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## Arslanian to step down from administrative posts

By BRITTANY FIORENZA  
Staff Writer

After 11 years as the academic vice president and dean of faculty at Marist, Artin Arslanian will be stepping down to make room for "new blood."

The decision was prompted, he said, by "a lot of things. Eleven years is an unusually long time for an administrator [to serve]. It's a very exacting position, [and] it's time for me to cut back. Possibly, I might go back to my first love - teaching and research."

During his tenure as a Marist administrator, Arslanian said he worked to strengthen certain programs, including the communications graduate program and the international program. The "enhancement of student research scholarship presentations, which enables students to get national recognition," is another accomplishment of which Arslanian said he was particularly proud. The successes partially lie with the dynamic nature of the college.

"It's a very energetic community," said Arslanian.

Additionally, Arslanian highlighted the new workload proposal, the product of a "long debate," would "try to lighten the burden on faculty" in part by reducing the number of classes taught on campus. This would, according to him, give professors

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— Dr. Artin Arslanian  
Academic Vice President, Dean of Faculty

the opportunity to engage in more research.

The credit for all the program and policy improvements enacted during his tenure, though, belongs to his colleagues, Arslanian said.

"I can't take credit. It takes more than one person to get things done...it was a collaborative effort."

Until a suitable replacement can be found, Arslanian will remain as Academic Vice President.

Arslanian earned his B.A. and M.A. in European and American history at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. He also earned his Ph.D. from UCLA in modern British history.



Artin Arslanian, the academic vice president and dean of faculty, has served in the position for 11 years, the longest any person has served in those positions. Over that time, he said that there have been several accomplishments of note, especially with the growth of the International program and the communications graduate program. Arslanian attributes these successes to the collaborative and collective work of his colleagues, who he said deserved the lion's share of the credit.

## Search continues to find dean for School of Communications

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD  
Staff Writer

Dr. John T. Ritschdorff was appointed as the Interim Dean of the School of Communication and the Arts in 2005, a supposedly temporary situation. Since his appointment, it has been a year and a half, and a full-time replacement has not yet been hired.

The Dean of Faculty and Academic Vice President, Dr. Artin H. Arslanian, said that the vacancy is in no way unusual, especially for such a high position.

"We expect, at Marist, the best," Arslanian said, also mentioning there were no specific terms or timelines when Dr. Ritschdorff first assumed his role as dean.

In many cases, according to Arslanian, an Interim Dean will be appointed with long stretches of time in mind. In the School of Management, for example, an Interim Associate Dean has just been appointed for a period of one and a half years. Arslanian said these measures are taken to ensure a sufficient amount of



After a year and a half of weeding out over 70 applicants, no one has yet been hired for the position of dean of the School of Communications and the Arts. Until a candidate is selected, Dr. John Ritschdorff will continue to perform the responsibilities of the position.

time to find the most qualified candidate for the job.

The Office of Human Resources has received over 70

applications to date, none perfectly fulfilling the job qualifica-

tions. Arslanian said he was resolute in Marist's refusal to settle for a mediocre applicant.

"We want to appoint someone who will bring a lot to the table."

Marist is currently seeking applicants who have obvious skills such as leadership, as well as a degree and a great deal of teaching experience, Arslanian said.

When asked if the current situation with the Interim Dean affect the department, Arslanian said "Not to my knowledge," stating that both the department and applicant search were in good positions. Arslanian said he hopes the position will be filled by this summer, but he is refusing to settle for less or to waste time by making "an appointment for appointment's sake." The Office of Human Resources is doubling efforts to publicize the opening, placing ads in the New York Times, Chronicle of Higher Education, and numerous other publications. Marist has made it very clear that it refuses to accept any applicants that are less than the best, preferring to hire someone who will, as Arslanian said, "take us to the next level."

With a faculty of over 35 peo-

ple, the School of Communication and the Arts is hardly at a loss for potential Deans. Faculty has the opportunity to apply for the position, or to nominate others for consideration. In the past, Deans and other figures have been hired from within the college, and the Deans from the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Computer Science and Mathematics were previous faculty members.

As Interim Dean, Ritschdorff has all the powers and responsibilities of a Dean, making him the temporary equivalent of a permanent dean. Ritschdorff controls the school's budget, he is a member of President Murray's cabinet, and he recommends appointments to the school's faculty.

Prior to his appointment as Interim Dean, Dr. Ritschdorff was the Assistant Academic Vice President, a position he received in September of 2001. The previous Dean at the School of Communication and the Arts served for 11 years, but left in order to become the Dean of Graduate programs at another institution.

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**Security Briefs**

**Students return, bringing unregistered guests along (!)**

By **ANDREW MOLL**  
 Leader in  
 homeland security

Welcome back everybody to another semester here at Marist and another semester of the Security Briefs. For the uninitiated, this is the section of The Circle where a snarky columnist pokes fun at all the security incidents on campus over the previous week. And let me introduce myself; my name is Andrew, and I am the aforementioned snarky columnist. Thanks for reading.

Before we get started on the briefs, let's talk about some things. First, a four week winter vacation? Not too bad. A two week winter vacation followed by a two week winter course? Ehhhh. Secondly, Peyton Manning. Seriously. That happened? Really? And he's facing Rex Grossman of all people in the Super Bowl? What? My head hurts just thinking about it. As a Giants fan, I would have expected Eli to be the first Manning to make it. (That's a lie. As a Giants fan, I expect Eli to throw balls into the ground and look like a kid who just got told that there's a pop quiz in spelling today.) Anywho, let's get to the briefs.

1/4 - 9:45 P.M.

Up at Fulton, a fire alarm went off in one of the houses due to steam emanating from a shower. This person must have been in the shower for quite a long time to let

this happen. I enjoy staying in the shower for a while as much as the next person, but I know my limits. Also, a court mandate says I can be naked for only a small percentage of each day, so I have to do things wisely.

1/7 - 8:30 A.M.

A fire alarm was set off in Gartland early one morning, and the fire department arrived on the scene to make sure everything was OK. This time, it was because of burnt Eggo's. I would make a "Leggo my Eggo's" joke, but I'm better than that. At least I think so. Ahh, who am I kidding? Leggo my Eggo's. Ha!

1/8 - 1:30 A.M.

