



## Marist gets served research grant a la CART

By CASSI MATOS  
Editor in Chief

Being designated a College Applied Research and Technology Center (CART) is a prestigious honor that can take years to achieve.

Marist was recently designated a CART by New York State. In addition to the prestige of being named a Center, Marist will receive \$500,000 this year and \$2.5 million over the next five years through this grant. Only two of these grants were made in the entire state this year, and Marist received the larger award.

The grant is an extremely competitive one. If no one qualifies for it in a given year, no one receives it.

Dennis Murray, President, Marist College, said the grant is a reflection of four or five years

work aimed in this direction.

"This grant recognizes the outstanding faculty in our School of Computer Science and Mathematics, our top-flight technology platform, and our leadership in applied research, particularly in the field of technology," Murray said. "In addition, it recognizes Marist as one of the top schools in New York State in the field of technology."

Murray clarified however, that Marist is not looking to become known as a tech school.

"We're not trying to become the next Carnegie Mellon or MIT, but we want all our students to understand how technology influences their field, everyone has to understand technology," Murray said. "What we really want to become known for is the use of all technologies in all fields."

The purpose of the Center, as the school is now identified by the state, at Marist will be to conduct research in the area of collaborative and on-demand computing.

According to Murray, the grant money will be used to aid economic and job development initiatives in the Hudson River Valley and throughout New York State.

"The Center is the latest example of Marist's strategic initiative to employ technology to drive collaboration between Marist and off-campus constituencies" Murray said.

The unique collaborations Marist has forged with organiza-

tions such as IBM, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, and the State and federal governments,

in addition to other grants Marist received in the past provide vast educational opportunities for students. This specific grant

allows for many unique opportunities for students and faculty, including affording undergraduate and graduate computer science students with stipends, allotting for faculty research funds and students in the business and computer science departments will get real life

experience they can take with them long after graduation.

Lola Saya, Assistant Controller / Post Award Administrator, said grants make it possible for us to constantly renew our technologies, allowing students to experiment with the latest and greatest available.

"Grants like this one are an essential part of the college experience," said Saya.

Saya was part of the team at Marist that was responsible for securing the grant. Leading the team were Roger Norton, Dean, School of Computer Science and Mathematics, and Barbara McMullen, Director, Institute for Data Center Professionals. Joining them were, Shaileen Kopec, Vice President, College Advancement, Donna Berger, Academic Grants Coordinator and Kate Donham, senior grants

officer.

In addition to receiving this grant, shortly after noon on Tuesday, Sept. 7, Murray and State Senator Steve Saland met in front of the James Canavino Library for a brief press conference concerning a different grant.

Saland began the meeting by saying that Marist has a "superior campus" and "cutting edge technology."

"Marist has been recognized by the governor as being worthy of any number of grants as well," commented Saland.

Senator Saland presented Marist with a \$76,595 state grant that will allow the college to develop online service applications for small-to medium-sized businesses.

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— Dennis Murray  
President

### Students find many activities to keep them busy at annual fair



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Frosh Julla Towey and Caitlin Bowey joust during the activities fair where students had the opportunity to sign up for the various clubs and organizations on campus. In addition to the jousting ring, there was live music and a blow up obstacle course.

## Conventions cause conundrum

By ALISSA BREW  
News Editor

As the first Tuesday in November nears, students at Marist College are comparing the policies and politics of George W. Bush and John F. Kerry presented in their respective party's conventions.

Although the Democratic and Republican national conventions each spanned a week and important people rallied behind each candidate, the conventions were a ceremonial at best, some people feel.

Junior Kevin Hmelovsky said that both Bush and Kerry failed to

discuss their policies in detail, opting instead to focus on each others shortcomings.

"It's nice you're bashing the other side, but talk about the issues," Hmelovsky said. "You didn't learn anything from the conventions."

On Thursday, Jul. 29, at the 44 Democratic National Convention in Boston, Kerry vowed to run the United States differently than his opponent, citing all the problems the Bush administration has caused while in office.

"I will be a commander in chief who will never mislead us into war. I will have a vice president who will not conduct secret meetings with polluters to rewrite our environmental laws. I will have a secretary of defense who will listen to the advice of the military leaders. And I will appoint an attorney general who upholds the Constitution of the United States," Kerry said, as quoted in The New York Times

on Jul. 29.

Unlike the nominees of past Democratic conventions, Kerry chose to focus on foreign affairs and national security as the foundation for his 45-minute speech, in an attempt to prove that he is the more trustworthy candidate to handle the war in Iraq and national security.

However, the New York Times article quoted President Bush's campaign chairman, Marc Racicot, saying that Kerry failed to clarify his opinion and give a reason for his inconsistencies when it came to supporting the war in Iraq.

"John Kerry missed an opportunity to help the American people understand his vote for the war based on the same intelligence that the president viewed," said Racicot.

Kerry made it clear that he did not want either candidate to resort to bashing one another.

"The high road may be harder, but it leads to a better place. And that's why Republicans and Democrats must make this election a contest of big ideas, not small minded attacks," The Times quoted Kerry.

