

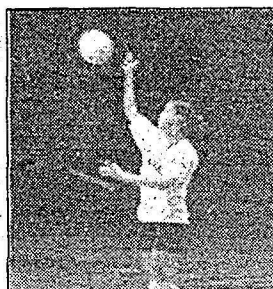
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Open forum held to discuss campus expansion

by CRAIG MURRAY
Staff Writer

Marist President Dennis Murray held an open forum Oct. 31, for faculty and Student Government Association members to discuss the up-coming \$35 million changes to the college.

Murray talked about the building of the new student townhouses, the library and the riverfront refurbishment which will all begin within the next several months. He also announced the purchase of the Mid Hudson Business Park building across Route 9 and The Way property adjacent to the

northern edge of campus.

Murray said the projects will help bring attention to the college.

"This is a very exciting time for Marist College," he said. "We've proven that we're a growing, viable institution. These projects just serve to prove that."

Murray said the library will be the most significant change.

"The new library especially is going to change the face of Marist as we know it," Murray said. "It is going to be a wonderful place that is only going to serve to enrich the education experience here at the College."

Anthony Campilii, vice president of business/financial affairs, spoke on the expense associated with the planned construction.

"We plan on floating a \$15 million dollar bond to pay for the student townhouses," he said. "As for the new library, \$10 million is being fundraised for the project, and an additional \$10 million will come from another bond action."

Campilii said in order to pay for the construction, he foresees a \$225 per semester raise in tuition for the Fall, 1999.

Murray, however, said he thought stating an exact tuition increase at this stage is prema-

ture.

"We haven't done the final cost analysis of the new library yet," he said. "While I'm sure there will be some additional expense associated with the library, we will defiantly try to minimize the cost we pass on to the students."

Sophomore Keri Dixon said the cost of the new library would be worth the tuition hike.

"I'm not happy about having to pay more money, but I think we really need a new library," she said. "The possibility of such a small raise doesn't really concern me."

But, sophomore David Arbucci said he does not sup-

port an increase in tuition.

"I'm already paying close to \$20,000 a year to go to school here," he said. "I have a single mother who's putting me through college, and any increase in tuition just puts more financial strain on my family."

The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), the governing body for Marist's faculty, has also raised a concern over financing for the upcoming projects.

Thomas Goldpaugh, assistant professor of English and Humanities and representative to the FAC, said the faculty has concerns with the projects.

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Students concerned with Marist health care

by JAIME ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Kerry Barrett could have suffered permanent hearing loss.

Susan Laverda could have become fatally ill from medicine she was given.

Janine Jablow was told that she was over-tired from mid-terms only to go home and find out that she had mono-nucleosis and strep throat.

These instances may be a result of falsely prescribed medication, or a misdiagnosis, by Marist Health Services or by Saint Francis Hospital staff. A growing number of Marist students, such as Laverda, have expressed discontent with the quality of care being administered by both of these facilities.

Several students have claimed that upon going to Health Services for an illness, whether it is the common cold or something more serious, they were given the wrong prescription.

Laverda, a sophomore at Marist, said she was given

medication she is allergic to. "It is on all of my records that I am allergic to Preventol, and they gave it to me anyway," she said.

LaVerda said she told the nurse that she was allergic to that particular medication.

"I needed something else, but she told me to take it anyway. Luckily I was smart enough not to," she said.

Director of Health Services, Jane O'Brien said these issues have never been brought to her attention.

"If those stories are out there it is the student's responsibility to let the administration know," she said. "There is a suggestion box in the waiting room area, where students are encouraged to leave comments for the staff to review, but we never receive negative comments."

Bethany Luniewsky, also a sophomore, said that if she is sick she will not go to health services.

"I don't feel like they know

what they are doing," she said. "I don't understand why nurses are permitted to give out prescription medication."

Another problem is students possibly being misdiagnosed by doctors at Saint Francis Hospital. O'Brien said she usually does a follow-up with students who have been sent to Saint Francis Hospital.

"I was not aware that students were having unpleasant experiences there," she said.

Hospital officials claim that these instances are not reflective of the entire Saint Francis Hospital staff. More specifically, Victoria Odescalchi, a public relations representative for the hospital, said that these instances depend solely on the doctor that is treating the patient.

"The doctors that are treating Marist students are not necessarily on staff at the hospital," she said.

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Sodexho North America, which provides Marist with all of its food services, has merged with Marriott International, Inc. This may lead to an increase in resources, which will help to increase expectations of food services for students.

Sodexho Merger

by CHRIS GROGAN
Staff Writer

If you did not know the Sodexho name before, you will now.

Sodexho North America, the company that runs the Marist College Dining Service, officially announced its merger with Marriott International, Inc. on Oct. 1.

The combined company, Sodexho-Marriott Services, Inc. will be the largest provider of food and facilities management services in North America, with annual sales exceeding \$4 billion.

Joe Binotto, director of dining services, said he is hopeful about the merger.

"This is a really exiting moment for Sodexho," Binotto said. "This should make the Sodexho name much more recognized now that it will be associated with a name like Marriott. Everyone knows Marriott, but no one really knows about Sodexho because it is a French company."

The Sodexho Alliance, which holds 49 percent of the stock in Sodexho Marriott Services Inc., is the world

leader in food and management services. It operates in over 60 countries, and employs over 140,000 workers around the globe.

Marriott International, Inc. is the world leader in hospitality companies, with operations in the U.S. and 51 other countries. It employs approximately 225,000 people.

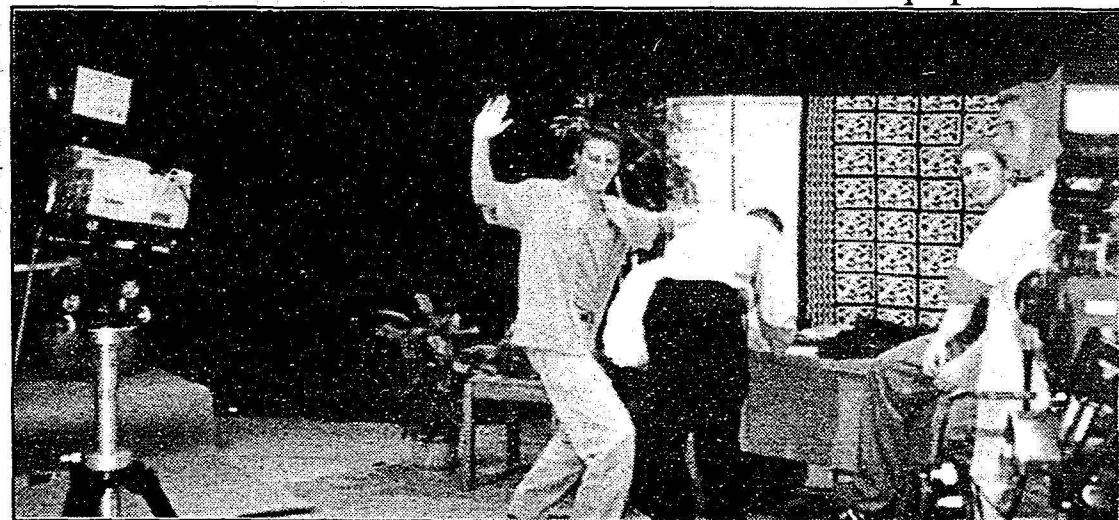
Binotto said an important aspect of the merger is how it will affect Marist's Dining Services.

"The merger may not affect Marist right away, but the increase in resources will eventually help us to exceed the expectations of the students even more," he said.

A Student Government Association Senate committee headed by Sen. Kevin Lundy is looking into ways to improve the Marist College Dining Services. Lundy said he is happy about the merger.

"I think that [the merger] will have a very positive impact on the students," he said. "I think that many students will see Marriott in the name and realize there's a change."

MCTV crew has fun on the set with their new equipment....



MCTV recently acquired new cameras, new microphones and a TelePrompter making their production more efficient.

What's Cool on Campus

Today:

Day: Political Science Club Raffle

Night: Black Student Union African Drummers Performance

Night: SPC Comedy Night w/Michael Winslow

Friday:

Night: Int'l Italian American Society Semi-Formal

Saturday:

Day: Galleria Mall Trip

Night: Class of 2000 Semi-Formal

Sunday:

Night: Foreign Film: "Solaris" (Russia)

Wednesday:

Day: business trip to Wall Street,
Day: Communication Arts Society Faculty Panel

Thursday:

Day: Hudson Valley Bood Drive,
Day: Gaelic Society Raffle

What's down in Dutchess County

Kingston:

Dennis Kobray dressed in full period costume, complete with wig and waistcoat, will bring to life the music and personality of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at Senate House State Historic Site, on Sunday, November 9, 1997 from 2 to 3 pm. This free performance will be held in the site's Museum Building, 312 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Poughkeepsie:

Marist to host conference for community fund-raisers

"Fund-raising Basics: Discovery/Review" will be the theme of a series of workshops and lectures for community fund-raisers to be held at Marist on November 7. The program, sponsored by the Master of Public Administration Program at Marist, will run from 8:30am to 3:00pm in the Student Center.

Commuters struggle to adjust to college life

by Gyna Slomcinsky
Managing Editor

Being a commuter does not mean missing out.

Having the perfect schedule is the key for commuters.

Jeremy Doran, a freshman advertising major, said that he tries to make his schedule so he only has classes on a few days.

"I knew I wanted to have a three day weekend," he said. "I have to travel 30 to 40 minutes to get here, so I try not to have any 8 a.m. classes."

Michael Craigg, a freshman communications major, said he agrees with Doran.

"I tried to do the same," he said. "I usually walk or take the bus."

Jill Wyant, a freshman fine arts major, said she also tried to have days off.

"I tried to have all my classes within 2 or 3 days," she said. "That way I don't have a lot of free time while on campus."

Craigg said the school is very helpful in the scheduling process.

"I asked my mentor for help," he said.

"The professors are really helpful also. I wanted to try to free up my time."

When students on campus are not in class, there is a lot to do. Some students go to their rooms to sleep or hang out. The commuters do not have that option.

Wyant said she usually has a lot to do.

"I usually don't have that much extra time," she said. "If I do, I go to the commuter lounge and do work or watch television."

Doran said there are times when finding things to do can be hard.

"Sometimes it gets dull," he said. "If I have any work to do, I will go to the library, or go play basketball at McCann."

Craigg also says that it can get dull, but there are things to do.

"When I have work to do, I go to the library," he said. "I live in Poughkeepsie, so I can go home once in a while."

The school has developed the "commuter lounge" on the third floor of the Mid-Rise. It is bigger than other lounges on campus. There are a couple of com-

puters that have windows and e-mail for their use. There is also a television in there for use. Down the hall, there is another lounge meant for studying. It is equipped with cubby holes for privacy.

Wyant said she does not mind the commuter lounge.

"It is a little small, but I think it is fine," she said.

Doran said he agrees with Wyant.

"It keeps us occupied," he said.

Wyant said she is closer with commuters than on-campus students at college.