At the Champagnat residence hall, a guest attempted to gain entry to the dorm with an unauthorized ID, and were subsequently escorted from the premises. I don't want to give anything away here, but just to let you know, you may see this situation pop up again before I'm through.

1/17

You come back to school, and presumably that means it's time to party. And that's what happened at Gartland E one night last week. Unfortunately, the party was brought to an end by security who found twenty-five students inside and numerous cans of beer visible. The beer was brought back to the security office where they

were quickly discarded with, if you know what I mean. (Let's just say, not all of the SNAP officers on duty that night could touch their finger to their nose. Granted, that's not saying much...)

1/17 - 2:15 A.M.

Leo Hall had to turn away a young person who attempted to enter the building with another person's ID, and the guest was turned away. I'm developing a theory about all this. Give me some time to work it all out.

1/17 - 4:45 A.M.

A Champagnat resident swiped their card at the security desk and then tried to pass the card through the emergency door to their friend waiting outside. Unfortunately for them, they were caught, and the friend was kindly asked to leave.

1/20 - 2:56 A.M.

Another unauthorized visitor to Leo Hall tried to gain entry with a Marist ID, and they too were turned away. The ID was later returned to the student. I smell a conspiracy here, and I don't like it.

1/20 - 3:50 A.M.

Midrise had its own problem with an unauthorized guest, as they were rejected entrance. I thought this was only a Freshman problem, but I guess not. Although, I'm starting to imagine the dorms like Studio 54,

where everybody tries to get in, but absolutely no one is allowed to get in, until Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Jackson show up to do drugs and dance to bad music.

1/20 - 11:55 P.M.

In the Gregory residence, there was a confiscation of alcohol, and let me say, it was a pretty decent amount; 17 cans of Natural Light and 26 cans of Natural Ice. The total cost for all those beers? \$1.75. How cheap do you have to be to buy Natty Light and Natty Ice? Busch too strong and costly for you?

1/20 - 2:18 A.M.

A call was made to security about a few male students writing things on the walls and doors on the third floor of Sheahan, and the suspects were eventually captured. I'm not exactly sure what was written, but for the loss of priority points and the sheer embarrassment of being a group of morons, I'm positive it was worth it.

1/21 - 8:30 P.M.

Another fire alarm went off, this time in Foy B. This time? Burnt meatloaf. Come on people. I know the guy's music isn't

that good and the fact he released a third Bat Out of Hell album is a desperate plea for relevance, but burning Meatloaf alive seems a little harsh, doesn't it?

And now for my award-winning theory on the number of guests trying to get into our dorms: They're invaders. From where, I don't know. I'm guessing either Vassar or New Paltz. But they want to get inside our dorms and take down what we've worked so hard to build, and apparently there are people here working for them. Well I won't stand buy and let these insurgents destroy us. Fight people, fight! USA! USA! USA!

...Or they're drunk. One or the other.

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## 'Devil Wears Prada' influences fashion movement

By KATE GOODIN  
Circle Contributor

I am expecting this column to elicit mixed reactions. Fashionistas will rejoice; some might regard it with amusement; others will raise a confused eyebrow. After all, what place does a fashion column have in a college newspaper, albeit one based in-no offense-Poughkeepsie? Aside from my great personal interest and a significant readership in Marist's own impressive Fashion Department, fashion is undoubtedly a force to be reckoned with in all our lives, and it is with that notion that I humbly yet eagerly submit myself to a biweekly discourse on all things fashion for a fellow student.

Love it or loathe it, the fashion industry is fascinating, and there is a part in all of us that yearns to know every sordid detail. I am sure a considerable amount of the Marist population read *The Devil Wears Prada*, Lauren Weisberger's acclaimed exposé on the fashion industry, or saw the delightfully scintillating movie adaptation. Quick synopsis for those not in the know: wide-eyed journalism student, Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), fresh from university winds up in a job "a million girls would kill for" as assistant to Anna Wintour-esque Runway magazine editrix Miranda Priestly (Meryl Streep). Several fashion faux pas and one montage



later, Andy can wrangle Miranda's demands with the same ease she now exercises in spike-heeled Chanel boots. Even if you think you take no interest in fashion, it is still great entertainment (watch supporting actors Stanley Tucci and Emily Blunt as Nigel and Emily, respectively; they were totally on

point, in my opinion.)

Originally, the novel was intended as a tell-all glimpse of the ugly side in a world centered on beauty and glamour, which probably enforced everyone's stereotypes of the fashion industry. The movie, while it still capitalized on those stereotypes, actually demonstrated how fashion is relevant to our lives. Recall Miranda Priestly's infamous monologue, where she explains to a still woefully fashion-ignorant Andy that although Andy chose to wear her outfit as a message to the world that she does not care about such trivial things as fashion, the color of her sweater, specifically cerulean blue, was a concept developed years ago and a product of millions of dollars and hours of work. We all died a little watching Miranda destroy Andy's soul in that scene, but take a look in any of our closets; what we wear, or a form or it, was once paraded down the catwalks of Milan, Paris, and New York, which this is an example of the trickle-down theory in fashion. Designers are toiling away on what you will wear in 2009 as we speak. Fashion exists as a serious business committed to giving us as many options possible to exercise our creativity through dress. Take any outfit on any random Marist student on any given day. Whether he or she is wearing a suit, sweatpants, or slippers, all ensembles make a statement and give the world a sense of who we are. You are what you

wear.

In the movie *Nigel*, the art director at Runway, also impressed upon Andy the importance of fashion in the lives of the masses. Nigel lauds the legendary designers and photographers involved in the production of Runway and he tells Andy that it is not Miranda Priestly or the ubiquitous Clackers at Runway who are making her job so hellish; rather, it is the fact that she has a job "a million girls would die for," yet she only deigns to do it. Only when Nigel explains to Andy that fashion is "greater than art, because [we] live our live[s] in it," does she truly understand why a million girls would commit a federal offense for her job.

I know I cannot nor will I attempt to convince everyone to pick up the latest *Vogue* or devour the runway shows with the same zeal as I, but I wanted to at least segue into my column before bombarding you with names like Dior, Dolce & Gabbana, and Oscar De la Renta. It is, however, important that you at least understand that the fashion industry, among many things, is a serious business - one that offers a plethora of options to make us look and feel great, but does not restrict our creativity to any rules (if you have ever seen an Alexander McQueen runway show, you will know what I mean). It's fierce. It's fearless. It's fashion.