However, Kerry held a rally in Springfield, Ohio in response to Bush's convention acceptance speech, in which Kerry defended himself from attacks on his military record.

"The vice president even called me unfit for office last night," Kerry said as quoted in The Times. "I guess I'll leave it up to the voters whether five deferments makes someone

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## Master plan reveals long term vision

By LOUIS P. ORTIZ III  
Assistant Editor

On Aug. 23, the Performing Arts Room (PAR) hosted a presentation that introduced new landscape ideas for the Marist community.

The Office of Housing and Residential Life and the Student Government Association (SGA) were on hand to ask questions, offer suggestions, and critique this new movement for the 21st century.

In addition, Justin Butwell, Director of the Physical Plant, moderated the event and added insight toward the college's reasoning behind moving forward with this proposal.

Architects drew out these possibilities

after comparing them to bigger universities such as Yale University and the University of Virginia. They believed that Marist was a very unique campus that offered a lot to the students.

A PowerPoint presentation unveiled the development of a bridge that would connect the main campus to Marist's off campus housing, Upper and Lower West Cedar.

It would add elements of unification that are lacking between the campus and the sights of Marist outside the campus, according to the architects.

Primarily, the information specified efforts to change the structure of the campus into something that exhibited consistency

similarities.

Matthew Hittenmark, Vice President of Club Affairs, attended the event in hopes of gaining a better grasp for what the future holds on the Marist campus. He believed that the presentation served as a beneficial resource in identifying the true essence of Marist College.

"I believe that the research provided those who attended with an accurate outlook on the potential future design of the college," he said. "I was impressed with the research done by the architects and I honestly believe that if approved by the college, it will serve as a valuable asset to the students."

During this gathering, discussion was broken down into eight

points: East-West connection, campus heart, identity on Route 9, academic zoning, residential green halos, improve and create building thresholds, maintain Saint Ann's and North field, and create and expand campus palette of materials.

The East-West connection focused on bringing together all aspects of the college either through bringing buildings together or tying the lawns across Route 9. Campus heart pointed out the campus green and the James A. Cannavino Library as the central focus of the campus. The architects expressed interest in expanding the green in order to centralize Marist's attractions for incoming

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### OPINION: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO IF HE WERE ALIVE TODAY?

According to one Marist student, he definitely would not be living in America.

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Foxes begin season with third-place finish at Stony Brook Invitational.

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## Security Briefs: Good old Marist, back in action

Compiled by DAN ROY  
Campus Editor

Welcome back everybody. I hope everyone's summer was fun, and that we are all ready to start a new year. If anyone is mad that I'm back again, don't worry, this is my last year. Before I start bashing you guys, and believe me there's a lot of good stuff here, I have to go over a few things. First, DON'T JAY-WALK. Sure, it saves time, and you look cool doing it, but please - be patient. Secondly, LOCK YOUR CARS. We don't want random people pretending to fall asleep in them, when they are really stealing your new Ashlee Simpson CD. Lastly, GET YOUR PARKING PERMITS. Behavioral enforcement - I mean, security will stop being lax in about a week, so get the sticker and park accordingly.

8/31 — Not all students come to school with enough pictures of their friends to cover their dorm room walls. It's okay, that's why we have a poster sale. This was the case for one student, and at 7:45 p.m. last Tuesday, he did something about it. He stole the poster merchant's sample book. Not quite as bad as stealing Wonka's fizzy lifting drink, but close. The student went back to his room and told his roommate, "Yo dude, I got the sample book! Now we can call and order any of these we want! No waiting in line for us!" Yeah, because waiting in the poster line takes longer than three to five business days.

9/1 — Townhouse C-block, shouldn't you know your limits by now? One upperclassman either still doesn't or got too swept up in the craziness of the first week back, because at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday she got taken to St. Francis Hospital. On a sidenote, St. Francis is now hiring part-time to handle the influx of patients now that Marist is back in session.

9/1 — Actual conversation between a student and his mother on move-in day: "Ok sweetie, have a great time, and meet lots of friends! I want you to have fun, but not too much fun! Hehe." Four days later that mother got a call from Marist telling her that her son had been caught smoking marijuana at 1:06 a.m. in Champagnat Hall. What a great way to start your college career. Maybe next time you will show some tact, and at least wait a week. Save your mother some grief.

9/1 — A student was caught riding his bike on the stone wall near the library at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday. One of the stones broke due to his actions. You heartless no good bum! I was conceived on that wall damnit! I don't

need any Dave Mira-wannabe punks like you defaming it! "You were conceived in a hospital in Rhode Island." Whatever man...

9/3 — Gartland is obviously really peeved that Leo beat them out last semester; because my gosh did they get written up a lot last week. At 10:35 p.m. in F-block, 59 cans of Bud Light and one box of Almaden wine were confiscated from six students. Unfortunately, I can only count this as one write up even though anyone drinking Almaden wine in a box surely deserves two. Wow, what a start.

9/3 — Gartland E joined in on the fun at 10:55 p.m. Security found five students and two visitors with four bottles of Bud, one bottle of Bacardi Rum, and 16 cans of Milwaukee's Best. Ewww. I'll take the crab juice.