"I associate more with commuters," she said. "It's not hard to meet people on campus, but sometimes it's hard to keep up with students who stay on campus."

Doran also said it is not hard to meet people.

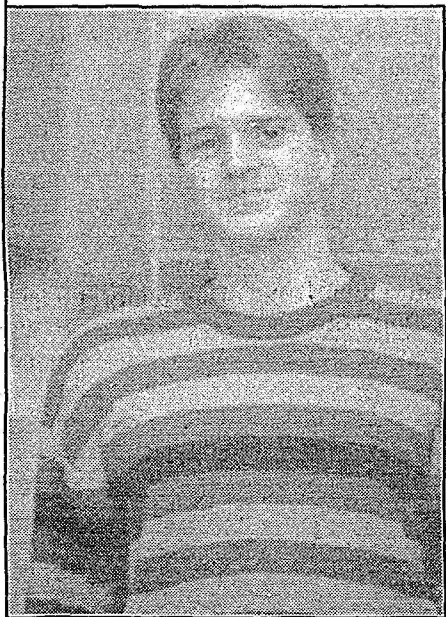
"Some people may think they are missing out," he said. "It doesn't bother me."

Craigg said he is close with other commuters.

"We are a very close knit family," he said.

In Your Opinion

Will building the new library be a hassle?



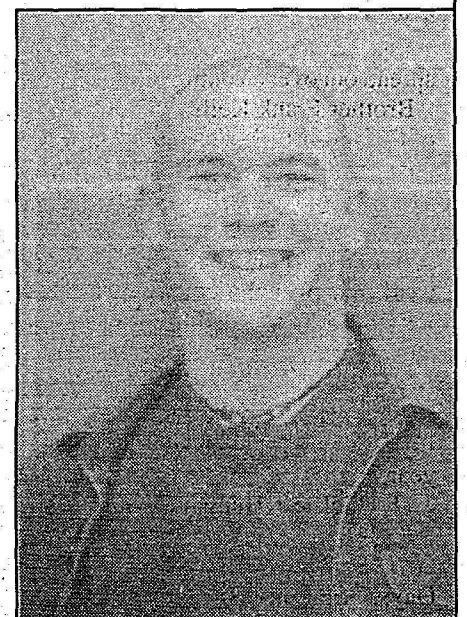
Jim Kutter
Junior

"In the short run, its not going to be good, but in the long run it will be better. The professors will be better off. Fontaine is kind of claustrophobic."



Candice Bottjer
Sophomore

"It's really good to redo the library finally. It is going to be a hassle for the teachers to be moved around, but it will work for the better."



Steve Coogan
Junior

"I feel bad for the professors that they will have to vacate their spaces and move all around. It won't be a hassle for students. I live in Gartland and I already trek around."

SECURITY BRIEFS

October 24

An alcohol confiscation occurred in Sheahan on Friday night. A case of beer was taken from two male students.

There was an arrest of a male freshman by the Poughkeepsie police. The student, a resident of Sheahan Hall, was caught and apprehended for selling phony drivers licenses that students could use to get into bars. The police confiscated the IDs from the students who purchased them.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

7:35 a.m. - A Volkswagen parked in Beck parking lot had its rear window shattered and a Sony CD player was removed from the car. Detectives from the police department told security that there has been a vast amount of car break-ins recently, and they suggest not leaving any items showing in the vehicle once it is parked.

Saturday, Nov. 1

A hit and run accident occurred by the Townhouses. A 1983 Jaguar backed

into an Isuzu causing a bit of damage. The driver of the Jaguar took off in the car. The owner of the Jaguar told security that she parked her car at 10:30 p.m. and did not use it the rest of the night. She then stated that "everyone" knows where she keeps her keys and that she leaves the doors open. The Jaguar was found off campus later that day, and was impounded by the police who are still investigating.

Two school bags containing alcohol were found by security outside of Leo. The contents of the bags totaled to 42 cans of beer. Word of advice: do not leave your belongings unattended!

Sunday, Nov. 2

Vandalism was found in one of the apartments on the North end of Campus, including broken interior doors and kicked in walls. When asked what happened, the people at the apartment said, "we were just doing a little rough housing."



"How's the weather?"

Thursday: Cool, More Clouds
46° 52°

Friday: Cool, Overcast, Light rain
43° 54°

Saturday: Cool, Overcast, Rain
42° 52°

Barbados course in danger of failing

by THEA CIMMINO
Staff Writer

Marist wants students to get a tan and earn three credits at the same time.

Marist College has offered a psychology course in Barbados during winter inter-session for the past 17 years, but there may not be enough interest this year to have the trip.

The class, Psychology of Interpersonal Communication, is taught by John Scileppi, psychology professor, and is open to juniors and seniors in any major, as well as graduate students and staff members. The prerequisite is an introduction to communications course or an introduction to psychology course.

Scileppi said he would be disappointed if the trip is canceled.

"I have really enjoyed teach-

ing the course," he said. "It's a shame that things may be ending."

The trip itself costs approximately \$1,100, which covers airfare and hotel accommodations. There is also the additional tuition fee for a three-credit winter intercession course.

Kathy Milhaven participated in the Jan. 1997 Barbados program. She said it was a wonderful experience.

"I recommend it for anyone in any major," she said. "You do not goof off down there. It is a lot of work, but it's worth it. It would be a shame if it got canceled."

Scileppi said Barbados is the ideal location to teach because it is far from home and there are no other classes to worry about.

"I have gone back to Barbados because the weather is excellent," he said. "It's sunny and

breezy in the 80's. The people are very friendly and accommodating, and there are many things to see and do there."

The course covers the topics of confrontation, conflict resolution, self-presentation/self-disclosure, assertiveness, active listening and value clarification. The class meets six days per week for three hours at the Monterey Hotel pool.

Anne Lerman participated in the program in 1997, and said she had a lot of fun.

"I really enjoyed it. I wanted to do a course in a short time period," she said. "This course met for two weeks everyday for many hours, but we got it over with quickly. It was easy to practice the techniques learned in the class, and we met a lot of new friends there."

If you are interested in participating in the Barbados contact John Scileppi at x2961 in Dyson 328, by Nov. 17.

Students have mixed reaction to Health Services

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According to Odescalchi, different doctors use the hospital services, for a number of reasons. As a result, many of those health care providers may not be on the hospital's staff.

"The hospital provides a location and nurses for them to work with," said Odescalchi.

Kerry Barrett, junior, said she was sent to Saint Francis Hospital by Health Services because it was believed she had received a concussion during Aikido training. Barrett said the doctor there told her she had a hole in her eardrum, which was affecting her equilibrium.

"He suggested that I see a specialist some time soon, but he did not say that I only had forty-eight hours to do so," she said. "My own physician was the one who alerted me to the severity of this issue."

Odescalchi said students who have a problem with the way they are treated at Saint Francis Hospital should speak with Edith Getchell, the patient representative, or the Quality Management Department.

"These are two services provided by the hospital that are on

the side of the patient," Odescalchi said. "They will listen to the patient's concerns and try to rectify the situation. Every patient has a right to know about his or her medical treatment."

Odescalchi and O'Brien said they are unaware of any problems with the treatment students received.

However, Keri Stevenson, sophomore, said that she found it hard to believe that no one in either of these offices has heard any complaints.

"With the number of students that visit Health Services and Saint Francis, I find it impossible to imagine that no one has complained. I don't believe them," she said.

But not everyone said they are dissatisfied with Health Services.

Kelli McCutchan, sophomore, said she had a positive experience, and got over her illness because of the nurses at Health Services.

"After I complained about a cough for a few days, the nurses referred me to the doctor who was able to give me the proper medication," she said.

Hunger Awareness Week expanded to month long observance

by CHRIS GROGAN
Staff Writer

Hunger awareness was always a week-long observance, but this year the activities are spread out over an entire month.

Brother Frank Kelly, director of Campus Ministry, said it was a conscience decision that could bolster involvement.

"We decided to spread the activities of hunger awareness week out over the course of a month so as to not hit people hard in such a short notice," he said. "Last year 1,266 students participated, and we are hoping for an even larger turnout this year."

To kick off Hunger Awareness Month, Nov. 6 and 7 have been designated, "Buck Hunger Days." Stations will be set up in Dyson, Donnelly, Lowell Thomas and the Student Center Rotunda to collect dollars for needy people.

The next week, Hunger Awareness Month continues with the OXFAM Fast.

Nov. 10 is the sign-up for this event where students donate one of their meals from their meal plans and the cafeteria

gives the money to charities involved with fighting hunger.

Nov. 13 is OXFAM Fast Day, where students skip one meal to remember all those in need of food around the world.

Wednesday of that week, the Hunger Walk/Run will take place at noon in front of Champagnat Hall. There is a \$2 entry fee.

Kelly said he hopes at least 200 people enter, and it is not limited to just walkers and runners.

"They can rollerblade, skateboard, run or walk, whatever mode of transportation they choose, as long as they complete the course which runs the length of the campus," he said.

On Nov. 19, the All Campus Hunger Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. in the Cabaret. People will either eat a dinner from a developed country or third world country.

"Depending on what your ticket is, you eat either a first, second, or third class meal," Kelly said. "It is an amazing educational opportunity and really interesting to see how people interpret their mean's differently in an event like this."

Tickets can be purchased on Nov. 17 at various places around the campus as well as in the Campus Ministry office.

On Nov. 21 to 23, Campus Ministry will be taking part in the "City Plunge." This event is where students travel to Lawrence, Mass., and work at the Lazarus House creating food baskets for the needy.

The biggest part of Hunger Awareness month is the All-Campus Food collection. It is a collaborative effort between Campus Ministry and various Resident Student Councils. RSCs will be collecting the food in their respective residence halls.

All of the food collected will be brought to the chapel for Sunday's mass to be blessed.

The food collected will then be distributed locally to the Dutchess Food Outreach, Mount Carmel Thanksgiving Food Drive and the Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Food Drive. All the money collected goes to OXFAM, Lazarus House Ministries and the Dutchess Food Outreach.

Marist Debate Team travels far for an argument

by COURTNEY PAGE
Staff Writer

The debate team is the newest outlet for students with an inquisitive mind and an argumentative spirit.

Scott Thomson, Marist debate team coach and assistant professor of communication, said debate presents numerous opportunities.

"It is excellent for those interested in pre-law and political science because it reinforces cross-examination, research and composition skills," he said.

Thomson said that it helps develop critical thinking and confidence, and can be helpful in the future.

"Those in debate can also get excellent graduate assistance," he said.

One begins as a novice and progresses to junior varsity and varsity. In a tournament, four to 40 teams compete. A team participates in six to eight two-hour-long debates. Each person gives an eight and a five-minute speech. A judge awards speaker points based on style, composition and argument.

Senior Deanna Makin has been involved in debate since her sophomore year.

"Debate is a natural talent, but you must be willing to put time and effort into it," she said.

Makin said she enjoys debating for many reasons.

"There aren't many things on campus that are truly intellectual," she said. "Debate fulfills my need to argue circles around the other person."

