percent of all spoiled votes.

But by election night 2004, Florida's punch-card voting

machines had been replaced by high tech touch-screen and optical scan technology. In Ohio, secretary of state Ken Blackwell seemed to follow Florida's lead, acknowledging that "the possibility of a close election with punch cards as the state's primary voting device invites a Florida-like calamity." Yet on election night, 73 percent of Ohio voters voted on the very same punch-card machinery that had thrown out a disproportionate amount African American votes in 2000.

And Blackwell, in addition to serving as "Election Czar" to the state that ultimately decided the election, also co-chaired the Bush-Cheney re-election campaign. Along with the President of Diebold he had promised to "deliver Ohio's electoral votes for President Bush" and, if punch card machines would disenfranchise thousands Democratic-voting African American votes, so be it, he reasoned. Thus, Blackwell stuck to them, promis-

ing to upgrade voting technology only after the 2004 elections and refusing to install punch-card confirmation machines to allow voters to verify that their ballots were punched correctly. As a result, 93,000 Ohio votes were spoiled.

Meanwhile, Ohio voters' unable to present required identification or verify their addresses at the polls were issued provisional ballots. Proposed by the Congressional Black Caucus in the wake of the 2000 fiasco, and mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002, provisional ballots were meant to save the votes of voters erroneously purged from the rolls on Election Day. In Ohio, 155,000 provisional ballots were cast — and the counting was left at the discretion of the secretary of state. Working on behalf of the Bush camp, Blackwell made the unprecedented decision to bar provisional votes cast in "wrong" districts, essentially throwing out hundreds of votes.

Furthermore, according to a BBC investigation, the national Republican Party had complied up to 36 "caging lists" with the names and addresses of the people whose votes they intended on challenging. E-mails obtained by the BBC reveal that most of the voters on the lists lived in predominantly minority districts. Consequently, using broad matching criteria, voters were wrongly tagged as felons — making them ineligible to vote under Ohio law — or challenged on changes of addresses.

Still, after the polls closed on Nov. 2, most exit polls showed Kerry leading the president in key swing states. By 12:30 a.m. the Associated Press Radio News feed reported that Karen Hughes had already informed President Bush that he had lost the election. But in the end, the usually accurate exit poll results did not match the final vote outcome.

So why were the exit polls so wrong?

Well, according to Bev Harris,

founder of blackboxvoting.org, no matter the security of individual electronic voting machines, all election results were sent to central Windows-based tallying computers. Thus, anybody who could hack into a PC, could have hacked into a central tabulator — one would simply have to close down the tabular software, open the vote database file and switch the vote totals for each candidate.

According to Harris, since most machines don't leave paper trails, the fraud would be impossible to detect; anyone with access and a rudimentary knowledge of computers could have manipulated the election results. Which opens up the following question (initially posed by Thom Hartmann) — "Why are We The People allowing, private, for-profit corporations, answerable only to their officers and boards of directors, and loyal only to agendas and politicians that will enhance their profitability, to handle our votes?"

Letter to the Editor

Honors program attracts and accommodates worthy pupils

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your article on The Honors Program. For the most part, it accurately assesses the issues we are encountering; however, the headline is misleading. We do not have a problem with low enrollment. We have issues with over enrollment. For the first time, this year we had more freshmen who qualified for Honors than we could accommodate. Therefore,

we admitted only fifty students, and we still had too many students for the number of seminars offered. During the summer, I met with Dr. Artin Arslanian, the Academic Vice President, and Mr. Sean Kaylor, the Vice President of Admissions, to address this issue.

Your comment on workload is correct: professors are over committed, and teaching an Honors course becomes a juggling act for both the department

and the professor. Professors would like to teach an Honors course, and more of them have submitted course proposals this year. However, it is still very hard for their department chairs to share them with Honors. We have begun addressing the problem in a number of ways: working more closely with the Deans and making sure the Honors seminars satisfy one of the representative requirements. This alleviates some of the demands on department chairs. Next semester, seven Honors seminars will be offered, and next fall, we will offer eight seminars covering all of the required courses, including Honors Ethics. In fact, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Thomas Wermuth, Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, we will now offer Honors Ethics every semester.

Also, as of this fall, all incoming freshman have a secondary advisor, the Honors Director. The Office of Student Academic Advisement and I thought that this would provide Honors students with a better opportunity for advisement on a number of matters. This semester, I spoke to and advised many of my Honors students about what courses to take and what would be offered in the near future, so

the change is working and will work even better as students take advantage of the dual advisement system. Better advisement also allays student fears of not meeting the requirements.

Thank you,
Rose De Angelis
Associate Professor of English
Director of Honors

Campus sees increased diversity

By LOUIS P. ORTIZ III
Assistant Editor

Naturally, you would think that colleges have become culturally inclined over time and give all students the opportunity to study any field they desire.

However, the unfortunate truth is that we still live in a day and age where equality has yet to be attained.

Education in colleges around the United States is driven by power and money, from a Caucasian perspective.

Going back to the days when civil rights were fought for, when Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream and Rosa Parks stayed seated, the freedom of all minorities has always been in question.

Today, there are still signs of segregation in colleges where the minority population is fewer than ten percent.

My reason for concern lies in the talented individuals of color who have not been encouraged to take the next step in their educational careers: college. As a Hispanic, I was fortunate enough to be brought up in an area that was diverse as well as respectable.

Upon arriving on the Marist campus, I was scared. At times, I felt that there would be no opportunities available because of the assumptions made due to my ethnicity and upbringing.