9/3 — An officer confiscated eight cans of Coors Light from five students at 9:10 p.m. in Gartland E. How the heck do you get written up for eight beers among five people? A student living next door told security, "I knew they were going to get written up. You can only scream, 'You only brought eight beers, you idiot' so many times before getting caught."

9/3 — Spring semester winner Leo got in on the action at 9:15 p.m. Friday. An officer found three students with 12 cans of Bud Light in their room. I'm sure there was some kind of misunderstanding going on there. So let me just clear things up for you. That's not allowed at Marist. You can't be drinking beer in your room when your only 18. Maybe that flies at home, but this is the real world, and the real world's got rules! "The real world doesn't have RA's though." Man, I should have let you drown this summer. What was I thinking? "You were thinking that you need this voice to complete a lot of your jokes."

9/4 — My freshman home, Champagnat, didn't disappoint either this weekend. Two students on the fifth floor were found with 20 empty and five full cans of beer. The brands of the beer were not divulged. This time I think the guard came a little too late, if you know what I mean. Haha, you know... 20 empties...

9/4 — Back to Gartland E-block. Alcohol was confiscated from five students at 10:12 p.m. The loot included: 18 cans of Rolling Rock, a bottle of tequila, and a half full bottle of Seagram's 7. I can't help but notice that most of these alcohol things are about sophomores. Here's my theory why. Coming out of the dorm atmosphere, and especially living somewhere like Gartland, the sopho-

more feels so much more liberated. You're living with five friends, you have your own kitchen, and there's no swiping in. You think you are invincible. So let's celebrate our first weekend back in this sweet place and drink! Well guys, it's not all tea and strumpets. Marist will bust your bubble just as fast as you blew it. Next time, fellas, just go to a bar.

9/4 — Stop it Gartland E, just stop it! This time ten students were found with 30 cans of Bud Light and 34 cans of Busch Light. On the Run won't see their faces anytime soon.

9/5 — Finally, something other than an alcohol write up. At 12:19 p.m. a Leo student discharged a fire extinguisher and proceeded to throw it out a second floor window into the roadway. I really don't think I even need to add something to this.

9/6 — An intoxicated student was found outside Donnelly at 1:13 a.m. Monday. She was evaluated and taken to St. Francis. "Hey, those suckers gave us Monday off for Labor Day, let's go out and drink Sunday night." "I don't know, I usually go to church on Sundays, not bars." "Trust me baby, it will be fun." "Oh, you are so crazy!" The moral of the story, don't talk to strangers.

9/6 — This is a great one to end the first week. At 3:25 a.m. a lost student was seen driving her car down the sidewalk in front of the library, then back around Marian, then towards the flag pole, finally stopping at the chain gate near the Donnelly parking lot. Security caught up with her, and explained to her that sidewalks are just for people. "Cars like yours belong on the road, o.k." Okaay, the girl replied. With that, the officer gave her a glass of milk, a noogie on the head, and sent her on her way.

### Alcohol related incidents this week:

1. Gartland - 5
2. Champagnat - 1
3. Leo - 1
4. Old Townhouses - 1



### Upcoming Campus Events

Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004

Outdoor Movie

"Troy"

9 PM

Champagnat Green

Friday, Sept. 10, 2004

Comedy Club

Spanky

9 PM

Cabaret

Friday, Sept. 17, 2004

Stephen Kellogg

9 PM

Nelly Goletti Theater

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2004

Whale Watching Trip

Bus leaves 6 AM

from Midrise

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004

'Rent'

Bus leaves at 10AM

Midrise

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004

Coffeehouse

SYD

9 PM

PAR

Friday, Sept. 24, 2004

Comedy Club

DC Benny

9 PM

Cabaret

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004

Outdoor Movie

"The Stepford Wives"

9 PM

Champagnat Green

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## Student Government Flash

September 10th - By 4:00pm, students who have decided to run for a position must have their declarations in to the Student Government Office, placing attention to Alyssa Oxford, Elections Commissioner.

September 13th - Registration begins and students will be responsible to retrieve signatures from the student body.

September 17th - Petitions or signatures will be due by 4:00pm in the SGA office. They must be returned to the mailbox of Alyssa Oxford, Elections Commissioner.

September 19th - All candidates starting at midnight will now be allowed to campaign for their candidacy for positions in the Student Government Association.

September 21st - At 9:30pm in the Performing Arts Room (PAR), "Speech Night" will be held offering the chance for candidates to address the

student body as to why they are the best person for their respective position.

September 23rd - Starting at 9:30pm in the PAR, SGA will be organizing a social, "Meet the Candidate," giving the students an opportunity to actually meet with the candidates face to face.

September 26th - Campaigning for all candidates ends at midnight.

September 27th - 29th - Elections begin at 11:00am on the Marist homepage at [www.marist.edu](http://www.marist.edu) and end at 7:00pm. Votes will be tabulated and results will be posted outside the Student Government office at 9:00pm on the 29th.