Freshman Chris Rounds decided to join debate for the chal-

lenge.

"It takes a lot of time and effort," he said. "The competition is really hard and you have to make sure you know your case."

Rounds said the debate team has helped him in working with different kinds of people.

Marist has competed against West Point, Rochester, Syracuse, Columbia and Queens. In the district they have gone against colleges like Harvard and Dartmouth.

The team has even trekked as far as Utah, Louisiana, Atlanta and Detroit for tournaments. The National Debate Tournament was held at the University of Kansas last year, but Marist did not win. In November, the team will travel to Binghamton, and in December they will go to Montreal.

College to undergo major construction

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"While I think the administration has been very receptive to listening to our input for the upcoming construction, and they've done a very good job taking our needs into account. The faculty still have a number of concerns as to timing and the financing of these projects," Goldpaugh said.

One question remaining with the construction of the library is where to house the Division of Humanities.

John McGinty, director of the library said the division will move to Donnelly for the construction interim.

"Humanities is going to be moved into space freed up in Donnelly Hall and into the existing house located on the Way Property," he said.

To make way for Humanities, the Fashion and Fine Arts Departments will move into the Mid-Hudson Business Park building.

Roy Merolli, executive vice president said moving Fashion and Fine Arts will be a good change.

"Currently those two departments hold about 7,300 square feet in Donnelly, and are very cramped for space," he said. "The move across the street would increase the area they have to about 12,000 square feet."

Renovations to the Mid Hudson Business Park building are set to begin in January, so the Fashion and Fine Art Departments would be able to move over spring break.

"After the new library is completed we would then move some of the Academic Support Services, currently housed in Donnelly into the new library," McGinty said.

Eventually the remainder of Humanities would move into Donnelly after the new library is completed.

Tom Daly, director of physical plant, briefly spoke on the new student townhouses that will be built on the corner of North Road and West Cedar Street.

"The new townhouses will be exactly the same as the townhouses built during the last phase of construction," Daly said. "There will be 32 houses, each housing 8 students for a total of 256 beds."

Vice President for Student Affairs, Gerard Cox, said that construction for the new townhouses should begin after the first of the year, and will be ready for students by next fall.

Executive Assistant to the President, Susan Roeller Brown, talked about the riverfront refurbishment.

"Marist has submitted for grant proposals to the state, to refurbish the six acres on the west side of the railroad tracks," she said. "Our waterfront is in need of some serious improvements. This area provides a unique attraction for Marist, and we want to see it brought up to its full potential."

The college should know soon if it receives the grants.

"We should know by February if we've gotten the grant or not," Brown said. "We can then proceed with construction, and it should be completed by August or September."

A similar open forum for students to ask questions and voice their concerns over the upcoming projects is being scheduled within two weeks.

"We're open to any comments or suggestions any member of the student body wants to make," Murray said. "We are responsible to many different constituencies when it comes down to making final decisions, but we want to keep the student's involved with everything we're doing."

Student enjoys privacy of being commuter

CARISA KEANE
Staff Writer

While most Marist students can roll out of bed, throw hats on their heads and sleepwalk to class in five minutes, Jill Buzzurro must drive a half-hour and hope she finds a parking spot.

Buzzurro is a third-year social work major.

"I've always loved kids," she said. "But I don't want to stick to direct care, I want to help people with emotional problems."

Buzzurro said she chose Marist because of its reputation.

"I used to go to New Paltz last year but didn't like it," she said. "I heard positive things about Marist and decided to try it."

This 23-year-old junior commutes from Wappingers Falls, N.Y. to Marist College everyday.

"It's such an inconvenience driving back and forth all the time," Buzzurro said. "It takes me at least 25 minutes and it's even longer in the winter."

Buzzurro said she usually parks in the McCann parking lot.

"The majority of my classes are in Donnelly so it's not that bad," she said. "Unless I have to park in Beck and walk across campus."

Buzzurro said she feels Marist can improve commuter parking.

"We often get shunned out of parking," she said. "And many people don't realize this."

Buzzurro said parking is not the only inconvenience. It is harder for her to get involved in campus activities.

"I think a commuter's life and the life of someone living on campus are like two different worlds," she said. "It's so hard for me to initiate myself to get involved because I only know a handful of people."

Christopher Jette, a senior radio/t.v./film major, said he would not want to live off campus.

"I'm glad I live on campus," he said. "If I lived off campus I wouldn't feel as connected to college life, like pulling late night pranks in the dorms."

Buzzurro said she would not be comfortable sharing showers with others either.

"I would have a difficult time getting used to something like that," she said.

Gas money is another problem for Buzzurro.

"I feel like all I do is work, get paid and use the money to put more gas in my car," she said. "I hardly have any spending money."

Lindsey Martelle, a third-year public relations major living in Gartland Commons, said she prefers living on campus.

"It's just so much easier," Martelle said. "Everything is within walking distance."

But Buzzurro did find one advantage of living off campus.

"Privacy," she said. "I need my privacy."

Buzzurro said she loves the fact that she can go home and be herself. She said she thinks people often put up fronts just to please their roommates.

"I need time alone and it would be difficult with a roommate," she said. "And she would know everything about me."

She also appreciates the fact that she can leave dirty dishes in the sink without anyone harping on it.

"I like knowing that if I leave a dirty pot in the sink no one will be breathing down my neck to clean it," Buzzurro said. "If I lived with people I would feel



Jill Buzzurro, a commuter, is a third year social work major. Buzzurro hopes to help people with emotional problems.

obligated to clean it right away."

Buzzurro said sleeping in a quiet atmosphere is another luxury.

"I wouldn't be able to sleep late if I lived with other people," she said. "It would be so noisy."

Buzzurro said she feels this way because she has her own apartment.

"I live in the basement of my house," she said. "So although I live with my parents, I still

have my own privacy."

Despite Buzzurro's complaints about commuter life, she said she is happy in her present environment.

"I'm happy where I am," she said. "But I think I might feel differently if I did not have my own apartment."

Even though Buzzurro still has to drive a half hour to class everyday, struggle to find a good parking spot and constantly put gas in her car, she still has her privacy.

The Circle's Weekly Top Ten List:

Top 10 Places to Move Faculty

10. Tower on top of Champagnat
9. Dyson or LT building, since there's so much room
8. Somewhere in the Student Center
7. A place far, far away
6. St. Peters
5. Across the street
4. Berties
3. New fitness center
2. Psychiatric center
1. Nowhere- who needs classes

The Top Ten List is to be intended for humor purposes only. DO NOT try this at home!!!

Career Quest...There to help students with job search

HILARY NELOMS
Special to The Circle

"I don't know how to write a resume!"

"I don't know what field I want to go into!"

"What am I going to do in my life!"

Sound familiar? This is just a reminder that the Center for Career Services (CCS) is here for you. CCS can't just hand you a job, but they can definitely do their best to make someone else do it. You must go out and make an effort to learn about the field that you're interested in, and what kind of companies that you would like to work with.

"But Hil, I don't know what field I want to go into!" Hey, CCS can help you. They offer surveys that can help you real-

ize and understand your interests as they relate to possible careers. Plus, the bigger the question you have, the more time they will spend with you. They will take time out and sit down with you to discuss what your options are.

"Hil! My resume is awful! I have no experience!" Career Services will help you shape and word your resume so that employers will be more inclined to interview you. Remember, someone has always done something productive in his or her life, it is just a matter of realizing what it was. CCS will also help you with interviewing for jobs. They can give you examples of questions that will be asked, the manner in which to conduct yourself, do a mock interview in their office, and

can even set up on-site interviews with certain employers.

Freshmen and sophomores, I hope you're reading this as well. I know you guys have a couple of years to really start stressing about this stuff. Hear me now and believe me later, the quicker you start this stuff, the less stress you will have come your senior year. Check out the resume writing and interviewing workshops. It doesn't hurt to learn a little about what you're going to be going through in two or three years.

And remember to keep your head up out there. Don't let things get you down. There is always someone you can talk to at the Center for Career Services.

EMILY KUCHARCZYK
Feature Editor

Off in the Pacific lurks El Nino, ready to alternate the world's weather.

El Nino, or El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), is a change in the ocean-atmosphere system in the Pacific, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. El Nino changes the position of jet stream winds causing unusual weather patterns throughout the world.

According to John De Gilio, visiting professor in the division of science, changes in the jet stream is what concerns scientists.

"The jet stream is what all the hub bub is about," he said. "That will effect the weather the most."

De Gilio, who teaches environmental issues and environmental geoscience, said predictions of El Nino's effects are hard to make.

"So far there is not enough information to be able to predict the effects of it," he said. "Scientists can only make general predictions."

De Gilio said El Nino occurs when there is an upwelling of warm water, which warms the atmosphere above. He said this upwelling of warm air has a tendency to increase moisture in the atmosphere and cause warmer temperatures.

El Nino has its strongest effect on areas closest to the equator. In the U.S. southern and western states, such as Florida and California, are most affected by it.

According to De Gilio, the northern and eastern part of the

country may experience a milder winter, which means less snow. However, there still will be cold days with lots of snow, but on average the temperature should be warmer.

De Gilio said a milder winter would have both good and bad effects.

"Well it's a good thing because it means there will be less snow to shovel," he said. "But it might be a bad thing because there will be less snow that will be melting to fill the water supply."

A less snowy winter is not something Jeanette Wherry, junior, needs. Wherry, who works at a ski resort, said she needs it to snow a lot in order to have a job over intercession.

"There better be huge snowstorms with lots of snow or I won't be working this winter," she said.

De Gilio said that because of its long-term effects, El Nino is too big a problem to be solved in such a short time. It generally has a three to four month period of influence, but takes longer than that to reach the whole atmosphere.

De Gilio said because the atmosphere is so large it is difficult to make an accurate model that would be able to help scientists predict the causes and effects of an El Nino.

"It's like standing at the end of a dock and dropping a pebble from the dock into the water," he said. "It's extremely hard to see where the pebble will land, because you're going to see a lot of complex things happening and it's hard to make a simple model for something so complex."

Food Dude revisits Olive Garden; eats a lot, spends a lot

TOM NARDI
Food Dude

Having worked at the Olive Garden, located just opposite the Poughkeepsie Galleria on Route 9, I feel I am qualified to review the food. Even though I worked there for over two years, I am going to try to write this as fair and objectively as possible.

The Olive Garden opened its first restaurant in Florida 15 years ago. Since that time it has grown drastically. Presently there are over 475 Olive Gardens in the country. Some people argue the food served there is not traditional Italian food. I will agree the food is not necessarily the same as what you would find in a small mom and pop run Italian restaurant, but it is still really good.

One thing I am proud to mention is how clean the restaurant is. Over the last six or seven years I have been in the kitchen of at least 30 different restaurants or banquet facilities and the Olive Garden has one of the cleanest kitchens I have ever seen. Their standards and requirements for food production and storage exceed those put forth by the health department. At the Olive Garden you can always be assured your meal is fresh.