Nevertheless, I fought long and hard. In the city, my family anticipated success and I sought

nothing less. That is the point. Marist College is diverse in the sense of personality and spirit, but not color.

We have a considerable number of Hispanics, Blacks, and Asians that have gone the extra length to have their voice heard.

Whether in the classroom, an organization, at work, in the community or the church, these individuals realize the precious opportunity they have and will do anything to take advantage of it.

That is what everyone has to realize; giving people of color more opportunity will only spark interest and convey a truly diverse campus full of different shapes, sizes, colors, personalities, and spirits.

All you have to do is open your eyes to see the individuals that would do anything to have the chance to attend such a prestigious, beautiful school like Marist, yet 70 to 80 percent of the time colleges will admit someone of Caucasian descent. Much political red tape gets in the way of making changes on this campus, but not giving a kid the chance to study in a collegiate setting because they are not rich or being fed from a silver spoon is just indecent.

Luckily, Marist College has begun to realize this and has taken certain steps to insure a progressive diversity, but other schools just don't get the picture. Administrators need to speak out and realize that the potential is

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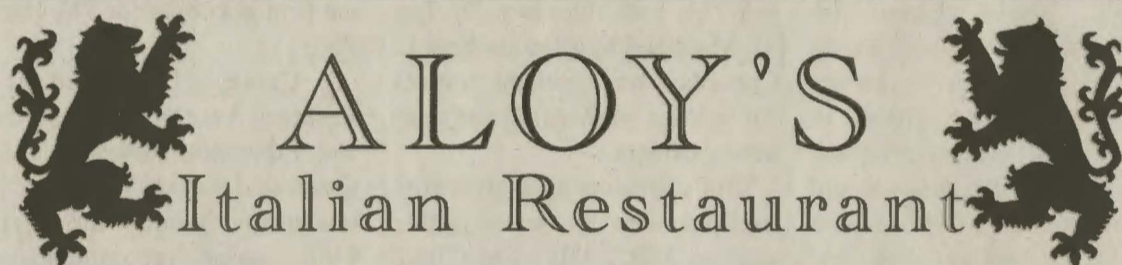
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I took a chance applying for such a competitive scholarship as a believer in the philosophy that hard work pays off in the end no matter who you are.

In order for this to spread, opportunities need to be granted and the only way that is going to happen is for colleges to take a risk.

Being 19 and finishing my junior year at Marist College, I have learned so much from the people around me. Students and faculty at Marist have helped me realize the advantages of attending such a notable institution. However, that should not overshadow the fact that diversity needs to continue growing.

Not knowing what the future holds is a scary thing, but the time our Marist community has now should be focused on working together and spreading diversity all around campus.



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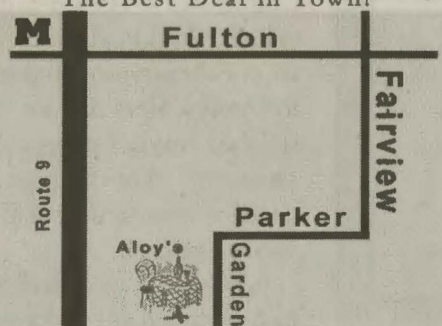
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Features

Halloween has passed, but hauntings continue

By LINDSAY LIQUORI
Circle Contributor

Although Halloween has come and gone, it is not too late for a campus ghost story.

Shelley L. Sperling enrolled in Marist College 30 years ago this fall, in 1974 at the age of 17. According to the Poughkeepsie Police Department, Sperling's former boyfriend Louis O. Acevedo, III, 20, shot and killed her in the campus cafeteria on Feb. 18, 1975.

The New York Times said Sperling and Acevedo were high school sweethearts, but that Acevedo had been reluctant to accept Sperling moving on with a new college life. Sperling was walking to the cafeteria when Acevedo chased her and her roommate to the office, where Sperling picked up the phone to call campus security. Police said Acevedo fired at least three shots from a .32 caliber revolver while inside the office. Police found Sperling dead on the floor. She died from a fatal shot to the chest.

Sperling lived on the third floor of Sheahan Hall during her freshman year. Ever since her death, there have been persistent rumors that her ghost continues to haunt the entire dorm. Christina Hope, Marist class of 2003, was the third floor

Resident Assistant (RA), of Sheahan from 2001 until 2002. Hope said she did extensive research about the shootings and created a Web site revealing in-depth details about the tragedy.

Hope said that in creating the Web site, thereby compiling the facts about Sperling, she expected the haunting of the dormitory to stop. Another theory is that the haunting stopped when the building was renovated in the summer of 2001. However, many say the haunting continues.

The Web site Hope created, the Shelley link, on www.maristonline.com, has educated incoming freshman for the past three years, and seems to explain any suspicious behavior residents seem to notice. This Web site may have publicized the ghost story, keeping it a part of today's campus legend.

Caroline A. Moore, a Sheahan third floor resident, said she learned about the Web site Hope created within the first two weeks of school and followed up on the information. Shortly afterwards, Moore said she noticed strange things happening.

"One night when my roommate wasn't home I heard a loud crash at 3 a.m.," said Moore. "When I got out of bed I saw my doorstop knocked over in the

middle of the room."

The door stop Moore refers to is a short gnome figurine. She said that its weight makes it

something that would not just fall over by itself. Moore also said her printer has started printing by itself on occasion.

Lauren K. Goodwin, another Sheahan third floor resident, said she learned of the Web site within the first two weeks of school as well. Goodwin said her unusual experience happened in the bathroom.