\* For more information on these events, visit our homepage at <http://clubs.marist.edu/sga/> or call extension 2206\*



## Warm weather, smiles welcome freshmen to campus

By CAROLINE ROSS  
Opinion Editor

Welcome back to all returning students and welcome, Class of 2008!

On Saturday, Aug. 28, the freshmen class arrived to move in and the Marist campus changed from its relaxed summer mode to a bustling student-filled campus.

Starting at 8 a.m., students from the top floors of the three freshmen dorms arrived and were greeted by student volunteers working for numerous campus activities, clubs and sports. Each floor was assigned a certain move in time to make the process go as smoothly as possible.

The staff, which is in charge of finding volunteers and organizing move-in day events, was impressed by the volunteers and the day in general. Megan Ragozzine, assistant director of admissions, was pleased that everything went according to plan.

"Everything went very smoothly," Ragozzine said about the day's events.

Incoming Marist freshmen and their parents, with the help of volunteers, unloaded their cars upon arrival. Freshmen proceeded to check in and receive their room keys near the dorms.

Both incoming students and other volunteers were impressed with the work that the student

volunteers were doing throughout the day. Allison McCullough, Champagnat resident, was impressed with the hard work that the volunteers did throughout the day.

"They were very helpful and dedicated," McCullough said. "They threw themselves around and got bruised."

Upperclass volunteers from organizations like Campus Ministry, Singers and multiple sororities and fraternities spent the day loading and unloading

trucks and assisting in the dorms, to make the day go according to schedule.

Ken Juras, Marist junior and student worker for admissions, took part in the move in process and was pleased with the way the day ran.

"I think the day went very smoothly, it was a big success," said Juras. "The parents and incoming students seemed to be pleased with the job that the volunteers were doing."

Multiple sports teams also

helped with move-in day. Teams including baseball, swimming and diving, crew, lacrosse, rugby, and cheerleading also took part in volunteering.

George Burgevin, a Marist security guard, stationed at the back entrance of Champagnat on freshman move-in day, was impressed by the job done by the students.

"I worked the loading dock; they were outstanding," Burgevin said. "They worked the entire day; they called the crew team and tennis team to come up around 2:30 p.m."

Overall, the response to the student volunteers was a positive one, aside from the occasional misplaced item. Nicole Flores,

Marist freshman, was one of the few who had belongings misplaced by the student volunteers.

"The volunteers were helpful," Flores said. "I mean, it was so organized that I never imagined my backpack would be misplaced. They made sure labels were put on and overall they did a good job of getting luggage to the right places."

Flores' backpack was eventually located, and the day was viewed as an overall success by admissions, volunteers and incoming students alike. Freshmen move-in day was a great start to the new school year and was a good way to welcome the freshmen to the Marist community.

**'The parents and incoming students seemed to be pleased with the job that the volunteers were doing.'**

— Ken Juras  
Junior

## Cable services increases with no cost to school or students

By ALISSA BREW  
News Editor

Marist College expanded its cable package this year, offering more channels that entertain and inform at little extra cost.

"Based on student input and what TV stations offered, we expanded our service at a minimal cost," Steve Sansola, assistant dean for student affairs, said.

Some of the new channels are informative stations like CNBC and Discovery Health. Others, like Spike TV and the Game Show Network, provide entertainment.

Marist's cable service is digitally received and provided by Falls Earth Station Inc., which bundled the cable package according to what college administration and students consider important, making necessary changes to the cable package when their tastes change.

In the past, input from the student life council was used as a guide when deciding on what channel packages should be purchased. The package that was introduced this year was not costing the college any extra money for the new channels, so that's is why it is available to the

students. Sansola said that students are becoming "very media oriented."

However, senior Carol Hennessey said that she doesn't spend all that much time watching TV.

"I don't really watch TV, and if I do I'll watch about half an hour," Hennessey said.

She said that the new channels really haven't affected her viewing time although she will watch one of the new channels offered, when she has the time.

"No, it doesn't matter to me, although if I'm watching TV, I'll watch the Food Network,"

Hennessey said.

Marist is also implicating a new option for the students, which Christine Mulvey, Director of special projects and telecommunications, said is "completely optional." Students can now spend extra money and buy a cable box that will give them other services like Pay-Per-View and HBO Multiplex. Resident students can subscribe if they have a major credit or debit card and an email address. The equipment rental costs \$6.99 and the extra channels range from \$7 for basic digital channels to \$24.99 for HBO/Cinemax

Multiplex.

Mulvey explained that a few students asked about getting HBO available in their dorm rooms, so Marist will "try it as an option to see how much interest there is."

Ashley Scherer, a sophomore who watches 3-4 hours of television a week, said she doesn't watch TV that much.

"It isn't because they don't have the channels," Scherer said, who cited The Apprentice and The OC as her only favorite shows on television.

Scherer said that the cable box that Marist offers just didn't

pique her or her roommate's interest.

"We weren't interested in it," Scherer said.

Mulvey said that most students will not increase their viewing time because there are more options when it comes to watching television.

"I don't think just because we added a few more channels it would affect the students' TV watching time," Mulvey said.