To start the meal your server will probably recommend a glass of the house wine. For only \$2.95 the house wines represent a good value. I feel the other wines on the wine list are over priced for the type of es-

tablishment the Olive Garden is.

Olive Garden also has some delicious frozen drinks, including my favorite the Chocolate Almond Amore (\$4.95). This is a sinful blend of Baileys Irish Cream, Amaretto, Kahlua and vanilla ice cream. This drink is also available without the alcohol.

For an appetizer, I would recommend the Hot Artichoke and Spinach dip (\$4.95). This is a delicious blend of spinach, artichoke hearts, sour cream and cream cheese. It is usually served piping hot. This appetizer is accompanied by crispy bread sticks and celery for dipping. Another appetizer that is extremely popular is the Create a Sampler. The Create a Sampler allows you to mix and match between fried zucchini, stuffed mushrooms, fried mozzarella, Italian Scallion (which are deep fried onion strips), chicken fingers or toasted raviolis. You have the option of choosing either two (\$5.50) or three (\$6.95) of these items.

When it comes to entrees you have many different options. For those who love pasta you can choose from a variety of pastas including; spaghetti, linguine, capellini, penne or fettuccine, and mix them with a variety of homemade sauces (Yes, all of the sauces are homemade) including: marinara, meat sauce, or alfredo sauce. Most of the pasta dishes are priced around seven or eight dollars. You can also top these pastas off with

meatballs, sausage, grilled chicken or grilled shrimp.

For those who enjoy shrimp and garlic, I highly recommend the Mediterranean Garlic Shrimp (\$11.50). This dish consists of sautéed shrimp served over linguine and topped with a spicy, roasted garlic, light cream sauce. For those who are undecided about what to order I would recommend one of the combination choices. The Tour of Italy (\$11.95) comes with chicken parmigiana, lasagna and fettuccine alfredo. The Roman Feast (\$12.95) comes with a 6oz grilled sirloin steak, mediterranean garlic shrimp and fettuccine alfredo.

The Olive Garden also has many choices for those looking for foods which are low fat. The Chicken Giardino (\$8.95) contains a medley of fresh vegetables, tossed over bow-tie pasta and served in a lemon-herb sauce. The Penne Fra-

Diavolo (\$7.95) is a spicy tomato sauce, full of peppers and onions, served over penne pasta. But just a warning, even though the items are low in fat, they still contain a lot of calories due to the enormous portion size.

All entrées come with the Olive Garden's famous garlic breadsticks and your choice of unlimited soup or salad. The homemade soups include: Minestrone, which is the only true vegetarian item on the menu and Zuppa Toscana, which is a blend of sausage, potatoes and kale in a light creamy broth. The salad is another Olive Garden favorite. It is served family style with house dressing. The all you can eat soup or salad, coupled with the generous portion sizes makes for an excellent value.

Whatever you order make sure to save room for dessert. I highly recommend either the white chocolate raspberry

cheesecake (\$3.95) or the Black Tie Chocolate Mouse Cake (\$3.95). Cappuccinos (\$2.95) are available in many flavors including vanilla, almond and caramel.

When it comes to service, all I am going to say is there are a lot of new employees working there (approximately half the wait staff has been there less than three months). Some servers are better than others. To ensure the best service I would avoid going during the busiest times, such as Friday or Saturday nights. Service is usually better when a restaurant is not filled to capacity.

Since most college students are on a limited budget, I would recommend going for lunch. The portions are a little smaller and the prices are reduced. This also enables you to take advantage of the all you can eat salad and breadsticks.

Emily's Recipe of the Week

Vegetarian Chili with Rice

15oz can red kidney beans, drained
15oz can great northern beans, drained
14.5oz can tomatoes
8oz can tomato sauce
3/4 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped onion

1tbsp. chili powder
1tsp. Sugar
1/2 tsp. basil
2 cloves garlic, minced
Rice

In large saucepan combine all the ingredients and one cup of water. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Top with rice.

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Editorials

I just found out yesterday that my eighty-nine year old grandfather is in the hospital with pneumonia. Those that do not know my grandfather cannot possibly realize what this means. My grandfather is one of the strongest, healthiest men alive, and when I found this out, I sat down and did some serious thinking about my family.

I live on this old farm with my parents and brother, and right on the same piece of property, but in a different house, live my grandparents. Since I was two I have lived there, and I basically grew up surrounded by all of these people who were constantly there to love and support me.

I took this for granted until I got to college, and realized that my family was far away. Now, do not get me wrong, I have been travelling by myself and with my friends and their families since I was eight years old, so it was not a matter of me being on my own. It was just that I was suddenly hit with the fact that my family would not be there every moment, and that someday I would have to grow up and move on and start a family of my own.

This fear subsided and pretty much died away until my sophomore year, when my mom became extremely sick, so much so, some doctors were telling her she might not make it. Thank God, that passed and after many months, and a major operation, my mom was better.

When I thought my mother might pass away, I did not know what to do with myself. I felt like my whole world was crumbling down before me. I just could not fathom a world without my mother in it to comfort me, and make me tea when I did not feel good.

From that experience, I realized just how much my family meant to me. I know that when I go home on vacations, I can be completely unbearable to all of them, because I get so stressed out and preoccupied with everything that goes on at school and in my life. My mom's illness made me realize that they need to know how much I love them, and that I need to know how they feel about me, as well.

As you can imagine, I lived by that doctrine for a while, but there are only so many times my brother can jump out from behind a door and scare me half to death before I flip out at him. So I fell back into the mindset that my family would always be around, and that sometimes they are all so annoying I want to live in Africa to escape them.

Now, however, I am faced with this situation again. The doctors have told my family that my grandfather will get better, but it is so upsetting when I have to be the strong one for my family. On the family "food chain," I am pretty low, so I always have people there to be strong when I have a problem, or when I am having one of my weekly nervous breakdowns.

Now, I have to be the strong one. For my mother, who is so afraid of losing her father, for my grandmother, who hates to be alone, for my brother who cannot imagine a life without going fishing with his grandfather.

My family will pull through this, my grandfather will get better, we have the assurance of the doctors, and I know my grandpa has a lot more work to do out in the fields. However, this just makes me realize how much I count on my family, and how much I love them, and that I cannot take them for granted, because as sad as it is, they will not always be around.

So, instead of dwelling on the fact they will not always be there, I want to make sure I make as many memories with them as I possibly can, and tell them how much they do mean to me. Even when we argue over stupid things, I would not trade them for anything.

Stephanie Mercurio, Editor-in-Chief

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The View from Sue... by Sue Goodwin



Letter to the Editor

Student Clarifies ADA Regulations

Dear Editor:

I am one of two students who has spoken to Dr. Merolli concerning the 504/ADA compliance officer. I would like to address some issues in the article concerning the compliance of ADA regulations.

The article demonstrates the confusion surrounding the issue as to whether or not the law mandates a 504 or an ADA coordinator. The American with Disabilities Act of 1990 recommends that we have an ADA compliance officer in place, but does not mandate it. However, under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, an institution receiving federal funding, such as Marist College, must have a designated 504 coordinator. The law still stands today, and is not cancelled out by the ADA. The ADA officer and the 504 coordinator share very similar roles and functions, so often institutions designate an ADA/504 coordinator.

The article quotes Dr. Merolli as saying, "the issue is that we are reasonably accommodating" students with disabilities. This statement is incorrect; the real issue is that Marist does not have a formal procedure for which people with disabilities can make their grievances heard. This is precisely why section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act mandates institutions that receive federal funding to designate a 504 coordinator.

We find it difficult to understand why this has been such a complicated issue. The fact of the matter is that by not having a 504 coordinator, Marist is out of compliance with the federal law. Also, Marist currently does not have a system by which members of the Marist community with disabilities can address their complaints. There is no clear-cut procedure or channel of communication for them to do so. Unfortunately, this means that they often address the wrong office, or that their grievances remain unheard. Many people, such as Dean Cox, say that Linda Cooper is the person who is in charge of addressing the needs of people with disabilities. This statement is incorrect for two reasons. First, Mrs. Cooper directs Special Services, which only addresses the needs of students with disabilities. Therefore, faculty, staff, and visitors of Marist who have disabilities have no means of addressing their needs. Secondly, Linda Cooper's position entails providing direct services to students with disabilities, such as providing books on tape; she does not, however, have the authority to bring the campus in compliance with the law.

It is essential that those involved realize that the real issue is that Marist is in violation of the law because we have not yet named 504 coordinator.

Finally, I would like to cite an error contained in the article concerning Linda Cooper's title. She is the director of Special Services, not Student Services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Debra Alfano

Administrator reacts to 504/ADA article

To the Editor:

The article, "Marist Must Provide Equality for All Students," demonstrated a writer's ability to interview, record and, then, in constructing a news article (as opposed to an opinion piece) to pick and choose quotations and to alter the chronology of events to formulate the appearance of controversy.

The article never mentioned the fact that the reporter came to me primarily to ask about a proposal I submitted in fall 1996 recommending that the college appoint a 504/ADA compliance officer. My proposal was a result of discussions among the Director of Special Services, her supervisor, and myself. This fact was never mentioned in the article. Instead the article suggests a disagreement between the Director of Special Services and myself over the desirability of making such an appointment.

During the interview I paid tribute to our Directors of Special Services, both the current (Linda Cooper) and her predecessor (Dr. Diane Perriera), for their knowledge, insight and sensitivity to higher education's requirements under 504/ADA. They served the college well in the past and the college will continue to expect the present and future directors to help the college remain in conformity. Praise for these very capable administrators was not a denial of the desirability and need to appoint an independent administrator (one not directly connected with Special Services) as the college's compliance official.

Fortunately, a compliance officer has been appointed to fill this important functional.

Sincerely,
Gerard A. Cox

Nanny trial; a display of British animosity

There have been occasions where people ask me why I write this column. There have been occasions when I ask myself the same thing. However, this week, I find myself asking HOW can I write this column.

This is because my little tongue-in-cheek satirical look on things really seems out of place when considering writing about the death of an eighteen-month-old infant. But, since most readers of this space rarely realize that it is intended for humorous purposes only, perhaps I can manage to press on.

For those of you who were in a catatonic state brought on by seeing too many charts of the fluctuating Dow Jones Industrial Average, the trial involved Louise Woodward, a 19-year-old English au pair who was convicted of second degree murder by way of shaking an eighteen-month-old infant in her care.

The trial has been followed quite differently here in the US than in the UK. Here it has been covered as being more of an instance of a young girl who was so angry with her employers that she took out her frustrations on a helpless child. Across the pond, the sentiment is that Woodward is being made a scapegoat by two incompetent parents.

Many American's sympathies go to the parents of Matthew Eappen, the child in Woodward's care, and rightly so. In Britain, there seems to be an overwhelming sentiment

towards Louise, and her unfair employers who took advantage of an unfortunate young Briton.