"One night I was in the bathroom and the toilet flushed and I waited for someone to come out," said Goodwin. "But, no

one did."

Bathroom incidents have been happening since the summer following the renovation. Katie E.

Wachob, Marist class of 2005, lived in Sheahan from 2001-2002. She also said the toilets would flush by themselves, among other incidents.

"One of my roommates and I were laying in our beds and were really hot and were talking about how we wanted to turn on the fan, but neither of us wanted to

get up and it turned on," said Wachob. "[Shelley] used to plug in my curling iron and turn it on."

Some residents like Haleigh M. Schellinger, who also lives on Sheahan third floor, say they believe the dorm is haunted.

"I think she is still here," said Schellinger. "I don't think she is a mean ghost and almost feel protected by her as a female."

Schellinger said that the ghost would be more likely to haunt a male resident since Sperling's assailant was a male. She said she would be more scared if she was a guy.

Maraysa G. Schwartz, Champagnat resident, said she does not see specific occurrences, but is still apprehensive.

Even though I don't think the dorm is technically haunted it is still eerie," Schwartz said. "Maybe because it's the furthest away dorm or maybe it's because it is surrounded by the only woods on campus."

While Marist students are concerned with Sperling's ghost, it is not the only haunting that is talked about on Route 9. Michael W. Woods, a Sheahan security guard, worked at the Culinary Institute of America before his employment at Marist. Woods said that supposedly the fourth floor of CIA's Roth Hall is haunted.

"It used to be a monastery and now it's haunted by Father Murphy," Woods said. "The fourth floor used to be a crypt

where they kept dead priests."

Woods said that he has always been skeptical of ghosts, but one night on duty at CIA he saw solid metal doors open by themselves. He said they did not creak open or blow open by the wind, but enough as if a person was walking through. Woods said the only thing that has happened to him in Sheahan is an occasional clicking noise interrupting his radio program. Woods said he believes ghosts never leave the place they haunt.

"Once they're here they are here pretty much to stay," Woods said.

The idea of a ghost lurking through the dorm still intrigues most students, and many think it will be interesting to see if more strange occurrences take place as February approaches, the 30th anniversary of the shooting.



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Eating disorders: empathizing without experiencing

By KRISTEN ALLDREDGE
Health Editor

She skipped a meal ... again. He was at the gym for three hours, every day this week. She’s been bingeing late at night, after not eating all day. Have you seen this? Have you said anything?

Eating disorders don’t usually go unnoticed. But too often, people fail to address them, passing them off with excuses or choosing to keep out of one another’s business. Anorexia and bulimia, and compulsive eating are serious illnesses that affect the college-aged population. While a large portion of eating disorder-sufferers come to college with their problems already in bloom, the stresses of academics, social groups, and adapting to a new environment intensify students’ unhealthy eating pat-

terns. “What most people don’t know is that there are underlying problems beneath eating disorders,” said Yvonne Poley of the Marist College Counseling Center. “Problems are lost in the shuffle. They manifest themselves into unusual eating behaviors.”

Poley has two goals in mind when helping a student overcome an eating disorder: to deal with the things that are unmanageable, and to help the student change his/her unhealthy eating habits. She counsels those who have eating disorders and their friends who support them.

Often problems go unquestioned and overlooked. There are signs to look for when questioning a friend’s health; various ways to address the problem; and on-campus, community, and internet resources to utilize.

Christine Caiazza, junior, explained ways to approach friends who may have eating disorders.

“I don’t think you can know for sure if they have an issue, unless you confront them about it,” she said. “However, some signs are if they go to the bathroom after they eat, avoid eating in public, or push food around on their plates more than take bites.”

The formula that Poley suggests to overcome the disorder depends on motivation from friends and family (a support team), and how well-matched a person is with a therapist. Through the Counseling Center she can only provide short-term care, when people with eat-

ing disorders need long-term treatment. She stresses the importance of peers.

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web site dedicated to providing people with eating disorder information, reports that 10 percent of men suffer from eating disorders. According to Poley, Marist reflects this data: one out of every 10 people who meet with her is male.

“They either over or under eat, or over

exercise because they don’t look quite muscular,” Poley said. “These new behaviors are ways of managing older insecurities.”

College students are especially susceptible to mainstream notions of perfection portrayed by the media. The additional attention (positive or negative) from family and friends about weight and appearance contributes to one’s self image.

Joe Guardino, RA in Upper West Cedar, says, “Media has a huge impact on how people perceive themselves. Media should show people being healthy and not that less is better.”

Poley commented on the nature of those who suffer from eating disorders.

“Values get confused and living becomes focused on food, portions, size and exercise” she said, “none of which

Addressing the recycling issue: the push to stop contamination

By MARK PERUGINI
Staff Writer

You can breathe easier when you make recycling a habit.

According to the National Environment Agency (NEA), 75 percent of all recyclable material was recycled in 2003 reducing greenhouse gas emissions by about 3.5 million tons.

The year the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created, only 6.6 percent of America’s waste was recycled. Almost twenty years later, the

EPA established a national recycling goal. In 1995, seven years after the standard was set, America reached the goal of recycling more than 26 percent of recyclable materials.

Recycling at Marist has become an established part of the community. Steve Sansola, associate dean of Student Affairs, said that 1,200 pounds of paper and 1,000 pounds of plastic and glass are collected on a weekly basis by Royal Carting, the recycling company affiliated with Marist.

“By recycling on campus, we are building on the students’ habit of recycling and making it convenient for them to carry on that tradition,” Sansola said. “An American consumes 3.5 pounds of garbage daily. If we reduce garbage on campus, it will have some sort of global impact on how we save our planet.”