Mulvey said that Marist is trying to cater to all students' tastes when it comes to television.

"Every student has different interests," Mulvey said.

## Work-study job fair helps students find the right job on campus

By COURTNEY KRETZ  
Managing Editor

Signs and flyers directed students to McCann Center for the work study job fair, Wednesday, Sept. 1.

The Office of Financial Aid hosts the fair every fall for freshmen and transfer students awarded work study. During the fair, which was held from 12:30 to 2

p.m. in the McCann small gym, students are welcome to meet with prospective campus employers and applied for jobs of interest.

According to Mary Lou Kutchma, who coordinated the fair along with Lisa Boyes, both from the office of financial aid, 320 students attended the fair. Thirty-five campus departments had representatives at the

fair, including sections such as Student Accounts and Payroll.

The fair aims to make the process of finding a job on campus as smooth and as quick as possible.

The fair "is geared mostly toward freshman and transfer students. Upperclassmen are usually expecting to return to their old jobs," Kutchma said.

However, Kutchma added that

upperclassmen who had expressed the desire to change campus employers were also invited to the fair.

The fair is also only for those students who have been awarded work study as part of their financial aid package. After Sept. 15, departments are able to fill void positions with non-work study students from any class. In addition, available jobs are posted on

the financial aid department web site.

A new addition to the job fair was the a survey given out to all attending students and departments. The survey results conveyed that both students and employers enjoy the job fair experience. Both sides like the idea of meeting potential employees and employers in person and having the opportunity

the ability to ask and answer questions.

"It seemed to be helpful," sophomore, Andrew Schmidt said. "Hopefully I will get a job."

"The effort was a success. It seems like most jobs will be filled from the job fair," Kutchma said.

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## Democratic and Republican Conventions raise questions among students

more qualified to defend this nation than two hours of combat duty."

Hmelovsky said he thought that as much as the candidates tried to distinguish themselves as completely different characters, they still came off as generic candidates with no flair.

"Both conventions were the same," said Hmelovsky. "If you switched the names it would be the same."

Former mayor of New York Rudolph W. Giuliani opened the Republican convention with his account of how the president skillfully handled the Sept. 11 attacks and how the president holds a firmer ground when it comes to national security.

"President Bush will make certain that we are combating ter-

rorism at the source, beyond our shores, so we can reduce the risk of having to confront it in the streets of New York. John Kerry's record of inconsistent positions on combating terrorism gives us no confidence he'll pursue such a determined course," Giuliani was quoted in an Aug. 31 New York Times as saying.

Junior Brad Heusner, said that he wasn't impressed by either candidate or their supporters.

"In general, they both come off not what they really are," Heusner said. "The Republicans had moderates speak, like Arnold or Giuliani, who don't represent the general party."

As Bush outlined his plans upon re-election, he also attacked what Kerry had to say at the Democrat convention, fail-

ing to follow Kerry's proposal to focus on the issues and not attack the candidate.

Bush talked about his domestic policy the first half of his acceptance speech, proposing

increased funding for community colleges and opening rural health centers. He failed to touch on issues such as overhauling Social Security and Medicare, curtailing federal spending and redefining immigration law. Bush did however point out what he said were weaknesses in Kerry's strategy.

"My opponent's policies are dramatically different from ours," Bush as quoted in the New York Times said. "He's proposed more than \$2 trillion in new federal spending so far, and that's a lot, even for a senator from Massachusetts. To pay for that spending, he is running on a platform of increasing taxes, and that's the kind of promise a politician usually keeps."

Bush did not point out that his own plans, addressed in his speech, are now facing opposition from Congress because they

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— Laura Yocovone  
Junior

cost more money than his party is willing to spend.

The president was passionate about national security issues, a topic that both he and Kerry have bickered in an ongoing battle to establish whose policy is better and more feasible. In his speech, Bush tried to convey that he possesses something that Kerry doesn't when it comes to dealing with terrorists.

"I will defend America every time," Bush, as quoted in the New York Times, said during his speech.

Sophomore Heather Kennedy, said that now would be a bad time to change leadership in the White House.

"Whether or not I like Bush, our country is in no state to get a new leader," Kennedy said.

"Even though I'm a Democrat, since we are in a war, we shouldn't turn over to a new leader."

Junior Jon Watras, thought Bush succeeded in conveying what needed to be done.

"I'm voting for Bush," said Watras. "He didn't sit on the issues. Now, hopefully, he'll be able to fix the new problems that were created."

Junior Laura Yocovone, said that there is still no clear answer.

"I'm not a Republican, but I'm in a gray area. I support things from both parties," Yocovone said. "I don't like how Bush runs the presidency as a business, but I don't like how Kerry contradicts himself."

## Marist plans major renovations to beautify campus and improve the school's image

freshmen.

Other ideas included placing evergreens and trees along Route 9, building a new academic building, and expanding the cur-

rent academic buildings in order to show that the college was complete.

Sophomore Siobhan Skerritt, resident assistant of Sheahan

Hall, believed the plan is realistic, but will take a tremendous amount of time to accomplish.