Mark Lawson of The Guardian (one of the few British papers that does not have a topless teenager on the third page) criticized the behavior of the Eappen family, concentrating on the fact that they wore little crocodile pins to the trial, as a reminder of Matthew. Lawson wrote that this "reeks of the kind of mawkish exhibitionism which Europeans have always found repellent in American life."

One can wonder how he was able to restrain himself by expressing European's rage at the family's daily shower, straight teeth, and not showing up for court with a hangover. He did, however, go on to say that the case is more than just the Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Ms. Woodward; it is America v. Britain. He was then sick all over himself and passed out, awakening just in time for last call.

In any case, this is really not doing wonders for relations between our two nations. First Oasis, and now this. There has not been this great of a disparity in American-British relations since the infamous Duran Duran versus Frankie Goes to Hollywood debates.

This court case has taught me two things. The first is that the Brits still have 221 years of pent up rage against us that they are more than happy to let out whenever it will help to sell newspapers.

The other is that if I am ever charged with a crime that I did not commit, I will flee the country. Only if I am guilty will I stand trial. This trial has only added to what has become increasingly apparent in recent years: American juries are stupid.

From Rodney King to OJ, we see that a high profile case has a really good chance of bringing in the wrong verdict. The more concrete the evidence, the more likely it is to be overlooked. Whether it is a video of police brutality, a trail of DNA Inspector Gadget could follow, or naughty cakes paid for but never delivered, people do not seem to notice.

All that I am looking at in this case is the "reasonable doubt" that she did it. There was a great deal of testimony from doctors who said that the infant's injuries had occurred weeks earlier. And, these were not any of those singing Chicago Hope doctors either. It is all just vague enough that you cannot unquestionably send this teenage girl to jail.

No matter what, though, the true tragedy that is too often overlooked is that of the real victim. Far too little sympathy has gone out towards little Matthew, the one person involved in the case that unquestionably never lived long enough to do anything to anyone that would justify his fate.

Christian Bladt is the Senior Political Commentator for The Circle, please allow him to introduce himself, he's a man of wealth and taste.

Tapes, rings and other random things

If there were a disorder that entailed losing and misplacing things, as well as small children, I'd have it. In fact, I really ought to document my case. Though, with a lackluster stack of less than good science grades backing me, I think my credibility would be incredible, or, more likely, un-credible.

I even lost my initial column for this week twice, but I'm not the only one who loses things, as lots of things are lost. From Mozart's body to Amelia Earhart's entire entourage, to my mother's platform shoes, there's a lot of stuff missing in the world. Much of it is to no fault of my own. Well, maybe I had a hand in the platform shoes-or a foot, even.

At home, if I borrowed something and temporarily misplaced it I'd stuff it under my little sister's bed when I found it. This way, I didn't need to take the rap for dad's misplaced Run DMC tape, among other things, so that if I was ever asked where it might be again, I'd say, rather sarcastically, that it was probably under Nora's bed.

I was once asked to babysit for a family with five kids under the age of six. I thought everything was going rather smoothly, until a rather large middle-aged man in an undershirt and shorts came to the window. I was rather apprehensive about having this strange man pounding on the window, but too polite to close the blinds. The eldest

child exclaimed, "It's Barney!" and opened the window.

This story predates the era/error of the purple dinosaur, but fortunately, the guy at the window was just as harmless. He informed me that he was unable to back his car up because one of the kids I was sitting for was sitting on his driveway.

I ran outside to find the baby sitting behind Barney's colossal Chrysler, so I grabbed the baby and thanked Barney. Let me emphasize that I was asked but ONCE to watch these children, for obvious reasons.

My legacy of losing things continues. Just last week my Grandfather was seeing me off at the train station and my high school class ring fell off my finger. Onlookers watched the gold ring bounce twice, before falling beneath the platform. As they lamented over such a terrible loss, I was left smiling, explaining that I was glad that it wasn't me. I didn't mean I was "glad" in a Pollyanna sort of way. It was nice that after all the effort that I had made to take care of it, it just didn't seem to matter all that much, which made me feel better about losing it.

My tendency to be cheap, or, as the politest of my friends would put it, "unmaterialistic" has escalated. I guess I see no point in buying things that might soon be at the mercy of a Poughkeepsie-bound Metro North train.

READ

"Mr. Walker... Mr. Walker..." No answer.

It's 9:30 in the morning and John Walker is sleeping soundly. His homework is done, he studied hard the night before and understands everything that is going on in his class. But somehow, today Johnny is an outcast, a leper, and his grade has just fallen from an A- to a B+ because Johnny has just skipped his third class.

This is the way of the world at Marist College today. You don't go to classes, you can't get an A, and that is final. But what I don't understand is how this makes sense. Johnny has not missed one assignment and has gotten at least a 92 on every exam, but somehow his teacher feels that Johnny does not respect him and therefore deserves to be dropped down a grade. Why are teachers so adamant about students attending classes?

Let me first say in advance that I understand that the Marist administration is responsible for the strict upkeep of the attendance laws. As I understand it, teachers are required to have some sort of attendance policy on their syllabus. But that does not mean that teachers must uphold these guidelines to the letter of the law and cannot give some leniency when an A student misses his fourth class. (My apologies to those teachers who do not adhere to this

policy like it is the word of God, especially the ones who are my friends.)

I've heard teachers say that we should go to every single class, so we can make the most of the money our parents pay to send us here. Someone pinch me I must be dreaming. I know there are quite a few people at this school whose parents have enough money to pay up-front for all four years of school, but I also know even more people, including myself, who are solely responsible for paying back every penny of their student loans. So why would not it be our decision alone whether we want to skip class or not? We are paying for this education and if we do the work there should be no problem with going to class once a week, or even once a month. If teachers want to divide their classes every semester into those that pay for their education and those that do not, and from that decide who gets to skip class, that would be fine with me. But somehow I do not think that would work, since there would be classrooms full of 19-22 year old people getting treated like small children with three parents now instead of two.

I had first hand experience with this once in my college career. I had a Spanish class that was very easy for me because of the classes I took in high

school. I never received a grade below 85, yet when grades were sent to my house I saw a C+ for Spanish. I called the teacher, who proceeded to tell me that she graded me down from a B or B+ to a C+ due to repeated absences. She also said that it was not fair to the other students. They had to go to classes, so why should I not have to go? I will tell you why, because I did not need to go to classes to get good grades. The students who had to go to class, did so because they needed help in understanding Spanish. They needed to go in order to pass quizzes and tests. I did not.

Some may argue that all students should go to classes so that those who better understand the material will be able to shed some light on it for the students who are not as quick to grasp the concepts. To this I respond: Is it the students or the teachers who are getting paid here? Surely it would be a very nice Christian act to volunteer your services to those who have trouble understanding, but no one can argue that it is not the responsibility of the students to provide this service.

I have heard many people say that their teachers think we need them more than we do. These teachers, I must admit, are few from my experiences at Marist. But people have told me that they think there is an association between missing class and

insulting the teacher. It is like they somehow feel rejected if their assistance is not needed. They go on a power trip and punish us for not "respecting" them, even if we do the assignment. I do not see what the learning process of students has to do with the ego of a few bad teachers.

For example, a friend of mine once told his teacher, (we'll say art teacher) that he thought he was doing better when he do not go to classes. He was just kidding, but from that point on, the teacher paid him no attention in class, would not answer his questions and consistently dropped his grades on various paintings and drawings. This may seem coincidental, but tell that to my friend who insulted the ego of the all-powerful teacher and was dropped from a B+ at midterms to a C- after finals, with little or no explanation.

What I am getting at is that there is no reason for attendance to affect grades unless it means that the student is missing assignments in the process. I understand that there are classes where missing just one will throw off everything you learn for the rest of the semester, like, for example, a difficult math class. But I do not see the purpose of being punished for attendance when you are keeping up just fine and have handed in all the

assignments.

Apparently the Marist administration has a tough time dealing with the fact that their students are not little kids who have to be threatened to be productive. Does anyone really believe that if the absence policy were abolished, no one would ever go to classes, everyone would fail and the school would go bankrupt? I am not suggesting that people should never go to classes. I just think the punishment is a little stiff for something as trivial as absences. The administration should show some confidence in its student body that it would not fall to pieces if the threat of failing after six absences were not there.

A teacher I had in high school scared our class with the warning that teachers in college would not care about our excuses or whether we even went to class at all. He told me that the bottom line was going to be based on the quality of my work and nothing else. He was wrong. I guess he went to school in a time when students were treated like adults and performance was more important than attendance.

Tim Manson is the Opinion Editor for The Circle

Missing classes is not the end of the world for grades, except at Marist

Let's Take a Walk Down The Horror Film Hall of Fame

by **Brian Hill**
Staff Writer

Halloween was less than one week ago, but does anyone even remember?

Sure, there was an evil skeleton head glaring at me each time I opened my door, but besides putting up this ghoulish decoration, I did not do a single thing for the holiday. Do not get me wrong, I wanted to, I just could not think of anything that would bolster the Halloween spirit.

So instead of staying home, and passing out candy to trick-or-treaters (of which there were few, sources say), I went to Upstate Films in Rhinebeck and watched a movie.

It was Halloween and all, but I did not see a horror movie, I saw *Fast, Cheap, and Out of Control*, the new quasi-documentary by Errol Morris. Chronicling the lives of four offbeat people (a lion tamer, a master topiary gardener, a mole-rat enthusiast,

and a robot scientist), the film was a nice escape. But it was Halloween, and I wanted horror.

Dozens of carved pumpkins lined the walls in front of the Rhinebeck Fire Department fueling my Halloween yearning, which unfortunately, could not be filled.

They just do not make good horror movies anymore.

Scream was a parody, not good horror.

I thought about going to a video store and renting one of my favorites, but how many times can one watch the first Halloween?

Realizing that there was not anything that I wanted to see, I nixed the entire idea, and just went to sleep.

Although I have seen my share of fright films, I understand that my college-aged peers may have not. So for them, I have sifted through the tons of weak, exploitation-filled, gore-fests to come up with this list of truly frightening "video-treats".

First, go rent *Halloween*, if you haven't seen it already. On

Halloween night, mental patient Michael Myers escapes from the asylum, puts on his favorite mask, and does a little trick-or-treating of his own.

Next, get *When a Stranger Comes Back*. It starts out with a bang, as a mysterious stranger pushes a young babysitter to the end of her rope. Although it lags toward the end, that beginning is priceless.

After that, any of the following films should be viewed:

Hellraiser 1, 2, or 4 - A demon is brought up from Hell by the magic of an intricate puzzle box. The third installment is mostly a disaster, so I can't recommend it.

The Omen - Watch any of them. Not so scary, but incredibly intriguing. Best if viewed in order.

Rosemary's Baby - An arty tale about the woman who gives birth to the anti-Christ. Very suspenseful with some cool visuals.

Psycho - Alfred Hitchcock's classic. Set the tone for modern horror films. Shocking images

abound. Best if you don't know the story before you see it.

The Exorcist - I suppose you could watch any of them. The first is the classic. Not too frightening when actually viewed, but the adrenaline will flow as you sit alone in your bed thinking about this tale of demonic possession.