### column about nothing freshman faux pas

By MORGAN NEDERHOOD  
Staff Writer

My first week as a college student, I had managed to commit every classic freshman faux pas. On the first day of classes, I walked into a supply closet instead of my philosophy room, thinking that 'DY 213' meant 'Donnelly 213.' Around the middle of the week I managed to look myself out of my room. I blame this on my lock: it seems to have a mind of its own, and it habitually locks me out of my room for no reason. Well, I would not have minded being locked out, if not for the fact that I was in a towel and flip flops, and my R.A. was on the floor below me - the boys' floor. I had to recruit a room of random girls I'd never met before, but they took pity on my pathetic self and fetched the R.A. for me.

I changed my schedule towards the end of the week, so I tried to arrive early for my new math class. When I got there, I looked into the crowded and unfamiliar room; it occurred to me that class had already started. I snuck into the back of the room, took out my notebook, and realized I had no idea what the teacher was talking about. It turns out that I had arrived so early that I was sitting in the class before my own. To make matters worse, the teacher pointed me out to the class, so I tried to make myself look engrossed with something in my notebook. Needless to say, my first week at Marist had

been humorous but slightly traumatizing.

While the second semester had proved to be less dramatic and mentally scarring, it nonetheless has left me in some noticeably awkward situations. On Wednesday morning, I was late to my first class and I was subjected to the chaos that ensues when you scramble to find a seat as quickly and silently as possible. To make matters worse, the class had stacks of chairs (not desks) and I was forced to struggle with a pile of chairs while the professor attempted to ignore me and conduct his class. After finally releasing a chair from the pile of its cohorts, I proceeded to remove my winter gear. Due to the frigid temperatures that day, I had dressed myself in so many layers that I resembled the Michelin Tire man, and it took me about ten minutes just to remove every layer. Obviously, I did not begin my class on the best of notes.

My depressing display of embarrassment was just another week in my life, to be completely honest. I have grown used to finding myself in awkward situations which are usually my fault, but I cannot say that they are altogether horrible. While I might suffer for a few minutes, what does it matter if I can recycle the story (usually long after it should have been retired) and use it for my amusement? Mortification and being uncomfortable are simply facts of life; you can either resist them, or just roll with the punches.

### Cartoon Corner

by Vinnie Pagano



### THE CIRCLE WELCOMES CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FEATURE:

#### Overheard at Marist

Despite the fact that we're "college students", let's face it - we don't always say the brightest of things. Be it your roommate making no sense, dorm room conversations that serve only to confuse, or your literature professor saying something hysterical [[a rare occurrence, we know]], these momentary

strokes of brilliance deserve weekly documentation.

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# Opinion

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Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

## Carter's new book gives prescription for Palestinian peace

By DAN BLACK  
Staff Writer

Last November, former president Jimmy Carter published a book appealing for a peaceful resolution to the violent conflict between Israel and its Arab neighbors entitled: *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid*. Unique and unprecedented, this book offers its reader a perspective that seldom receives public attention.

Jimmy Carter accounts his personal experiences and involvement with influential leaders of several Middle Eastern countries. Numerous historical events that oftentimes are foggy or shrouded in the American Public's general understanding are discussed openly. Carter draws from his first hand knowledge, and, to an extent rarely seen in mainstream literature, implicitly acknowledges the humanity of all peoples affected by this conflict.

On the whole, I found the book very easy to read, thorough and incredibly candid, and apparently written with the understanding that it broaches a subject frequently abused on those rare occasions it is actually discussed. It was, unfortunately, encumbered with a religious fact that I felt diminished its scholarly value.

Stemming from Carter's forthright and non-biased disclosures is the unsurprising consequence of passion-driven personal assaults against the president's character. Carter's work has,

unfortunately, been interpreted by many as nothing more than an unfounded attack against Israel, sympathetic to the cause of violent fanatics who are intolerant of a Jewish state, and unruly diplomatic behavior unbecoming of a former U.S. president.

The most heated criticism

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against Carter's book is his describing Israel's treatment of non-Jewish inhabitants in the occupied territories as apartheid. Responses in defense of Israel's treatment have been swift and strong; critics denounced the comparison of Israel to South Africa as absurd, claiming that Carter's doing so compromises his credibility. If the comparison is inappropriate, then Carter should be commended for clearly agreeing. The final chapter of the book, the one most bitterly unwelcome for its apartheid analogy, says in its second paragraph that "the driving purpose for the forced separation of the two peoples is unlike that in South Africa," (pg. 189) then acknowledging the difference between Israel's and South Africa's respective motives. The

analogy, it is important to understand, is based not upon motive, but upon method; to the extent that the analogy is informative and accurate, Carter beseeches the reader to consider critically the reality of Israeli/Palestinian apartheid and its caustic social effects on the marginalized peo-

ple so affected. Another recurring claim from Carter's critics is that he attributes blame for the region's instability exclusively to the Israelis, a critique that is simply untrue. As a matter of convention, President Carter links the diminishing prospects for peace with those individuals who, through the employment of sectarian violence, routinely derail collective efforts to establish such a peace, and he notes that these activities are not specific to any religion or ethnicity but are observable in a small, fanatical portion of each.

Carter never espouses the use of violence taken by some Palestinians as a means of conflict resolution. Early in the book, in fact, Carter expresses in plain English that some Palestinians respond to Israeli

occupation by attacking Israeli civilians, describing such behavior as "morally reprehensible and politically counterproductive" (pg. 15). He revisits, as necessary, this sort of criticality of the Palestinians throughout his book while apportioning similar criticism to Israeli politics and behavior with greater frequency, a style I did not find inappropriate considering how underrepresented the latter is in the literature that our culture is accustomed to seeing.

Implicit but clear, Carter's overreaching conclusion from reviewing the historical record and assessing the present state of affairs is that baseless aggression, originating from sentiments reducible to mere hate, fear, intolerance, and ignorance, will deter efforts toward peace, independent of which side that aggression comes from, and it certainly comes from both. Carter deprecates the inclusion of violence in any stratagem that aims for stability and identifies the process as inherently counterproductive, a standard that some Israeli sympathizers, it appears, find unpalatable when applied not strictly to the oppressed, but when applied to themselves, as well.