Andrew T. Tweeddale, a junior, said his recycling habits have carried on since his freshman year at college.

“I am active in recycling cans and bottles,” he said. “I have

continued from freshman year.”

Sansola said is a recycling committee meets once a month to discuss issues and improve recycling on campus. He added that a recycling bulletin has been given to the resident directors and assistants, informing students how to become better recyclers.

According to Sansola, Marist has become more efficient with the creation of a recycling website. It enforces the idea that containers for recyclables should be placed in all buildings and at for-

mal campus functions.

Travis Mason, Sheahan Hall resident director, Marist College, said recycling has improved rapidly since his student days at Marist.

“Since I have been a student here, there has been an increase of recycling on campus,” he said. “There has been a huge push in it.”

If trash mixes with recyclable material, then most sanitation workers will discard everything. Contamination often causes

recyclable materials to be discarded at trash.

“If there is trash mixed with the commingled bin, then it might be discarded as garbage,” Mason said. “To my knowledge, if 15 percent of the bin is filled with garbage, then it is discarded.”

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Owner, The Cubbyhole

School of Liberal Arts to fund ‘Godspell’ production

By SARA STEVENS
Features Editor

In February 2005, Marist students and faculty will come together in the presentation of the rock musical, “Godspell.” This will be the first theatrical production at Marist funded by the school of liberal arts and its theater program.

Premiering in the 1970s, John-Michael Tebelak’s “Godspell” tells the story of a small group of people who

come together in the spirit of harmony. During the seventies, a time when our country was divided over the war in Vietnam, this musical brought forth a message of strength within a community and

preached open communication and acceptance. The score was written by Stephen Schwartz, who is also famed for his recent compositions in Broadway’s “Wicked” and Disney’s “Pocahontas.” With a plot loosely based on the parables in the Bible and music straight out of the modern rock movement, “Godspell” changed the face of musical theatre, giving birth to a new era of theatrical production.

Next February, English professor Matt Andrews will be directing Marist’s adaptation of this classic drama. Set in a modern electronics junkyard, Andrews promises the audience a new, e-age spin.

— Matt Andrews
Chair, Marist Theater Dept.

“In today’s age, with e-mail,

cell phones and TV, we barely even talk to each other,” Andrews said. This production hopes to serve as a lesson in the importance of interpersonal communication and unity within our own communities.

When the play was originally performed, the country was in the midst of a controversial war, and public opinion regarding our involvement was highly divided. The parallel to the state of our nation today is obvious, and one can expect “Godspell” to be especially relevant to today’s audience.

“It’s based on the gospel according to Saint Matthew,” Andrews said, “but the play is not about the resurrection. Its message has more to do with living as God wanted us to, as a

peaceful, unified group of people.”

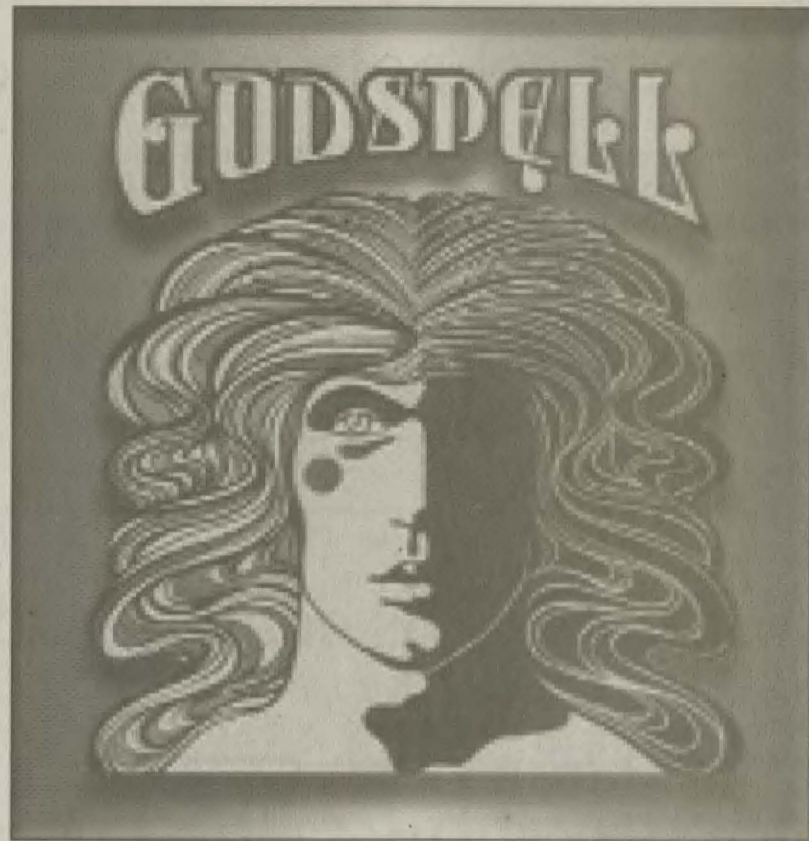
While many faculty members are involved with the production,

most of the crew and the entire cast will be comprised of student workers and actors.

Andrews and musical director Liz Toleno will be hosting auditions for “Godspell” on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 8:00 p.m. in the Nelly Goletti Theater. Students should prepare a short rock or pop piece, either with accompaniment or a cappella. Call-backs will be on Dec. 1.

“Godspell” is a popular production in all levels of theater, from middle school auditoriums to the Broadway stage. Marist’s rendition of this classic rock musical promises to entertain, inform, and inspire.