Phantasm - The gimmick of this series is a floating ball that floats around and shoots spikes into people's heads. It is gory, but still works to frighten, thanks to the eerie old man who controls the orb.

Poltergeist - This stuff is pretty tame, but can be scary if you concentrate on the fact that many of the people who worked on this film were mysteriously injured or killed. Some say as a result of working on it.

The House on Haunted Hill - A fun, B-grade movie from the '50's about a rich man who invites a group of people to his house and will pay them \$5000 each if they can make it through the night. William Castle, master of the movie gimmick, di-

rected it and Vincent Price stars.

After watching these films, you will have a good understanding of how this genre works, which will make you the center of attention at the next party you go to.

Horror movies work best if you watch them late at night when it is quiet, with the lights out, and alone. Keep this in mind when you sit through *Halloween*, laughing with your friends at all of the intense scenes. Trust me, if you watched it alone, you would have had an entirely different experience.

Some horror movies are bad. They will not scare you and they will make you hate this genre. Stay away from any movie based on a Stephen King book. Except for *The Shining*, they are all dismal.

Also, *Friday the Thirteenth* and *Nightmare on Elm Street* are horror staples, so you may want to rent them. Only the originals are true gems, but you should probably watch them all.

X-Files Season Premiere: The Truth is Still Out There

by **CARLITO**
Staff Writer

For four years now, Chris Carter has been promising us that "the truth is out there." I am sure it is out there somewhere, but if Mr. Carter is aware of "truth's" location or at least its general neighborhood, he is hiding it from the viewing audience. I have been eagerly awaiting "truth's" unveiling for roughly seven years now, but every Sunday night at ten o'clock, I am left to wallow in an incomplete chasm of emptiness. A chasm I have strived to fill by devoting myself to channel six every Sunday at nine o'clock. My need to fill this chasm is driven by the same force that drives Fox Mulder himself. The search for truth.

Truths that will reveal the source of Dana Scully's cancer as well as the possible existence of an anecdote. Truths that will verify that Mulder's sister was kidnapped by extra terrestrials. Truths that will reveal if there is any substance to the investigations they conduct, or if they are just puppets being manipu-

lated by the same organization that employs them. Truths that will define Mulder's role as either a legitimate FBI agent or as the hub of a myriad of conspiracies perpetuating from his very existence. Truths that will satisfy my inquisitive desire to see Scully naked in bed.

For months I have been counting down to the season premier, anticipating that some of these truths would be unleashed, but to my dismay, Sunday's episode only set the stage for more conspiracies yet to be discovered. Last season's finale featured Scully's testimony that she had identified Mulder's body after an apparent suicide. But Sunday's episode revealed that the body identified by Scully was not Mulder but an agent that had been observing his every move. But why would Scully lie to the FBI on Mulder's behalf? Well, as the program progressed, we would discover that the two had planned a weekend excursion to Montego Bay...wait a minute. Yup, that was just another one of my fantasies.

In actuality, Mulder embarked on a mission to seek the truth

and his presumed death played a vital role. Impersonating the same person he cordially shot in the face, Mulder attempts to locate the cure for Scully's cancer and an economy sized canister of moth balls for his apartment. Or was it matzo balls? In coincidence with Mulder's search, Scully hustles to find proof of a government orchestrated conspiracy linking her cancer to an alien corpse discovered in Canada. Might I add that the alien was also governmentally constructed in yet another effort to deceive Mulder.

I cannot help but feel sympathy for poor Fox. The two of us are quite similar. We both have abnormal sleeping habits, we are both constantly being manipulated by high level government officials and we both utilize the many services offered by 900 numbers.

Scully succeeds in her quest to materialize proof of her persecution, but just before she gets a chance to present it, a surge in barometric pressure causes her nose to bleed during an overwhelming dizzy spell, and a sweeping cold front to envelop the eastern seaboard.

Scenes like this tend to aggravate me but they also instill an invigorating curiosity. One that will induce me to either continue to watch the show religiously, or to find Chris Carter and beat the piss out of him. It is unrevealing scenes like this that add to the show's enigmatic mystique. It is scenes like this that attract viewers to the show and force low lifes like myself to juxtapose my Sunday night schedule around the program.

Beneath my impatient irritation from the lack of revelation, lies an admiration for Carter's ability to take the truth, flash it for an instant, and then bury it once again. As a journalist (I'm sorry, as a staff writer for the critically acclaimed *Circle*), it is my assigned duty to seek the truth and present it. But due to Carter's ability to disguise the truth, I can only conclude the following as facts. *X-Files: The Movie* is but another conspiracy, I will once again retire with visions of Scully dancing in my head.

The Arts and Entertainment section highly values your opinions!! Please contact editor Jim Dziezynski at x2429 if you wish to report on anything artistic or entertaining. Thank you!

One King Down and Earth Crisis Rock the Chance

by **BOB ROTH**
Staff Writer

I missed the opening bands for the show but someone told me that Catch 22 was not that bad but C4 was terrible. One problem with this show was that it happened on Mid-Semester break. Why does Marist schedule its breaks when it does? Every other school has it the week before! As far as the crowd was,

the place was packed! Both levels of the Chance were filled to capacity.

The first band I saw was Inner Dam. They are a hardcore band from Orange County, N.Y., which plays a new school type of hardcore. With roots more in metal than punk, they had a sound that was not distinctly hardcore. Most of their songs were lousy except for one whose name I didn't catch.

Next were Albany's favorite

sons, One King Down. As soon as One King Down came on, the crowd erupted! The energy was everywhere from the people at the bar to the people going crazy in the mosh pit. People were either singing along with OKD or doing stage dives into the crowd. At one point, a kid did a backward flip right onto the crowd. They opened with "Defiance" and ripped through every song on their CD on Equal Vision Records.

One King Down also played two new songs that were fast, hard, and crazy-the perfect mix for a hardcore song. Through all the songs people were stage diving and the bouncers were being really cool. No bouncers tried to be tough guys and beat people up. The Chance has always had cool bouncers that let the kids go off and not try to act like tough guys.

Then the headliner came on, Earth Crisis. I was kind of won-

dering if they would put on a good show because last time I saw them, people were leaving during their set. Tonight they put on a great show. All the songs were tight and Karl's voice was great. They played the classics "Eco-side", "Broken Foundation", "Forced March", and "Firestorm." During "Firestorm" about 50 kids got on stage and piled on Karl the lead singer. After the show I

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Marist TV variety show spices up Marist College television nights

by GRAIG PCORVELEYN
Staff Writer

Turn on your Television this week and you're liable to catch the newest edition of "Everything but the Kitchen Sink" a comedy-based program sponsored by MCTV and produced by two ambitious seniors.

Dylan Edgar and Jeff Sutphen had an idea at the end of last year's school year, and when they arrived back decided to put it in motion. Both communication majors, they knew they had the know-how to put together a show. They decided to put together one show and try to get it on the air. About mid way through that first show, they knew what they had was special, and decided to go to MCTV and get permission to shoot. By the time they got through to MCTV, the first show was ready already finished.

The second show of the semester aired on MCTV channel 12 on Monday, Nov. 3. Both Edgar and Sutphen are pleased with the project's progress and how the final product has turned out.

"We feel we've made an important contribution to MCTV," Edgar said.

The show itself features Edgar as a Letterman-type host with a strong group of supporting actors and musicians backing him up. An in-studio band consists

of Dan Allen, clad in Paul Shaffer duds, with a piano and back-up keyboards. Also featured is singer John Pissani. Edgar plays the role of announcer and commentator behind the desk. They invite guests to come on the show and discuss issues that are of interest to the Campus, as well as the real world. The second episode will feature an in-depth look at tattoos. In addition, guests will include Dave Spinato, and Time Check, a men's accapella singing group.

One of the most entertaining aspects of this show is the skits and fake commercials. These entertaining sections add a more Saturday Night Live feel to the show. The new show will include more of these skits in order to move things along.

"We have to keep the scenery changing constantly to keep interest," Sutphen said.

"We don't want people to start flipping the channels," Edgar said.

Spoofs in the last show included a review of "Jerry Maguire" featuring Dan Allen as Tom Cruise and Jerome Pickett as Cuba Gooding Jr. All filmed skits are done in Hollywood Style, which means only one camera is used and several takes must be done to get the right effect. A fake advertisement may run 40 seconds on the show, but actually takes more

than an hour to shoot and edit.

The producers sing the praises of a supportive staff, which includes their chief writer, Jon Murray. Murray, who also works with the HuMarists comedy group, is a creative addition to the staff and writes most of the commercials.

"He is very talented in everything," Edgar said.

Senior Jamie Mitchell heads up the crew behind the cameras, he also helps out in various skits. They also receive help from Media Center Supervisor Joey Wal. She has been helpful with many things in the production process as well as problem solving behind the scenes.

"Everything but the Kitchen Sink" is expanding in preparation for its third show by opening up the production to all members of MCTV. They are expecting a large response and assure that everyone who signs on will have a hand in the production.

As for the rest of the year, they have their sights set high. Despite the extensive amount of creativity and work that goes into a single show, Sutphen and Edgar insist that "we're not dry, we have enough for about three more shows right now."

If you have any questions or feedback about the show, contact Dylan Edgar by E-mail at KWN3.

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Campus Ministry

Earth Crisis concert review

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talked to Karl.

"If I played hurt and don't move then maybe the kids would get off me," he said.

I even got a little roughed up at the show. I was in the pit for "Ecocide" trying to jump up to Karl and sing along and some kid stage dived on my head. He completely knocked me to the ground and I got out of the pit

as soon as possible. Earth Crisis played one new song that was fast and up-tempo that had the kids going.

I have been to quite a few Earth Crisis shows and this one was the best. The set was tight, energetic, and heavy-all things that make a great live show!

SGA NEWS

SGA SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Kate Banks

YEAR: Junior

MAJOR: Psychology-Special Ed.

HOMETOWN: Poughkeepsie, NY

FAVORITE BAND: Toad the Wet Sproket

FAVORITE MOVIE: "My Best Friends Wedding"

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything Italian

ROLE MODEL: My cousin Sharon



Kate is a friendly, outgoing person who has the ability to get along with everyone. On campus she is involved in numerous activities.

Besides Student Government, she is a member of Campus Ministry and the Community Service program. You can listen to Kate on Sunday nights from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. while she hosts her own radio show on WMCR. You may also see Kate when she is working in the student activities "fish bowl".

After leaving Marist, Kate hopes to continue her education by pursuing her Masters degree in Education, and possibly a Masters in Sports psychology. She also hopes to one day teach in grades K-

4.

In the Student Government Association, Kate holds the position of Chief Justice. She oversees the judicial board, which is responsible for hearing student appeals and upholding the student constitution. Her experiences so far in SGA have taught her how to work with all different types of people and personalities, as well as teaching her how to manage her time.