The final oft-heard shot against President Carter I will address is his highly publicized refusal to debate the Israel/Palestinian conflict with Alan Dershowitz. Considered by many to be a lead-

ing scholar and an authority on Israel's history and politics, Alan Dershowitz, a law professor of Harvard University, was Brandeis University's choice to debate Jimmy Carter after the president accepted an invitation to lecture there. Carter declined the offer to debate Dershowitz, expressing that he had no inclination to converse with a man who "knows nothing about the situation in Palestine". Although this chain of events has evoked varied analyses of Carter's motives and merits, I find it unfair to discount him solely because of whom he will and will not talk to. A man who insults the memory of a deceased

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holocaust survivor, accusing her of Nazi collaboration, simply because her son writes books exposing his plagiarism and scholarly misconduct is not a man I'd like to debate with either.

These and many other criticisms of the book and its author fail to acknowledge the simple

problem called to attention by President Carter. His nerve to bluntly express the plain and obvious has made him a target. The sharpest criticisms that his work has drawn are concerned not with the social issues of its focus, they are concerned with savagely bludgeoning his credibility, a dialogical vector that, I believe, has as much productive potential as the six years of dialogical silence that the author scrutinizes.

Understanding the chronic tension between the Israelis and the Palestinians requires a clear-eyed assessment of affairs in which one's predispositions and biases are suspended. It is a remarkable failure of precisely this sort of suspension that characterizes this new book's media-hype comet-tail. Although Carter offers as factual an account of his own involvement as he is realistically able to narrate in a single volume, attempting to cover broad topics extensively but concisely, the over-emphasized response it has generated, which comes mostly from Israel-sympathizers, condemn Carter for his audacity to express things in conflict with their ideology.

## In age of terrorism, cordial promises of bipartisanship are poor substitute for desire and will to take action

By JAMES MARCONI  
News Editor

Appearances, it seems, must be kept up.

On Tuesday night, President George Bush delivered his seventh State of the Union Address in the House chamber. His previous six speeches began very simply, "Mr. Speaker..." This time, however, was different,

with a blatant and prominent mention of the fact that the traditional formality had to be altered to "Madam Speaker," in deference to the current holder of that position - Nancy Pelosi.

Bush's unconventional opening remarks also recognized the new Democratic majority in Congress, and called for bipartisan cooperation in pursuit of the government's ultimate goal -

continued progress to ensure the safety and prosperity of the United States.

"Congress has changed, but not our responsibilities," Bush said. "Like many before us, we can

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work through our differences, and achieve big things for the American people... Our job is to make life better for our fellow Americans, and help them to build a future of hope and opportunity - and this is the business before us tonight."

By making these statements, the president reciprocated earlier promises made by Speaker of the House Pelosi to work with, not against, Republicans in shaping this nation's future.

How long these gestures, these words of good faith will last is anyone's guess. Already, though, the words have proven shallow, as both sides of the aisle have shown a particular unwillingness to give ground when it comes to actual policy. Pelosi has already pushed through her vaunted 100 hours' legislation, and Bush, fortunately, is still resolute with regards to American victory war on terror and in Iraq.

Still, this cordial reciprocity exchanged across party lines

was utterly necessary. The Democratic majority cannot appear too radical, too brash in wielding their power. They were given this power based on the promise of change, yes, but

requests outlined in the State of the Union Address.

Despite his warm tone and friendly overtures across the aisle, though, the president's speech illustrates that his convictions are still firm. In fact, the latter half of the address discussed the dangers and challenges still presented by a global war on terror.

"In the sixth year since our nation was attacked, I wish I could report to you that the dangers have ended. They have not. And so it remains the policy of this government to use every lawful and proper tool of intelligence, diplomacy, law enforcement, and military action to do our duty, to find these enemies, and to protect the American people," Bush said.

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He also asked that his current tactics in Iraq be allowed the opportunity to succeed, for the consequences of withdrawal would be dire.

"Whatever you voted for, you did not vote for failure. Our country is pursuing a new strate-

gy in Iraq - and I ask you to give it a chance to work. And I ask you to support our troops in the field - and those on their way."

Like his opening, these words are simply that - words. But unlike the somewhat belated congratulations given to his political opponents, they carry dignity, they carry force.

As the media has portrayed time and again, Bush's status in the polls are at a low point. They paint a portrait of an administration characterized by waning public support, a hostile legislature, and a party divided.

Yet the message I heard on Tuesday evening reflected none of this seemingly abysmal news. Instead, there was a simple, clear desire to triumph in the face of evil, pandering to partisan politics be damned. I heard sincerity, I heard a strong will, I heard hope. This man, often beleaguered and belittled, still had the courage to stand by the principles that have guided his term in office. Maybe just words, but words whose very unpopularity make it clear that they are not spoken for temporary gain or political expediency. Appearances mean little in this world, and though occasionally necessary, I much prefer to have a chief executive who acts on his promises.

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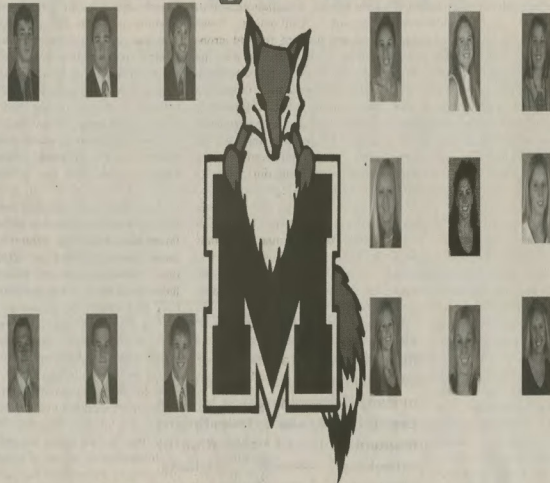
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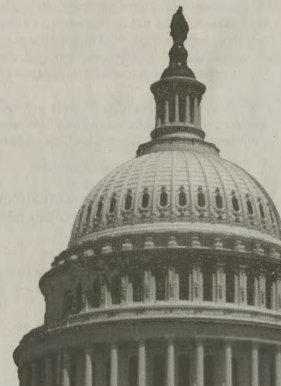
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# THE CIRCLE Health

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## Keeping health above par as temperatures sink

By LINDSAY STRAUB  
Staff Writer

As temperatures go down and health complications go up, professionals provide general information and preventative measures for the winter season ahead.