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Marist’s student and faculty rendition of Michael Tebelak’s “Godspell” (artwork shown above) will take place in Feb. 2005.

Spotlight shines on coffee lover’s secret Cubbyhole

By KRISTEN ALLDREDGE
Health Editor

Local artists and caffeine connoisseurs find their cubbyhole at a local coffeehouse. With its laid-back, relaxed atmosphere and free artistic expression, the Cubbyhole Coffeehouse appeals to a variety of locals. As one of Poughkeepsie’s best-kept secrets, it is an essential stop for art enthusiasts.

Serving brimming, steaming mugs and warming up pastries for customers, owner Lee Brown opens the coffeehouse from 6 p.m. until midnight. Before buying the place four years ago, Brown was a regular guitarist at the Cubbyhole. Music is often the main focus, but Brown also hosts poetry nights and painting and photography exhibits.

His coffeehouse “is one of the few places

in the area that allows local artists to showcase original work,” he said.

A unique spot for a first date or a get-together with friends, the coffeehouse provides a range of original entertainment. The atmosphere radiates coziness and creativity from the couches and

assorted beverages to the lively display of artistic talent. The Cubbyhole’s ceilings are covered in glowing stars; walls are decorated with local artwork; and tables are topped with candles, giant coffee mugs, and remnants of a chess match or board game. It fills with poets and poetry fans

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The Cubbyhole, located in the Vassar area at 44 Raymond Ave., is owned by Lee Brown and is open daily from 6 p.m. until midnight. Patrons can indulge in a relaxing cup of coffee or enjoy one of the coffeehouse’s many artistic offerings, from poetry readings to photography exhibits.



THE CUBBYHOLE / THE CIRCLE

Upon entering the Cubbyhole, local artists and coffee connoisseurs are welcomed by a relaxing atmosphere, complete with warm, decorative lights and an intimate performance stage.

venue,” Johnson said.

The originality of artists, freedom to express thoughts on controversial issues including racism, sexism and politics, and popular beverages such as Ivory Chai (Chai tea with a shot of vanilla), or for the more daring, Campfire S’more (two shots espresso, chocolate syrup, hazelnut, steamed milk and marshmallows) attract a crowd willing to

These performances, deejayed by local comedian Sean Johnson, attract a diverse crowd of poets and poetry lovers. “Anyone who has something to get off their chest can sign up on the open mic

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Jordan enters season with a tuned-up jump shot a la Matt Brady

By BRIAN A. HODGE
Staff Writer

As the Red Foxes bring in a new coach and a new system, the point guard, the player running the offense, becomes that much more important. The job of floor general remains in the hands of returning starter Jared Jordan.

Jordan, a sophomore from Hartford, Conn., saw action in

all 28 games last season as a true freshman, averaging over 26 minutes a game. He also tallied 111 assists, averaging 4.4 a game. This put him in the top five in the competitive MAAC conference. Jordan was also second in assist-to-turnover ratio.

Marist should also benefit with Jordan at the point thanks to an improved jump shot. Head coach Matt Brady, a nationally

renowned shot specialist, has worked with Jordan on his.

"That's the weakest part of my game," Jordan said. "This spring, when Coach Brady came, that's what we mainly worked on — my shot. That is what I focused on this summer, and it has really improved."

And with Brady comes a new offense, one featuring, not surprisingly, converting jump shots.

"It's a fast paced offense, where the players are getting up and down the floor," Jordan said. "This works well for our team - we have a lot of athletes. In the half court, there are more screens, motion, moving without the ball, feeding the post and kicking it out for open shots."

Brady will also be looking for Jordan for leadership. Marist will most likely be starting two

freshman (Ben Farmer, and red shirt Ryan Stilphen). But Jordan is not worried about that.

"They'll be good," Jordan said. "Ryan practiced with us all last year and Ben played prep school."

Although not one for individual goals, Jordan does have one - to lead the MAAC conference in assists. And as for team goals, Jordan knows what to say.

"Our goal is to keep getting better, being ready to compete," Jordan said. "Coach Brady has improved everyone's game. He runs a system that benefits our players. We're working on improving every day."

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In order for this to spread, opportunities need to be granted and the only way that is going to happen is for colleges to take a risk.

Being 19 and finishing my jun-

ior year at Marist College, I have learned so much from the people around me. Students and faculty at Marist have helped me realize the advantages of attending such a notable institution. However, that should not overshadow the fact that diversity needs to continue growing.

Not knowing what the future

holds is a scary thing, but the time our Marist community has now should be focused on working together and spreading diversity all around campus.

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Women's cross country end season with eight runners posting personal best times

23:16. Also finishing in the top 50 for Marist were sophomore Allison Kline finished twenty-

first overall and second for Marist with a time of 23:26. Kline's classmate Rachel Watson

finished thirty-ninth overall and third for the Red Foxes while running a season best time of

24:23. Next to finish for the Foxes was junior Denise Tumulty finishing forty-third

with a time of 24:38. Rounding out the top 50 for Marist was frosh Lindsay Rappleyea with a

time of 24:42 and finishing forty-sixth overall.

Men's X-country finish 20th in season finale

range of each other. The third and fourth finishers for Marist were Sean Hopkins with a time of 33:49.7 and Geoffrey Decker with a time of 33:56.1. Decker, a senior, has had an impressive final season running for the Red Foxes finishing first several times for Marist and leading them to successful finishes all year round.