While she is here at Marist, she hopes to help generate more appreciation and respect for the SGA among the student body. What is Kate's favorite aspect of Marist one might ask? "The people. Everyone here is so friendly"

ATTENTION SPORTS CLUBS

The Financial Board is seeking a representative from one of the sports clubs. Applications are available in the Student Government Office which is SC 347. If there are any questions, contact Steve Coogan, Chief Finance Officer, at ext. 2863.

Steve on Sports

I'm mad about Midnight, baby...



First of all, I realize that Dick Vitale will never come to this campus. I would not want anyone to accuse me of suffering from delusions of grandeur.

With that said, I would like to present a novel idea—Midnight Madness at Marist.

For those unfamiliar with NCAA lingo, Midnight Madness is basically a huge party—a pep rally, if you will—thrown at every basketball crazed campus around the country each year to mark the beginning of the pre-season.

The NCAA does not permit organized practices until a specific date in mid-October, and,

when that date rolls around, coaches eager to generate publicity and excitement tend to schedule workouts as soon as possible—when the clock strikes midnight and the new day begins.

However, our student body rarely rallies together behind anything. We seem to lack some of the fundamental energy found at many of this nation's colleges and universities.

It is difficult to imagine a packed McCann Center exploding at exactly 12:00 AM on a Saturday morning as Dave Magarity's hoops squad took the court for its initial practice of the year.

After all, Marist College is not exactly Chapel Hill.

But, in what I consider a strange and pleasantly surprising development, I have been approached several times in the past few weeks by people wondering why there was no moonlight celebration to mark the of-

ficial beginning of the 1997-98 college basketball season.

Apparently, people think that, because I hold the esteemed title of "Sports Editor," I have all the answers. That's a belief that I would very much like to perpetuate, so I came up with an quick and easy answer for my concerned and curious peers.

We simply were not here when the clock struck midnight. This year (and perhaps every year—I do not know, to be honest), mid-semester break fell on the same weekend that Midnight Madness would have taken place.

So, while fans from UMass to USC-Santa Cruz (whose team, by the way, is known as the Banana Slugs) were whooping it up in the early hours of Saturday, Nov. 18, Marist students were scattered up and down the Eastern seaboard.

We were not around to fill the gym with our youthful enthusiasm when the Red Foxes began their practice schedule. That seems like a reasonable explanation, doesn't it?

I mean, it is not likely that the administration would reschedule an entire semester around the basketball team's first intra-squad scrimmage. Marist fans are out of luck, I explained to any and all interested parties.

Almost everyone bought this story, and I was pretty proud of myself.

But then one person—one visionary—threw another question at me.

Why not just hold Midnight Madness a week later?

Hmm. Now *that* sounds like a plan. Sure, it would not be the first practice of the year, technically, but the team could still put on a show for the student body and maybe even get people excited about the upcoming season.

What's On Tap?

See the Red Foxes in action...

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Football at Canisius (11/8); Volleyball at the Army Invitational (11/7-11/8); Women's Basketball vs. European Exhibition (11/7)

Tom's Trivia Corner

Name the only college team that Rick Pitino coached and did *not* take to the Final Four.

(Last issue's answer: Whitey Ford holds career World Series records in wins and strikeouts.)

Tom Drag is a regular contributor to The Circle

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Soccer

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"She told us to believe in ourselves, and that we could do this. We just needed to come together and work as a team," Tarrant said. "She told us to play our game."

The Red Foxes came out of halftime and scored the first goal after the break.

"Things started to turn around. We really thought we were going to win this game," O'Connell said.

Loyola responded with back to back goals, and scored its fifth goal later in the half.

Simple soccer mistakes and gaps in defense afflicted this Marist team.

"Throughout the game we never gave up," O'Connell said. "We were just really happy to be at the MAACs."

The MAAC championships capped off a successful season for the Red Foxes. The team, ranked eighth in the MAAC pre-season poll, surprised most observers, and finished third in the conference.

"I think that we improved a whole lot from last year," Tarrant said. "Coach Nichols brought out the character in this team."

Of course, the cynical observer might wonder if people would actually attend such a function on a night when McCoy's has a special on mixed drinks.

In fact, my McCann sources tell me that Midnight Madness was attempted once upon a time, and no one came.

But why not give it another shot? After all, Marist is in a respected basketball conference this season. I would be willing to bet that the Manhattan Jaspers have Midnight Madness.

It is not just the Red Fox players who have to step up and improve their game this season in order to compete in the MAAC. The fans do too.

Plus, I'm still clinging to the fantasy that I might someday win free tuition, room, and board for a semester from ESPN by hitting a half-court shot in front of thousands of screaming fans.

Dicky V would stand right next to me, scream at the top of his lungs, and offer to throw in free books as well. I guess he pays for those out of his own pocket.

Give me the rock, baby. I'm a PTPer.

Steve Wanczyk is
The Circle's Sports Editor

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Off Campus

by Jeff Dahncke

A new NBA season is upon us and there are several questions about the upcoming campaign that need to be answered. Will the Bulls continue their domination of the league? Who will take home the MVP award? Will Dennis Rodman drop his shorts at the free throw line and walk off the court?

We will have to wait to find out the answers. But in case you cannot, here is how I see the NBA season unfolding.

The Bulls will win the championship, right? Well, many people may feel that way, but it will not be Chicago receiving the trophy from David Stern this June. Granted, they still have the best player in the world, but Michael cannot do it alone anymore. They are a year older and this year that will make a difference.

Even so, they still have a fairly easy road to the Finals. New York and Miami are the only other contenders in the East. While the Heat do not present much of a threat, the Knicks do.

Adding Chris Mills and Chris Dudley to an already impressive roster makes New York a serious contender, so serious that they will knock off the mighty Bulls and give Patrick Ewing a shot at his first ring.

The West is much deeper, and a number of teams have the potential to go all the way. I could see the Lakers, Sonics, or Rockets in the finals. But it will not be any of these teams. Instead, it will be a team that won only twenty games a year ago—the San Antonio Spurs.

The Spurs, who were an absolute joke last season, get David Robinson back and add rookie Tim Duncan. No team in the league can match up with that frontcourt. Throw in Sean Elliot, along with solid players like Avery Johnson and Vinny Del Negro, and you not only have the Western Conference champs, you have the 1997-98 NBA champions.

Now that you know my picks for the finals, here are a couple teams to watch out for...

First, the Phoenix Suns. They are the type of team that can make a real run in the playoffs. Jason Kidd and Kevin Johnson will be the most productive backcourt in the league, and Cedric Ceballos, Antonio McDyess, Rex Chapman, and Danny Manning provide numerous offensive threats. If Phoenix gets hot in the playoffs, watch out.

My other sleeper is the New Jersey Nets. Maybe it is just because I am a Nets fan, but I see New Jersey as a definite playoff team. John Calipari has built a strong club with great balance. Sam Cassell, Kendall Gill, Kerry Kittles, Jayson Williams, Chris Gatling, and Keith Van Horne make the Nets one of the most talented teams in the East. You can count on New Jersey being at least a five seed in the playoffs.

The next order of business is post-season awards. While it is hard to imagine Jordan going two years in a row without adding a new trophy to his collection, I see David Robinson as the MVP. He is the league's top center and, with Duncan in the mix, will put up enormous numbers.

Speaking of Duncan, he will be the Rookie of the Year. I wanted to make a bold pick here but I simply do not see any other first-year players who can compare. Under the guidance of Robinson, he will develop into a superstar.

The most memorable moment of the season will occur in the Bulls final game—Game Seven of the Eastern Conference Finals.

Once it becomes clear that the Knicks have the game under control, Dennis Rodman will calmly take off his uniform and stroll off the court. For the past couple years Rodman has said he would end his career this way. This season he will back up his words.

And that is what to expect this season. A new champion. The end of a dynasty. And a new view of Dennis Rodman.

Women come up empty at MAAC soccer championships

by RACHAEL VOLLARO
staff writer

The Marist College women's soccer team was unsuccessful this past weekend at the MAAC championships in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Red Foxes lost their first round game to Loyola College, 5-1, after Loyola jumped out to a 2-0 first half lead.

Freshman forward Katie O'Connell said that the team did not come out with the same level of intensity as it had in past games.

"We came out kind of flat," she admitted.

Junior forward Nicole Bruno attributed the team's early performance to nerves.

"I think we came out over-anxious and a little nervous," she said.

During the first half, the team tried to settle down and collect themselves.

Junior forward Audrey Tarrant credited head coach Tara Nichols with finally bringing the team back together in time for the second half.

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Swimmers and divers jump off the blocks against Seton Hall

by MARK J. WELLS
staff writer

The men's and women's swimming and diving teams began their dual meet season with a bang as they defeated Big East powerhouse Seton Hall University on Saturday at the McCann Center.

The men's team won its meet by a score of 123-118. The final race of the afternoon was the decisive one for the Red Foxes. The 400-meter freestyle relay team of Trevor Badu, Chris O'Connor, Keith Nichols, and David Dobbins sealed the victory for the Red Foxes as they finished with a first place time of 3:16.64.

Without the clutch win by the relay team, the Red Foxes would have lost. The men's team is now 1-0 on the young season.

The women's team avenged last season's 155-85 drubbing at the hands of the Pirates of Seton Hall by defeating them in a nailbiter, 121.5-118.5.

Once again it came down to the final race of the day—the 400-meter freestyle relay. The team of Christine Graziano, Julie Kozloski, Kristine Dunn, and Delta Morilla finished the race with a first place time of 4:02.44.

The win clinched the Red Foxes' second victory of the young season. They are now 2-0, after last weekend's 137-83 victory over Central Connecticut.

Christine Honig, head coach of the women's team, expressed her enthusiasm after the meet.

"I am so proud of this team. We weren't supposed to win this meet," Honig said. "We stepped up to the challenge and swam to the best of our abilities."

One of the many outstanding individual performances enjoyed by the women's team came from junior Kenna Moran. Moran came into this match with very limited practice time, having been sick for the past week. In fact, she missed the team's first meet last week in Central Connecticut.

Moran placed in three different events. She finished first in the 1,000-meter and 500-meter freestyle races, and came in second place in the 200-meter IM (Individual Medley).

Another big contributor to the women's victory on Saturday was Sandra Mastradonato, who placed in three events. Mastradonato came in second in the 200-meter butterfly and third in the 1,000-meter freestyle races. Ten minutes after competing in the 1,000m freestyle, Mastradonato got right back into the water and swam the 200-meter freestyle, which she won.

Coach Honig praised her freshman swimmer after the match.

"Sandra is an extremely talented and versatile swimmer," Honig said.

There were also some great performances handed in by the men's team. Freshman Keith Nichols, who was a member of the winning relay team, placed in two other events earlier in the day. Nichols took first place in the 1,000-meter and second in the 500-meter freestyle races.

Larry Van Wagner, head coach of the men's team, was very happy for the men and the women after the meet.

"This was a great win for us," he said. "I am very proud of both teams."

The divers also came up big, by earning some much needed points for the Red Foxes down the stretch. Junior Chris Blackwell won both the one and the three meter diving events for the men's team.