"I think they have a lot of great ideas, but it is going to take a lot

of time," she said. "I liked their efforts to expand on the beauty of the campus." "At first, there were many things that I did not notice around the campus and as

a result of the presentation, I appreciated the fact that they took the time to observe the little things," she said.

The master plan was presented

to college administrators on the first of May and architects are now making adjustments to again present to administrators this coming fall.

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— Christine Mulvey  
Director, Special projects  
and telecommunications



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# Opinion

Let the voices of the Marist community be heard.

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## Letter to the Editor

### These are your issues, not your parents', so vote!

I heard some young college students on the radio recently say that they don't feel that they want to vote in this election because they don't feel that the issues at hand affect them. I almost choked!

I want to address all the 18 and 19-year-olds and 20-somethings out there. Have no doubt that if this current administration is re-elected you will be directly affected in more ways than one. For instance:

-The draft... If our foreign policies continue under this administration they will most certainly reinstate the draft and guess who gets drafted... 18-34 year olds. That's YOU! Male or female. Say goodbye to college.

-Jobs... If this current administration continues to give tax breaks to big corporations and allows them to outsource high-paying jobs overseas, guess who won't be able to find a "good" job fresh out of college... YOU!

-The deficit... If our foreign policies continue under this administration the national debt will continue to grow exponen-

tially. And guess who gets to pay for it for the rest of their lives in the forms of inflation and higher taxes... YOU!

-Reproductive Rights... if this current administration continues in office and appoints two conservative judges to the Supreme Court seats being vacated, Roe v. Wade could be overturned and women in this country could lose their right to choose to have an abortion. All while we are supposedly fighting to give women in Iraq and Afghanistan more rights.

If you think that these are issues that will not immediately affect you, think again. This election is not just about health care, prescription drug policies, social security or the environment, issues that all seem to be so far off; there are immediate consequences for you.

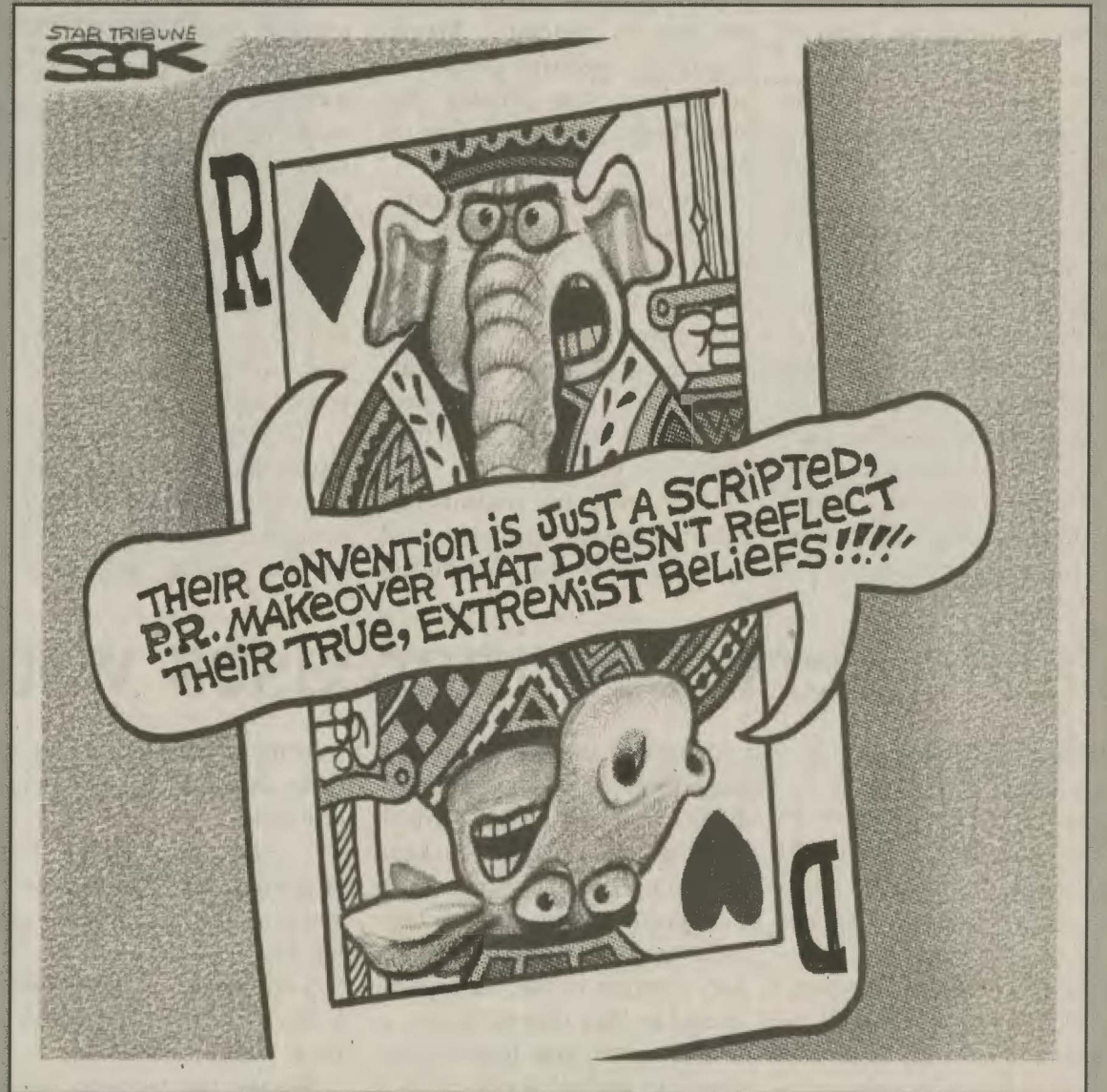
If you are female, and especially if you are a black female, you should be taking your right to vote very seriously. It was not that long ago, only until 1920 that white women, and until 1965, that all blacks did not have this right. You have to