Rounding out the top five for Marist was junior Sean Prinz, who finished the race with a time of 34:01.4 and finished 133rd

overall. Also running well for Marist were freshman Brandon Cartica and sophomore Mike Schab, who finished sixth and seventh respectively for the Red Foxes.

Overall the Red Foxes finished with 558 points, which placed them 20th overall behind Colgate and ahead of Massachusetts. Last year they finished slightly better, in 17th place with 442 points. The result had the Red Foxes finishing third among MAAC teams; this

happens to be the same place Marist finished in the MAAC Championship held place at Orlando, Fla. last weekend. Providence finished first overall, while MAAC rival Iona was second and first overall for the MAAC teams. Cornell's Bruce Hyde finished first overall in the event with a time of 30:36.1.

The season finale for Colaizzo's team happens next weekend at the IC4A / ECAC Championships, to be held at an undetermined location.

Disdain toward NBA spurs interest in college ball

the major conferences. The Atlantic Coast Conference has six teams, the Big East and SouthEastern Conference have four, the Big XII, Pacific 10 and Big 10 have three teams respectively and Conference USA has two teams, in the Top 25.

Though these are just preseason picks, the experts agree that Kansas and Wake Forest are the favorites to win the national title.

Pre-Season number one Kansas is led by seniors Simien, Langford and Miles. Though they have a great shot at the title, in my opinion the Jayhawks will choke.

The number two team

in the country, Wake Forest, led by Pre-Season All-American and potential National Player of the Year Chris Paul, will probably go deep into March, but again not my pick for the national championship.

The teams that I predict to meet in St. Louis are Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State, UConn and Providence. Georgia Tech, Oklahoma State and UConn were in last year's Final Four, and Ryan Gomes could carry Providence to the Final Four this year. Georgia Tech is my favorite for the national title, after making it to the championship game last year and returning their key

players, Elder, Jack, and Schenscher, the Yellow Jackets should be a dangerous team come tournament time.

Enough about my predictions for the tournament the season is just starting. For the Marist men's team, the season starts Friday night against Cornell at McCann Center, while the women's team travels to Dover for their first game on against Delaware State on Saturday. Hopefully, the Foxes can get off to a good start. Who knows? Maybe they will be one of the small conference schools that everyone is talking about in March.

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disinterest with the Marist Fund. Class of 2004 graduate Ryan Taliercio also said he knew little about it.

Once it was described to him, however, Taliercio was not impressed with the idea of donating money to Marist.

"We gave them money for four years plus all the needless extra charges that they tacked on, so why would I give them more,"

said Taliercio.


Taliercio said that his reluctance to donate stems from the fact that he currently has a low-paying job.

However, Marist senior John Mullady countered any dismissals of the senior gift program.

"The senior gift gives Marist the opportunity to grow and help future students," he said.

Mullady also said that tuition alone is not enough for the school to operate on.

West said that the Marist Fund is optimistic in achieving its goal for the year, as it has been consistently successful in exceeding prior goals. West said this year that it looks as though they will be able to achieve, if not surpass, this year's goal of \$1.25 million.



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1:00 AM		MCTV Basketball Deck 5					
2:00 AM							
3:00 AM							
5:00 AM							
9:00 AM	Dance Show Deck 6	Dance Show Deck 6	Dance Show Deck 6	Dance Show Deck 6			
10:00 AM	Foxden Deck 4	Foxden Deck 4	Foxden Deck 4	Foxden Deck 4			
11:00 AM							
12:00 PM	MCTV Basketball II Deck 2	MCTV Basketball II Deck 2	MCTV Basketball II Deck 2	MCTV Basketball II Deck 2			
1:00 PM	MCTV News Deck 1						
2:00 PM	Marist Idol Deck 3	MCTV Basketball Deck 5	MCTV Basketball Deck 5	MCTV Basketball Deck 5			
3:00 PM		Foxden Deck 4	Foxden Deck 4	Foxden Deck 4			
4:00 PM	Marist Idol Deck 3	Marist Idol Deck 3	Marist Idol Deck 3	Marist Idol Deck 3			
5:00 PM							
6:00 PM					MCTV Basketball II Deck 2		
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THANKSGIVING BREAK

Brady's bunch premieres in Poughkeepsie on Friday

By ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS
Assistant Sports Editor

It's the first season of the Brady Bunch, and it's not 1970.

Head coach Matt Brady said he will rebuild the Marist men's basketball team based on character and responsibility, followed by athleticism. Based on these qualities, he evaluated new recruits Kaylen Gregory and Marco Vucajnk, and chose to release sophomore Kerry Parks from his scholarship. He also has begun to shore up the shooting woes of the Red Foxes, who

ranked ninth in the MAAC last year with a .393 shooting percentage.

Brady, who was heralded as one of the reasons St. Joseph's had an excellent shooting team and was a marksman himself in his playing days at Siena, gave the Red Foxes some pointers and some homework for the summer.

"I changed most of their shots," Brady said. "I made technical adjustments... they went home and worked very hard."

The team will open the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the

McCann Center, playing the second game of a doubleheader as part of the Pepsi Marist Classic. They will host the Cornell Big Red of the Ivy League. With a win, they will play on Saturday in the Classic Championship game at 7:30 p.m. With a loss, they will play in the consolation game Saturday at 5 p.m. The other two teams in the Classic are Northeastern and Birmingham Southern.