Marist College physician Mary Dunne, MD, has seen an increase in student activity at Health Services during these past few weeks. The most common sickness students seem to develop due to the cold weather is an upper respiratory infection, which includes the common cold and influenza, said Dunne.

"The peak season for influenza does not begin for another week or so and lasts until about March," said Dunne. "So even now, there is still a benefit to getting the flu shot."

Health Services has offered the flu shot to students campus-wide for the past few years. There is currently a surplus of the shots, which will be available to students until the end of this week. Faculty and staff members will then be able to purchase the remaining vaccinations.

According to Dunne, the flu develops abruptly and is accompanied by symptoms which can include a dry cough, high fever, muscle aches and prostration, or a condition marked by dizziness, nausea, and

weakness caused by insufficient body fluids and electrolytes. Covering your mouth when sneezing, coughing into your elbow instead of your hand, and frequently washing your hands are a few precautions to prevent illnesses like the flu and common cold.

"It's the simple things like gloves, a hat, and other appropriate clothing," said Dunne.

"But more often than not I see students dressed like it's October when it's 24 degrees outside!"

Even students that dress in layers each time they step outdoors may succumb to the common health complications associated with cold weather. Sophomore Alyssa Tesoriero said that she faces a fever, sore throat, and sinus congestion during the winter months. It takes about a week for the symptoms, which she treats with "basic stuff" like Tylenol Cold and Sinus and lozenges, to subside.

"Every single time the weather drastically changes, I get sick in some way or another without fail," said Tesoriero.

Some infectious diseases have the reputation of a seasonal

pattern, said Dunne. Certain viruses show up more in the winter months than in summer, spring or fall. While influenza, for example, is more typical in the winter, other illnesses like mononucleosis can be seen more in the spring and fall.

Environmental factors also affect the health conditions common in each season.

"During the winter months most areas are heated, and therefore dry out an individual's mucous membrane," said Dunne. "This often leads to bleeding, which makes the inner lining more vulnerable to viral invasion."

Sophomore Christine Martello said she was familiar with this particular result of the cold weather. Seasonal temperature change highly affects her allergies, and often leads to nosebleeds. The typical nosebleed lasts for about ten minutes, but has made "significant progress since last season," said Martello.

"For some reason I had the longest nosebleed I've ever had in my life yesterday," said Martello. "It continued for about 45 minutes ... from both nostrils!"

Along with upper respi-

ratory infections, other conditions like hypothermia and frostbite are associated with the cold weather. Jeannine Eslinger R.P.A.-C., a physician's assistant at South Nassau Community Hospital in Oceanside, Long Island, has seen both severe and non-severe cases of these health complications while working in the Emergency Room.

"It is important," said Eslinger, "not only to be aware of these conditions, but to have a general knowledge of their symptoms and available treatments."

Upper respiratory infections are considered viral, not bacterial, and can be spread from person to person. They are usually characterized by a cough, runny nose, low-grade fever, sore throat, and occasional sinus pressure. It is important to increase fluids in order to keep the immune system ready and able to respond to the infection, Eslinger said.

"Common cold pills are helpful," said Eslinger, "but only mask the infection to make yourself feel better." "Either way, the infection needs to run its course, which lasts about seven days."

Frostbite is another health complication to be cau-

tionous of during the cold weather. While it is rarely seen in its most severe degree, people often experience mild cases. Those who suffer from thyroid problems or diabetes, as well as smokers, are most prone to frostbite, which is characterized by a stinging, burning, or throbbing sensation. As it progresses, symptoms may worsen and the skin may start to look almost waxy with a white tint.

According to Eslinger, rubbing the area is dangerous and can worsen the tissue damage. In order to treat the condition, use a warming blanket and a heating pad, which should not be placed directly on the skin. Blisters may form on the skin and should be left alone at the risk of a bacterial infection.

Similar to frostbite, hypothermia is most common in elderly people, drinkers and the homeless. It is characterized by low body temperature, which can lead to a decrease in heart rate and potential cardiac arrest.

"Hypothermia depresses the central nervous system and can cause delirium, a coma, slurred speech and changes in mood," said Eslinger.

Treatment for the condi-

tion includes warm fluids and placing a heat pack under, but not directly on, the armpit to warm the body. The duration depends on the degree of the patient's original temperature. A patient will be treated until they regain a normal body temperature.

"A saying we use in the ER is, 'You're not dead until you're warm and dead,'" said Eslinger.

Tight clothing can lead to both frostbite and hypothermia. It is better to dress in loose layers in order to keep warm outdoors. Dunne and Eslinger agree that alcohol intoxication is also a factor contributing to these two health complications.

"Alcohol intoxication plays a significant role in the proper maintenance of body temperature," said Dunne. "It can severely dehydrate the body and cause heavy congestion."

From the common cold and the flu, to frostbite and hypothermia, the cold weather affects most people in some way or another. Precautions and preventative techniques like rest, hydration, and proper clothing are only a few ways to avoid health complications this winter season.

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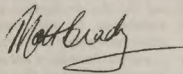
I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this season! As we approach the heart of our home MAAC schedule the team is really enjoying having the students back at the McCann Center! Your support at games this season has made a substantial difference motivating our team and has proven to be a distinct disadvantage for our opponents. The team is undefeated at home this season with an 8-0 record at the McCann Center!

As Marist students and fans, you all have the ability to leave either a positive or negative impression on our community based on your attendance and cheering at our games. We want Marist fans to leave the McCann Center with a positive impression of our students from their clever chants and knowledge of the opposing team. We don't want them to go home with a bad experience because of the language that is being shouted at the officials or our opponents.

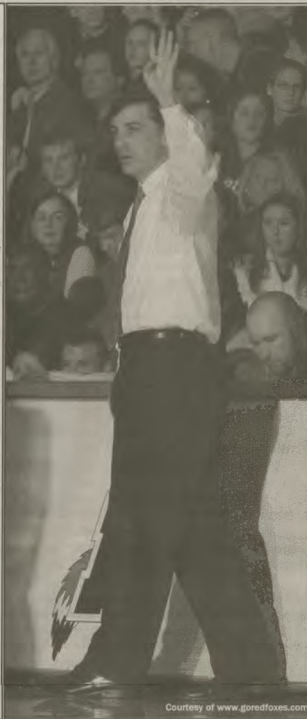
I know from personal experience, coaching in venues like Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium, that the best student fans were the ones who were ingenious in their chants and studied the opposing teams that were coming to town.