exercise it or you may lose it. You have to vote for the people who will protect your rights. Don't let the last election and what happened to the black vote in Florida sour you, but instead use the injustice of it to empower you.

This is not a time to be complacent, uniformed or misinformed; the stakes are too high. This is your chance to have a voice in what happens to your future. This isn't your parents' election, it's yours. It's no longer just about how it affects your mom or dad, it's about YOU!

No matter how you vote, and no matter what the outcome, you will know that you had the chance to voice your opinion. You have been waiting years to be able to make your own decisions. This is what it feels like. Educate yourself, research the facts, draw your own conclusions, and VOTE! The outcome will affect YOU.

— Devon Seekamp  
Interior Designer  
Accord, NY



## What Would Jesus Really Do?

By GREGORY PARIS  
Circle Contributor

Millions of Christians call him their savior. His teachings have shaped thousands of years of history. A motion picture depicting his crucifixion grossed over \$300 million this year.

Jesus implores all humans to embrace generosity, honesty, compassion, and love. Most people agree that these values are good, regardless of religious

conviction. Yet there is a conflict between American culture and these basic human values.

Pop culture, like "American Idol," represents an American obsession with humiliation. Participants are driven to tears in the name of a popularity contest.

America's ethical psyche is weak when it allows such a show to proliferate to this level. Jesus would comfort those who were verbally assaulted by those who call themselves "judges."

This show is a symptom of the true ethical crisis that currently faces the nation: According to CNN, the average American works 52.4 hours a week. Any such schedule makes living a balanced life impossible.

Parents do not have time for their children and Americans face more stress. But in America this is acceptable, as long as it results in a paycheck. Greed has

become the monster of the American conscience.

Greed is not a Christian value; however, it drives Americans' lifestyles. Even the president of this nation claims to uphold a Christian faith, but his behavior is far from divinely inspired.

Bush's deception leading to the war in Iraq contradicts sharply with Jesus' concept of honesty. The aggressive tac-

tics of interrogation that led to torture in Abu Ghraib contrast with Jesus' concept of compassion.

The war itself, which both the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches oppose, shows that the president has a complete lack of respect for Jesus' teachings. So much for loving thy enemy and praying for thy persecutors, as Jesus teaches in the Gospel of Matthew.

If Jesus was alive today, he

would probably be in Iraq, helping the children injured by American "smart" bombs. He would not endorse Bush for another term in the Oval Office. Jesus would be ashamed of the United States of America.

God does not bless America. God blesses everyone, regardless of the borders they choose to live within. Maybe someday, with God's blessing, Americans can say Jesus would want to live in the United States, but not today.

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## Meeting Marist

an interview with  
**Linda Crane**

*Student Body President*



Getting to know your fellow foxes

**What are you studying here at Marist?**

I'm a political science major.

**What inspired you to run for president of the student body?**

I've always been into student government, and I really wanted to be in a position where I could play a more active role in the political process.

**Do you have any specific plans you want to implement during your presidency?**

Well, we have a lot of things planned for this school year ... The biggest one coming up soon is the Marist version of *Rock the Vote*. It's a weeklong process of culminating and registering voters, and it closes out with a "Battle of the Bands." The whole purpose is to get students involved in their government, and to educate them on the importance of political involvement.

**Sounds like a great way to do that, when does this start?**

Actually, it kicks off this Friday, the tenth, at the Wellness Fair. And we still need people to help with the whole thing, because it takes a lot of time and organization, so anyone interested should definitely come and check it out!

**What are your goals for the student body?**

I really just want students to be able to voice their concerns on campus. Even issues that might seem trivial deserve to be brought to our attention, because solving students' problems is the whole purpose of student government.

**I understand that the Student Government Association has implemented a new membership policy this year, can you tell me**

**about it?**

Sure! This year the SGA is starting a general-membership policy, which allows students who do not hold an official position to attend meetings and play an active role in the entire political process. That way, we can get more input on the important issues at hand, and students can get involved without having to deal with all of the pressure of holding an office.

**You're a senior; do you have any plans for next year?**

Yes, I intend to go to grad school and continue studying political science.

**What do you intend to do in terms of a career path?**

Hmm ... I'll probably start with something in the market research field, or maybe something with public opinion. Eventually though, I'll probably end up doing something in the political field, just because I've always had such a strong interest in politics.