It is not certain who will start in Friday's opener, but according to some reports the lineup will include 6'9" senior center Will

McClurkin, redshirt 6'8" freshman Ryan Stilphen at power forward, 6'5" freshman Ben Farmer at small forward, 5'10" senior Brandon Ellerbee at off-guard, and 6'2" MAAC All-Rookie teamer Jared Jordan at point. Signing Farmer was one of the last things that former coach Dave Magarity did before stepping down from his post after 18 years.

A goal for Brady over the four years of his current contract is to turn Marist into the next Manhattan. The Jaspers gave the eventual NCAA champions

Syracuse a scare in the 2003 national tournament, and upset fifth-seeded Florida in the first round of the 2004 tourney. Manhattan has finished atop the MAAC the last two seasons.

"The goal is very clear: We want to become the model program in the league," Brady said. "We have to strive for excellence in everything that we do, and Manhattan is a great role model for us. It's been shown that we can get to that level."

Brady also talked about turning up the dial on offense and

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Men's cross country finishes 20th out of 34 in last meet of the year

By GABE PERNA
Staff Writer

The Men's cross country team closed out their season this past Saturday at the 2004 NCAA

Division I Cross Country Northeast Regional, held at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, with a 20th place finish overall out of 34 competing teams.

Leading the way for the Red

Foxes was junior Justin Harris, who finished the 10 kilometer race, first for Marist and 87th overall with a time of 33:07.7.

Harris himself finished what as been a career season as he as

posted personal records and several first place appearances for the Red Foxes during the year.

Finishing right behind Harris was junior Steve Hicks, who finished 88th overall with a time of

33:08.5. The junior has been another constant contributor for Coach Pete Colaizzo and crew.

The next three finishers for Marist were all within close

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Lenihan leads way for women's X-country Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx

By ANDREW ALONGI
Staff Writer

The Marist women's cross country team concluded their

season on Saturday, Nov. 13, when they raced at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Northeast Regionals, an over-six-kilometer race at Van

Cortlandt Park.

Marist had eight runners post personal best times as they battled temperatures in the high 30s and wind gusts of 30 miles per

hour. Leading the field overall was Columbia freshman Stephanie Lenihan, finishing the course with a time of 22:33.

The Red Foxes had five finish-

ers in the top 50. Marist was led by freshman Sarah Domermuth. Domermuth came in sixteenth place overall with a time of

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From Page Ten

Coach Giorgis faces two lineup dilemmas, enters third year as women's basketball coach

"They're familiar with my system," he said. "It's been a lot of similar things, but there's a lot of twists, too."

The other dilemma facing Giorgis is what to do at the 2. Senior Megan Vetter, sophomore Shannon Minter and freshman Courtney Kolesar may all split time there.

"Look for a lot from...

Shannon Minter and Megan Vetter," Giorgis said.

With six freshmen and a transfer player, the Red Foxes will have a gaggle of new faces. One familiar face will be that of Maureen Magarity, who will be on the bench as an assistant coach this year. She was named to the All-MAAC Second Team for the two full

seasons that she played at Marist, and will continue the Magarity coaching tradition at Marist. Giorgis said that Magarity is still a part of a team, even though she's not in uniform anymore.

"Maureen is bringing a lot of experience," he said. "They look up to her as a leader. A lot of the kids ask her for

advice on and off the court."

Magarity is currently teaching a course at Marist titled "Basketball Coaching" on Tuesday nights.

The Marist women's basketball team will open their 2004-2005 campaign at 1 p.m. Nov. 20 at Delaware State University in Dover. The Delaware State Hornets won

the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference last season and feature MEAC player of the year Mandy Clark, a guard.

The team will play at St. Bonaventure on Nov. 27 before returning home to face New Hampshire of the America East Conference at 7 p.m. Nov. 29.

UConn awaits as Marist men's soccer team trumps St. Peter's Peahens in MAAC tournament

lead, one they would not relinquish.

David Musinski netted a goal at 82:47 to put the game out of reach off an assist from Benjamin Castor. Marist goaltender Mike Valenti recorded a shutout, making three saves in the game.

Detelj, Nunes, Castor, Tomislav Rogic, and Valenti were named to the All-MAAC First Team. Head

coach Bobby Herodes, in his ninth year at Marist, had nothing but praise for the way his entire team played. Musinski was named to the All-MAAC Second Team and freshman Matt Mones was named to the conference's All-Rookie Team. "They all played good soccer," he said. "They are really just an amazing group of kids. The team stayed mentally and physi-

cally on top of their games and really outplayed both teams. There was a bit of a letdown at the end of the season [three consecutive losses], but we found out quickly what kind of team we have."

Herodes also noted Marist was quick to adapt to the muddy conditions. "We decided to clear the ball with one kick, move the ball through the air, do some different

things. The other teams didn't adjust or adapt [as well]."

Marist practiced this week and will travel up to Storrs, Conn. to face Big East power UConn. Herodes knows the game will not be an easy fight against the winners of the Big East tournament.

"UConn (11-7-3) is very solid. They have a lot of players from Ghana. They have a lot of techni-

cal and form players and can go deep in their bench. That might be the deciding factor."

With a ringing endorsement of the heart and fire that carried Marist all year, Herodes added, "We will be ready to play. If you were going to war, and you wanted someone in that foxhole with you, it'd be these kids."

Commentary

Spree, Ron-Ron need to go back to college

The college basketball season officially started last week, but most teams begin their season this week. For me, college basketball could not be starting soon enough, as my disdain for the NBA is increasing. The comments by Latrell Sprewell and Ron Artest made last week were particularly infuriating. If you did not hear about their remarks all you need to know is this: they are morons, spoiled and ungrateful.