I'm challenging all of you to come out to our games and be creative in your cheering. My coaching staff and team are doing our best to assure that Marist continues to win and earns a spot in the NCAA Tournament. We need all of you doing your best at the games as fans.

See you at the McCann Center!



Matt Brady  
Men's Basketball Coach  
Marist College



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## Coaches change fans' minds on Fox basketball

By BRIAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

Flashback to my freshman year of college, some three-plus years ago: The women's program had fallen on difficult times in the increasingly competitive MAAC conference.

The men's team was making a routine of finishing in the bottom tier of the league and playing before a host of nonchalant fans.

Enter two new coaches, new attitudes, and newfound success.

When I was just a doe-eyed freshman, Brian Giorgis - a hugely successful local high school coach (451-44 in 19 seasons) - was in his second year of collegiate coaching and was in the process of implementing his successful style of coaching at Marist.

That year, he led a team that was picked to finish seventh in the conference all the way to the NCAA tournament. And now, he has very quickly built what appears to be a perennial conference power.

His teams have claimed at least a share of the MAAC crown for three straight seasons and made the NCAA tournament twice.

This season, the team has raced out to a fabulous start, winning their first eight conference games. They dominated probably the second best team in the league by 21. They lead the nation in turnovers per game (under 11.8 per game) and they've even received votes for the Top-25 this year.

Clearly, we are in the midst of something special here.

Matt Brady inherited a team that won just six games my freshman year and has turned them into the unanimous favorite to win the entire conference. They have played (and won) multiple games this season on national television. They already played three games during Thanksgiving weekend, a venerated national television holiday.

Plus, they are packing The 'Cann with fans. My freshman year, there was no "Sixth Man" section to speak of. It was just me and a couple of my drunk friends standing on the last row

of the bleachers, tossing our "Let's Go Marist" cheers into an endless abyss of silence.

Now? You can hardly find a seat. They added bleachers, shifting the Sixth Man section to almost on the court and all the team has done is go 13-1 at home. Even with the increased capacity, there are worries of future games this season selling out. We even have a fight song.

Talk about a turnaround.

Jared Jordan, Will Whittington, Miles Orman, Ryan Stilphen, Ben Farmer, Shae McNamara, and Miles Orman have become staples in the line-up and off the bench ever since they arrived on campus - a credit to the recruiting by former head coach Dave Magarity.

And Jordan could have a Smits-like impact on the program.

He is on the verge of leading the nation in assists for the second year in a row, firmly entrenching himself as one of the best point guards in the country. He is one of only two players in the nation leading his team in points (18.8 per game), rebounds (6.5), and assists (8.8) per game. He has been featured in Sports Illustrated, the New York Times, and countless online web logs (mine included) singing his praises.

Whittington is probably the best pure shooter in the conference, if not beyond. He is 5th in the country with 3.8 threes per game. Whittington will undoubtedly go down as the best long ball shooter in Marist College history.

Plus, the team has the potential to play in the NCAA tournament for the first time in twenty years. To put that in perspective, many of you were not even born twenty years ago.

It is hard to fully comprehend the breadth and speed of the transformation that has gone on since my freshman year. Both teams have a chance to accomplish something legendary, to establish a legacy that would be treasured in Marist College history, and I can't wait to watch them every step of the way.

See you at the games tomorrow night.

## Foxes roll in battle of MAAC unbeaten, take sole possession of first place

### Teamwork and talking carry Foxes through

By ERIC ZEDALIS  
Co-Sports Editor

After a shaky start that saw Marist fall behind 6-0, the Red Foxes regrouped, and dominated the Iona Gaels 70-49 for its sixth consecutive win.

Two thousand one hundred sixty-three people were on hand to watch the two Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) unbeaten go head-to-head for conference supremacy. Marist improved to a perfect 8-0 (15-4 overall) while Iona fell to 7-1 (12-7 overall).

Marist got a good taste of the MAAC's pre-season player of the year, Martina Weber, as Iona went to its heralded 6'5 forward early and often. She finished the game with 23 points, but more importantly, no other Gael player finished in double-figures.

Head coach Brian Giorgis said that heading into this game, while he realized Weber was an outstanding player, he did not fix his game-plan around her.

"We want to play defense the way that we play defense, and we'll try to adjust as we go through," he said. "We needed to put more pressure on the high-low pass. We needed to put some pressure on their guards so they wouldn't have as good a look."

Giorgis said that while the Red Foxes struggled defending the high-low pass because of Weber's size, they were able to put pressure on Iona's guards and disrupt the Gaels' offense.

"Weber is such a great player. We had a lot of trouble defending

her in the high-low. You think you have it, and all of a sudden there's this hand going up there and catching the ball. I think we started to put a little more pressure on the pass, and that helped us. We put good pressure on the guards so they wouldn't have as easy a look. I think our guards did a great job defending their guards."

Iona head coach Anthony Bozzella said that Marist is very well-schooled on defense, and do a good job of taking away the three-point shot.

"I think they talk very well. They slide their feet very well. They're extremely well-coached, and they close-out as well as any team in the league," he said. "So even though we have a great interior game, when we try to kick it back out, they get out there so quickly. They take away the three's."

Bozzella gave Marist credit for playing a great game, but pointed out that the Gaels shot themselves in the foot at times, particularly when they had the 6-0 lead.

"I think in the first half, we came out and we were executing on both ends. We were doing what we were asked to do," he said. "Then, we foul a three-point shooter 25 feet away from the basket -- atrocious foul."

That shooter was junior guard Nikki Flores, who helped turn the tide by hitting a jumper, and then making all three of her foul shots after she was fouled shooting a three-pointer.

Flores, who finished the day with 10 points and five rebounds, said simply that shots were available for her, and she just took advantage.

"I wasn't trying to force anything, because you don't want turnovers," Flores said. "But if the shots were there I was going to take them, and they were there."

Shots were not always easy to come by though, as Marist struggled to establish an inside game. According to Giorgis, the seven three-pointers Marist made were all crucial.

"They're hard to score on, on the inside," he said. "You don't develop a game plan that you're going to keep pounding it inside, because there's a lot of trees there, and they're pretty tall."

In the first half, Marist's star forward Meg Dahlman took just four shots, but point guard Alisa Kresge was able to find her for more open looks late in the game.