Blackwell won the three-meter dive by almost one hundred points over the second place finisher from Seton Hall; his margin of victory in the one-meter dive was more than 60 points.

Diving coach Melanie Bolstad talked about Blackwell's ability on the diving boards.

"Chris is an excellent diver," she explained. "He is heads and tails above all the rest of the divers in this conference."

Marist's swimmers and divers are back in action on November 13, when they host Iona College in another dual meet beginning at 7:00 PM at the McCann Center.

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Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new *Awards of Poetic Excellence* poetry contest. Thirty-five cash awards are being offered in the contest. The contest is free to enter and open to everyone. "Although we encourage poets to purchase an anthology to ensure publication, there is no obligation of any kind in order to be a contest winner," states Jerome Welch, Publisher.

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STAT OF THE WEEK

Ellie Schuerger holds the Marist women's volleyball record for assists, with 2,291.

SPORTS

THE CIRCLE, November 6, 1997

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We weren't supposed to win this meet..."

--Christine Honig, swimming coach

Football rushes in the rain

by THOMAS RYAN
staff writer

As the rain fell harder and harder, and the sky got darker and darker in Loretto, Pennsylvania, the Marist College football team realized something. Despite the lack of visibility and bad field conditions, it was a perfect day.

Running the ball on 53 of their 63 plays and holding St. Francis to minus 15 yards rushing, Marist (2-4, 4-4) took advantage of its strengths-- and the weather-- to beat the Red Flash 26-10 last Saturday.

As Marist coach Jim Parady noted, the bad conditions seemed to mesh with the Red Foxes' style of play.

"We definitely like to run the ball a lot more than they do," Parady said. "The bad weather suited us just fine."

Junior tailback J.J. Allen ran for two touchdowns and caught a third, and quarterback Jim Daley ran for a score in the fourth quarter to help Marist beat their second straight Northeast Conference opponent.

Marist's front seven was again dominant defensively. In addition to holding St. Francis to minus 15 yards rushing, good enough for third all-time in Marist history, the Red Foxes collected nine sacks on freshman quarterback Jeremy

Swords, including two each from John Fox, Reid Ellis and David Silvia.

Marist did have some problems in the secondary, as has been the trend the last few games, allowing 252 yards through the air. However, in what may have been a changing of the guard in the defensive backfield, freshman safety Patrick Jean grabbed his first career interception, while senior safety Mario Wilson netted his 17th career interception to set the all-time Marist record.

Parady was obviously delighted with Wilson's record setting performance.

"We all wanted this for Mario," Parady said. "He's been a great player for us, and he deserves it."

Wilson eclipsed the mark previously held by Red Foxes Bruce Harris and Franklin Davis.

Before Marist's defense could settle in, though, St. Francis jumped out to a 7-0 lead when Swords found tight end Matt Buchak on a 2-yard touchdown pass on the Red Flash's first possession of the game.

Marist responded early in the second quarter as Allen carried into the endzone from the 4-yard line. The Red Foxes were basically handed the score after a 1-yard punt and a personal foul against St. Francis gave Marist possession at the Red Flash's

14-yard line. Jeff DeVito missed his first extra point since missing his initial attempt of the year, keeping the score at 7-6.

Seven minutes later, Daley connected with Allen on a 10-yard touchdown pass to complete a 10-play, 44-yard drive to put Marist ahead 12-7.

The two-point conversion attempt failed and the lead remained at five.

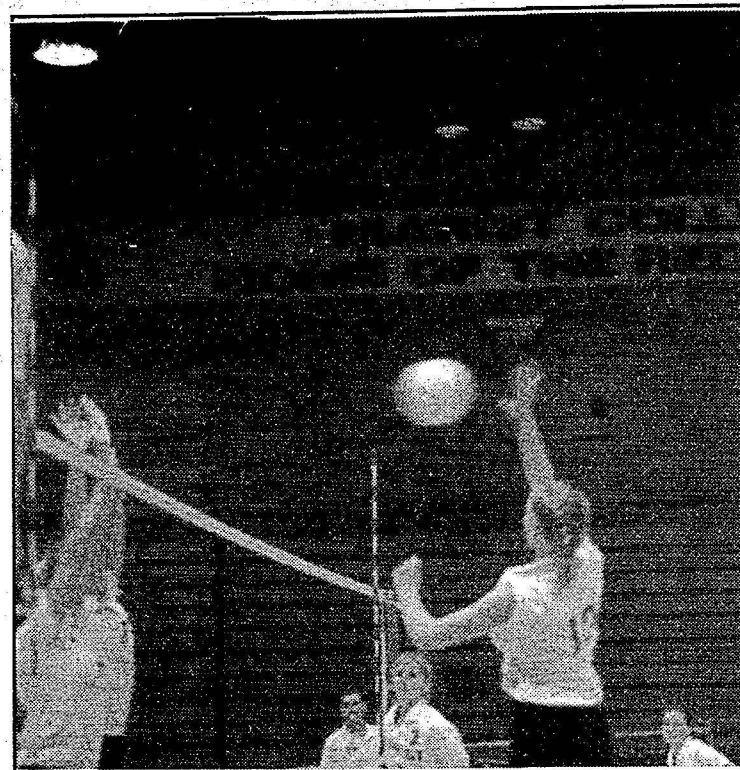
It was cut to two before the end of the half, when Frank Bacco converted a 27-yard field goal attempt with less than four minutes to go in the second quarter. That was as close as St. Francis would get the rest of the day.

Marist again enjoyed great field position in the third quarter when Chris Meyer blocked a St. Francis punt and recovered it himself at the Red Flash 6-yard line.

Three plays later Allen scored his third touchdown of the day on a 1-yard run to increase the lead to 19-10.

Early in the fourth, Daley, who only completed four passes on the day but managed to avoid any interceptions, ran eight yards for his second touchdown of the season to create the final margin.

Marist travels to Buffalo on Saturday to take on the Canisius Golden Griffins at 1:30 p.m.



The women's volleyball team dropped two matches last weekend at the Marist Invitational.

Women's volleyball celebrates Senior Day the wrong way

by KYLE WOOD
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Senior Day was a sad day for the women's volleyball team. The Marist Invitational, which included Bucknell and Fairleigh Dickinson, was held last Saturday, as the final home date for the team's four seniors.

Marist lost both of their matches, however, its coach was happy with the way the Red Foxes played.

"I was very pleased with the way our team played today," head coach Emily Ahlquist said. "Both FDU and Bucknell are great at disguising their hits. Today, I thought we played our best defense of the year."

Marist played tough in its first match, but eventually fell short to FDU, 15-11, 15-12, and 15-8. The Foxes led at one point in the third game, 8-3, but FDU stormed back and scored the last twelve points. Senior setter Ellie Schuerger, who holds the Marist record for career assists with 2,291, led her team with 25.

Marist had a chance to rest because the second game was between FDU and Bucknell. Bucknell had an easy time with FDU, winning 15-12, 15-3, 15-12. Senior Melissa Wharton led the Bison attack with four kills.

The Foxes were hoping to win their last match at home this year, but lost the late game to Bucknell, 15-11, 7-15, 15-12, 15-7.

"We did an excellent job stopping Bucknell up the middle," Ahlquist remarked after the game.

Marist was led by Schuerger, who had 43 assists, and sophomore Julee Cerda who had nine kills and ten digs.

The Red Foxes' overall record dropped to 5-17 (1-8 MAAC).

Next week they travel to West Point for the Army Invitational, where the team will close out what has been a very rough season.

Four seniors will have their outstanding careers come to a close at Army. Jennifer Kasey, Heather Ohlinger, Alyssa Clarke, and Ellie Schuerger will all be playing their final games next weekend.

Co-captain Jennifer Kasey has been the leader on and off of the court this season. She is a tenacious hitter and played 37 career varsity games.

Heather Ohlinger played exceptional defense for the Foxes for four years. She accumulated 140 digs in 106 varsity games.

Alyssa Clarke was perhaps Marist's best defender in 1997. She amassed 250 digs in 173 games during her varsity career, which ranks her among the school's all time leaders.

Ellie Schuerger was the team's floor general. As co-captain she provided leadership for this young team. She is the school's all time assist leader, and has recorded 519 kills in 299 games.

"It was an emotional experience playing the last home game of my career," Schuerger acknowledged. "It was upsetting that the team did not win, but I felt that we played very well and have nothing to be ashamed of."

The graduating players are always a big part of any team.

"These seniors were the best bunch that I have ever had because of what they have done both on and off of the court," Ahlquist said. "I know that I will miss these seniors, but until next fall I will not know exactly how much."

Runners win mini-meet at home and head to Boston for regionals

by HEATHER SOTE
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The Marist cross country team placed first in a meet the Red Foxes hosted at Bowdoin Park in Wappinger Falls on Oct. 25. It was the first meet the team has won this season.

Despite the inclement weather, freshman Kerri Cleeland received her best time, 21:11, for the 3.1 mile course at Bowdoin. Sophomore Steve Palmer also came through for Marist, by placing fourth out of seventy five runners.

This meet was small compared to the National Catholic Championships at the University of Notre Dame, held the previous week, when Marist placed twelfth out of twenty six teams.

At Bowdoin, the teams competing with Marist included Siena, St. Peter's, Niagara, and Fairfield.

Fairfield University has been a chief rival for the Red Foxes this season. Marist competed at Fairfield on October 5. The Red Foxes had won this meet for four consecutive years, but lost this season by six points.

"After winning the meet for the past four years, and losing the way we did, as a team we are disappointed and we soon won't forget about it," junior Chuck Williams acknowledged after the Fairfield meet.

However, the Red Foxes redeemed themselves at the Intercollegiate Amateur Association meet on Oct. 17, and beat Fairfield by forty-three points on a course at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Leading runners for the men included junior Ben Hefferon and freshmen Greg Salamone and Anthony Nero. For the women, sophomore Jen Glover placed first and freshman Heather Perrine was second for the team.

Hefferon placed seventeenth, Glover forty-third, and Perrine fifty-fifth, out of over two hundred runners. According to junior Mike Melfi, these are impressive results for a young team.

"Our young runners have shown that they are capable of competing at a high level," Melfi said.

"As a team we are doing well and are hoping to continue our success in our future meets,"

freshman Megan Bruno commented.

In the Red Foxes' most recent race, on Nov. 2, they returned to Van Cortlandt Park to compete in the MAAC Championships. The weather was overcast and gloomy, mirroring the mood of the Red Foxes by the end of the day.

The men's team finished a disappointing sixth place out of ten teams. The women fared a little better, finishing in fourth place. The men and women had both held realistic hopes for more success.

"The whole meet was disappointing," Williams admitted. "Almost everything that could go wrong, did go wrong."

The bright spots of the day were juniors Ben Hefferon and Kristen Russo, who both earned all-league honors.

The cross country team will have a chance to extend its season at the NCAA regional meet in Boston. This meet will be held on Nov. 15, and the Red Foxes, along with thirty other teams, will compete for an invitation to the national championship.