What professional basketball lacks is passion, heart, and teamwork; staples in the college league. Most college basketball players are not playing for their future in the NBA but rather for school pride and recognition. The excitement of college basketball also comes from the support of the crowd. When is the last time you were watching an NBA game with a section of people in identical shirts, a band playing, and fans jumping up and down?

These elements, along with the ever-growing parity in the college game make the sport enthralling for the fans. Although there are elite teams in college basketball, the small conference teams and mid-majors are becoming a vital part of the college basketball landscape; the most today are recognized Gonzaga, St. Joseph's and Southern Illinois. After these smaller schools have an impact in March, many powerhouse conferences refused to play these talented mid-majors.

Even with the small conference teams success, the Pre-Season Top 25 does not give any respect. The polls are dominated with teams from

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Countdown to the 2004-2005 season:

Men's basketball — 1 day

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Men's soccer clinches MAAC title; advance to NCAA tournament

By **BRIAN A. HODGE**
Staff Editor

Three inches of rain fell at Rider University this past Sunday, but neither the weather nor the Broncos could drown out a Marist men's soccer victory.

The MAAC tournament concluded this weekend, as third-seeded Marist defeated host Rider, the number-four seed. With the win, the Red Foxes earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division 1 tournament, the second in school history. Marist (11-7) is one of a crowded field of 48 schools in the tournament, and will face the University of Connecticut on Saturday.

The weekend started with the

Red Foxes defeating St. Peter's. The Peacocks defeated Marist just two weeks ago, in a double-overtime loss (2-1). This day, belonged to Marist, however.

Keith Detelj continued his stellar sophomore campaign, scoring two goals in the game. Detelj's first goal, and 10th of the year, came just five minutes into the game off a penalty kick. Detelj again found the back of the net in the 64th minute, taking an assist from Robert VanDyke. The sophomore became just the 13th player in school history to score 11 goals in a season and moved into ninth place on the Marist all-time scoring list with 49 career points. His play lead Detelj to be named MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player.

The second game of the tournament featured the Red Foxes against host team Rider. The Broncos upset top seeded Loyola in their first game, 3-1. What more, Rider defeated Marist 2-1 only last Sunday. Again, however, Marist would have their revenge.

Marist scored first for the second time in two games, giving them a distinct advantage. Rider thrives on close games and plays exceptional defense. They would



The men's soccer team is all atwitter as they watch the NCAA Men's Soccer Selection Show at 4:15 p.m. last Monday in the Cabaret. The selections were aired on ESPNNews.

have to start from behind on Sunday, however, as Kyle Nunes blasted a 40-yard goal three min-

utes in the game, past the Rider goalkeeper to give Marist the early

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Inside: Full Men's Basketball Preview

Find out who might be starting on Friday night, the tough road ahead for Matt Brady's inaugural season, and how Jared Jordan spent his summer.

Also inside:

The triumphant return of Andy Gates, and the latest from the men's and women's cross country teams.

Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Nov. 19
Men's Basketball
Cornell
7:30 p.m.
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Women's hoops must overcome loss of senior starters as they begin MAAC title defense

By **ALEX PANAGIOTOPOULOS**
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, their battle cry was, "Why not us?"

As the confetti still clears from a Metropolitan Athletic Conference championship, a bid in the NCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament and three senior starter departures, the slogan has changed to, "Repeat the feat."

The team said goodbye to 12 feet of frontline height with the graduations of forwards Stephanie Del Preore and

Maureen Magarity, as well as their ebullient and efficient point guard Nina Vecchio. Coach Brian Giorgis, in his third year of a highly successful tenure at Marist College, will look to last season's MAAC Sixth Player of the Year Kristin Keller as well as junior transfer Fifi Camara to fill the void in the paint, while sophomore Alisa Kresge will slide down from the 2 to run Marist's motion offense.

The team was picked to finish third in the MAAC Preseason Coach's Poll, after being picked to come in seventh last year.

Giorgis said that the preseason rankings are not important to him.

"They didn't mean anything last year," Giorgis said. "Actually, we were surprised to be so high after losing so many people."

The team will be relying on the 6'3" Keller and the 6'1" Camara to produce points. Keller was selected for the Preseason All-MAAC First Team.

"A key will be Keller," Giorgis said. "We need a lot of offense and for her to step up. Keller and [Camara], the rest is from

[Meghan] Vetter and [Laura] Whitney."

Giorgis said the All-MAAC selection shouldn't add too much of a burden to Keller.

"I don't know if it's extra pressure," he said. "It's a great honor for someone who works so hard."

Keller is the team's top returning scorer and rebounder, dropping 9.2 points and grabbing 5.9 boards per game last year coming off the bench. She also was third in the MAAC in field goal percentage, shooting at a .482 clip.

Although the starting forwards and point guard positions are filled, there is still some uncertainty about who will start at the 2 and 3. Giorgis is not sure if he wants to start senior sharpshooter Laura Whitney or junior Kristen Vilardi, who played under Giorgis at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. Whitney started 18 games and Vilardi 10 last season, but Vilardi's improved health may allow her to play more this season.

"Kristen Vilardi has come back much healthier," said Giorgis.

"She had a lot of shoulder problems last year."

During Vilardi's high school career, Giorgis' team won four straight state championships and reached a ranking of #4 nationally. Giorgis currently has three Lourdes graduates on his team, with Vilardi, Keller, and freshman guard Julianne Viani, who was ruled ineligible to play after she attended a week of classes at the University of Rhode Island. Giorgis said that their time at Lourdes helped prepare them for college-level play.

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