Kresge said that Dahlman takes some of the stress out of her point guarding duties, because she does not have to always be so

precise. "It makes my job a lot easier knowing that I have somebody that I can throw some a little wild passes, and she's going to go up and get it, and go strong," Kresge said.

Kresge to Dahlman seemed to be the theme late in the game, as Marist tried to melt the clock down to under ten seconds with every possession.

Giorgis said that sometimes running this offense is Marist's "achilles," but that against Iona it worked great.

"Today we did a better job of at least, executing in the last 10 seconds [of the shot clock], but we didn't want to just keep coming down and firing, because as long as we had the ball, they can't score," he said. "That's your best defense."

According to Giorgis, losing to Yale back on Dec. 22, was the best thing that ever happened to the Red Foxes. It opened their eyes to something; they had been so dominant, they may have not yet realized.

"We saw that, wow, if we don't come to play, people are going to beat us," he said.

Beating a previously undefeated conference team the way they did, goes to show that there really are no limits as to what Marist can do this season.

"We played well, and when we play well, we're a difficult basketball team to beat," Giorgis said.

**We played well, and when we play well,**

**we're a difficult basketball team to**

**beat.**

- Brian Giorgis



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Senior point guard Alisa Kresge finished with six points and seven assists as Marist defeated Iona 70-49 to improve to 8-0 in the MAAC.



## Weather cooperating with vision for Leonidoff project



Construction has continued on the new Leonidoff Stadium while all students were home during break. Currently, work has moved along the bleachers on plumbing to get ready to lay down the concrete floor.

By ANDY ALONGI  
Co-Sports Editor

When classes resumed on Jan. 16, much of the grass was green in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; however, the ground on Leonidoff Field was consumed by immense piles of dirt.

The construction of the new stadium continued while all students were home for winter

break, including the demolition of the original bleachers which took place on Dec. 28, 2006.

Work has moved along on schedule and plumbers progress on the waste water lines, floor drains for showers and rough electrical continues to be installed. When these three items are completed, the concrete floor will be laid down beneath the bleachers.

The new sound system has been installed in a team effort between Lee Wallace of the Marist College media center and Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (SOM) Architecture. The speakers for the system are recessed into the facade of the press box. They offer great sound everywhere in the stadium.

Tim Heneghan, assistant athletic director for facilities and oper-

ations, said this type of teamwork will result in a successful project.

"The architecture company and Lee [Wallace] worked together to reach a solution to make all parties happy," he said. "SOM is happy with the aesthetics, and Marist is happy with [the systems] functionality. It's a good example of teamwork. That is necessary for project success."

The next step in the process is to make decisions. A team of executives need to decide on what type of rock to put on the ends of the bleachers.

According to Heneghan, the stone will be a granite composite, which will be somewhat similar to Greystone (Marist College President Dennis Murray's office building).

A second decision deals with choosing the glass for the press box. The athletic department will be given "mock-ups," or functional samples. This will show how the windows will open and work when they are installed in the press box.

Heneghan said that the project has progressed on schedule, so

there is no real issue with time during the decision-making process.

The field turf has yet to be installed, due to the mounds of dirt piled on the field. The soil remains on the field because that will be the fill used in the 12-foot high berm which will be on the west side of the stadium.

The turf can either have permanent lines which are sewn into the surface or the lines can be painted. Since Leonidoff Stadium is used as the home field for five intercollegiate athletic teams, football, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's lacrosse, the department must decide which lines, if any, to make permanent and which lines to paint onto the field.

Heneghan said he has learned by visiting other schools that compete in the same capacity as Marist.

"I've looked at a few fields," he said. "I have learned by visiting other schools that use their facilities for the same purpose as we do. It has helped to learn from them [other schools] because they have been honest with what has worked and what hasn't."

## Worn-out Red Foxes fall to Canisius in last game of Buffalo swing

By JOE FERRARY  
Staff Writer

Behind a career high 24 points from freshman point guard Frank Turner, the Canisius men's basketball team defeated Marist 84-74 Saturday afternoon in Buffalo, New York.

With the win, Canisius improved its record to 9-10 overall and 4-5 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The Red Foxes fell to 14-5 on the season and 6-2 in league play.

The Red Foxes were led by co-MAAC Player of the Week, Jared Jordan, who scored 17 points and dished out 11 assists. Junior Shae McNamara grabbed a career high 10 rebounds to lead the Red Foxes. In addition to

Turner, the Griffs had two other players in double figures, Darnell Wilson with 18 points and Chuck Harris who chipped in with 15.

With the loss, the Red Foxes have yet to win both games in the Buffalo swing in its ten year history in the MAAC. The Red Foxes defeated Niagara 91-86 in overtime on Thursday night.

Head Coach Matt Brady said that this was not his team's best performance.

"This clearly was not our best game of the season," Brady said. "This might have been the best game that Canisius has played all season. They simply out-ran and out-played us."

The Griffs quickly built a ten point lead (18-8) on a Turner

three pointer with 13:41 left to go in the half. Marist would answer right back as they went on an 11-0 run capped off by a Wilfred "Spongy" Benjamin lay-up with 10:27 left to go in the half. That would be the last time the Red Foxes would lead in the contest.

Canisius built up its lead over the rest of the first half and went into halftime up by ten points 44-34.

In the first half, the Red Foxes shot only 38.7 percent from the field while Canisius shot 54.5 percent.

Coach Brady said that his team's poor shooting percentage was influenced by playing three road games in five games.

"We were just tired," Brady

said. "We just played two very emotional overtime road wins against two of the best teams in the conference [Niagara and Siena] and that just wore us out."

In the second half, the Griffs continued right where they left off. The closest the Red Foxes would get in the second half was 4 points (50-46) on Ryan Stiphen lay-up with 14:55 to go. The final score of the game was 84-74 in favor of Canisius.

For the game, the Red Foxes shot 38 percent from the floor and only 26.5 percent from three-point land. Canisius shot 54.9 percent from the field and 46.2 percent behind the arc. The Red Foxes held the edge on the glass, out-rebounding the Griffs 43-38.

One bright spot for the Red Foxes was the play of Stiphen, who played for the first time since injuring his knee in the Iona game.

Coach Brady talked about the injury to his forward.

"Ryan was injured during the Iona game on January 9th," Brady said. "He suffered a first degree sprain of his MCL. He will wear a knee brace for the rest of the season to help prevent any other damage to his knee."

Stiphen scored nine points and grabbed three rebounds in 14 minutes of action.

The Red Foxes host the Niagara Purple Eagles on Friday January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the McCann Center.

## Red Fox women's swimming and diving stays perfect on senior day

By NATE FIELDS  
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If Marist women's swimming and diving team's collective New Year's resolution is to win more meets, the aquatic Foxes are holding true to their goal, posting two victories in their only two meets of 2007.

The team traveled to New Jersey to battle Seton Hall on Friday January 12th, and posted a 162.5-137.5 victory over the hosting Pirates.

Captain Anna Sanner shattered Megan Duffy's six-dive school record of 265.50 on the three-meter board, accruing 275.78

points. Junior Jamie Falco took first-place in three events: the 100-yard backstroke (59.11 seconds), the 50-yard freestyle (24.94), and the 200-yard backstroke (2:05.88).

Swimming for the first time this season, senior Lauren Malski captured first in both the 100-yard (59.11) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:23.11).

Malski and Falco teamed with sophomore Sandra Bujalski and senior Kim Koehler to win the 200-yard medley, clocking a time of 1:49.00.

Bujalski also enjoyed a strong outing, winning the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.99) and the 100-yard butterfly (58.77).

"As a team we were very happy with the Seton Hall meet," Bujalski said. "We had spent the 3 weeks prior to the meet doing doubles everyday for intercession training, so it was great to see how well everyone did."

The Foxes were back in action last Saturday in the McCann Natatorium for Senior Day. In perfect tribute to its nine graduating seniors, the Foxes thrashed visiting Southern Connecticut State 139-90.

Marist claimed victory in its first four events, including the first three spots in the 400-yard medley. Seniors Ashley Papuga, Malski, and Koehler teamed

with freshman Lyndsay Martin in posting the winning time of 4:03.58.

Bujalski was back in force as well, winning both the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events, with times of 54.93 seconds and 1:58.87 seconds, respectively.

"Once again everyone swam well," Bujalski added. "And I think it's a good sign for the upcoming MAAC championships in February."

Joining Bujalski as a multiple event winner was distance swimmer Janell Walsh-Thomas. The freshman won both freestyle distance events, taking the 500-yard with a time of 5:14.94, and the 1000-yard in

10:31.21.

Marist's divers also enjoyed a successful day, as junior Melissa Mangona won both the one and three meter events. Her winning one-meter score of 252.29 was followed by Sanner's second place score of 242.54. Mangona (233.92) and Sanner (224.39) placed first and second, respectively, in the three-meter as well.

The Foxes swim in their final dual meet of the season Saturday at the University of Maryland Baltimore County before participating in the MAAC championships in Baltimore, February 8-10, and the ECAC championships in Boston the following weekend.

## Marist men's swimming and diving honors six seniors, dominates Owls

By GREG HRINYA  
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The Marist Red Fox swimming and diving team continued to build on a stellar season when they beat Southern Connecticut State University on Saturday 137-90.

The victory was even more special because six seniors were honored prior to the meet on Senior Day. Nick Chevalier, Pat Collins, Dan Garaffa, Will Shearouse, Matt Walsh, and Brandon Youse were all celebrated for their accomplishments and contributions to Marist swimming.

After the six seniors were honored, Marist rode strong performances from Pat Collins,

Brandon Youse, and Devon O'Nalty to reach 9-0 on the season.

Pat Collins was a multiple winner on Saturday and he swam his fastest times of the season at the McCann Center. He recorded victories in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle in times of 21.36 and 46.82, respectively. Collins was also a member of the group swimming the 400-yard medley relay, which opened the meet with a win in 3:37.18. Dan Garaffa, Mark Esolen, and Nick Chevalier finished out the group that got the Red Foxes off to a fast start.

Head coach Larry VanWagner said that Collins has been one of the team's best swimmers and that he took the road less traveled

to reach success in this program.

"Pat Collins was a walk on, non-scholarship athlete when he came here four years ago," VanWagner said. "He then contracted mono during his first two weeks, and I wasn't sure he would ever swim again on the team. He has taken a journey in four seasons to get from where he was to MAAC champion."

Brandon Youse went on to win the 200-yard Individual Medley in a time of 1:59.15 while Devon O'Nalty won the 3-meter dive with scores of 254.33 and 241.65, respectively.

The most satisfying part of the victory for the Red Foxes was the way the team was able to win the meet for its six seniors.

Coach VanWagner said this senior class has been instrumental to the team's success and the team would not be where it is today without them.

"This was one of our largest senior classes and the most talented class," VanWagner said. "They have been one of the main reasons for our success."

Marist will swim one final meet against the UMBC Retrievers on January 27 in Baltimore before gearing up for the MAAC championships. The team will go for a perfect 10-0.

Coach VanWagner feels the team's chances of succeeding at the MAAC championships are excellent although they will face some stiff competition.

"Right now I feel we are the

team to beat, but Rider will give us some competition," VanWagner said. "They have four returning upper classmen on the roster that they originally didn't have, so they will be far more competitive than we originally anticipated."

Coach VanWagner also believes that the youth on the roster will be pivotal to the team's success in the MAAC championships.

"We have a clear picture of the upper class, but some of our youth will contribute to our championship results more so than we thought at first," VanWagner said.



## Roarin' Red Foxes

Marist's male and female star performer for the weekend of Jan. 19-21.

Jared Jordan  
Basketball, Senior



Jordan garnered his fourth MAAC player of the week award. Jordan averaged 22.3 points, 10 assists, and 7.3 rebounds this past week in two overtime road wins over Siena and Niagara. Jordan has seven double-doubles and two triple-doubles this season. He is one of just two players in the nation currently leading his squad in points, rebounds, and assists.

### On the horizon:

The Red Foxes take on Niagara as part of a Friday doubleheader with the women's team. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Rachele Fitz  
Basketball, Freshman



Fitz was named MAAC rookie of the week for the seventh time this season, tying the conference record for rookie of the week awards. Fitz averaged 11.5 points, 10 rebounds and 2.5 steals in 23 minutes per game in Marist's two victories this week.

### On the Horizon:

The Red Foxes take on Route 9 rival Siena in the first game of a doubleheader with the men. Tip-off is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Friday.



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