**What do you think of the recent political conventions?**

I think they've been going well. I know some people think that they're outdated and we should do away with them, I believe that the tradition of the political convention is a good one. Since the candidates focus on the core constituents, it gives the public an opportunity to form an opinion. That way, voters who are kind of on the fence can make an educated decision.

**Do you have any advice for the student body?**

Definitely get involved! College is a great time to get involved with all kinds of great clubs and activities, student government or otherwise. I hate the idea of students looking back on their time here and regretting their lack of involvement on campus. So get out there and be active on our campus and in our community!

## Giggles & Bits

### Common Thread

Find the common word missing from each group and write it in the blank. Then use these words to find a new common thread, the mystery word. (The "+" indicates the position of the common word.)

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- under +
- + arrest
- play + 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- + fly
- + mate
- horse + 3) \_\_\_\_\_
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Mystery word: out  
Answers: 1) stress 2) house 3) play

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Unjumble the words, then rearrange the circled letters to reveal the answer to the final clue.

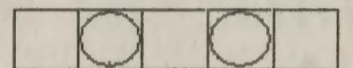
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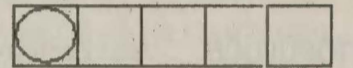
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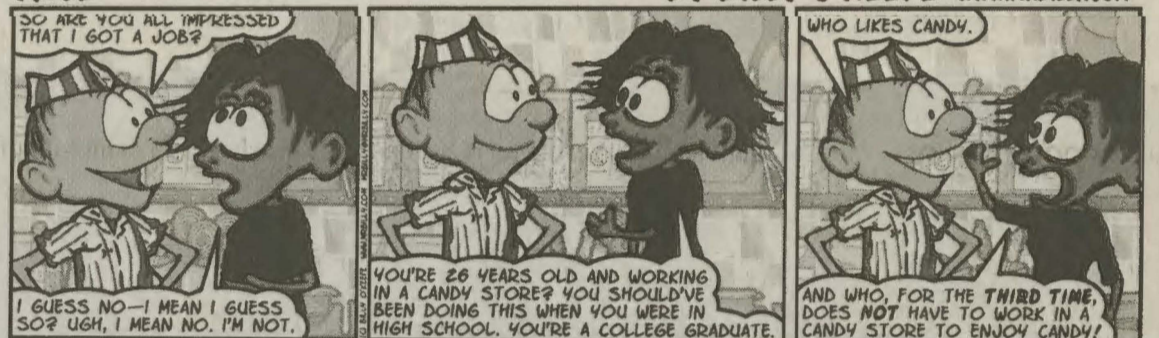


What did the British patrolman find at the crime scene?

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The Circle Sports would like to welcome frosh and returning students to the Marist College Community.

## Seawolves edge out Foxes in overtime win

By MARK PERUGINI  
Assistant Sports Editor

Stony Brook frosh Michael Palacio demonstrated why he deserved the America East Rookie of the Week, contributing a goal and an assist in the 2-1 overtime victory over the Red Foxes on Sept. 4.

With under a minute remaining in the first overtime period, Seawolves' junior Chris Megaloudis launched a pass near the 18-yard line that found Palacio, who drove the ball inside the left post for the game winning goal.

After a scoreless first half, the Red Foxes obtained the first point.

During the 78th minute of play, sophomore Keith Detejl centered



KATE GIGLIO / THE CIRCLE

The Red Foxes' soccer players on the field against Binghamton last Wednesday, attempting to send their respected team to the top. Stony Brook defeated the Foxes in a close overtime 2-1 victory last Saturday.

a pass from the right goal line to junior Alex Giotis. Giotis tapped a pass to sophomore Anthony Graci, who directed the ball past Seawolves goalkeeper, junior John Moschella.

The Red Foxes appeared to be within grasp of their first victory of the season, but at the 84th minute, Seawolves junior Jose Sura one-timed a pass from Palacio into the back of the net to make it a 1-1 contest.

Red Foxes' senior goalkeeper Mike Valenti recorded one save in all 90 minutes of regulation, while his counterpart blocked five shots in his debut as a Seawolf.

Detejl increased his point total to three, becoming the team leader in points this season.

The Red Foxes will take the

field Sept. 15, when they oppose the Rams of Fordham University in the Bronx. Game time is at 7 p.m. at Edward's Parade, the home of Fordham soccer.

### Men's Soccer Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept. 15 -  
against Fordham in the  
Bronx at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19 - against  
Albany at home at 4 p.m.

## Men's cross country team off to solid beginning

By ALEX PANGIATOPOLOUS  
Staff Writer

The Marist cross country team is on the run again.

The Foxes began their season solidly with a third-place finish at the Stony Brook Invitational last weekend, behind Stony Brook and Quinnipiac.

Individually, seniors Steve

Hicks and Geoff Decker came in 9th and 10th, with times of 16:29 and 16:36, respectively. Justin Harris and Mark Fernandez followed in 13th and 14th places, finishing a second apart at 16:49 and 16:50. Frosh Brandon Cartica was the last Red Fox to score in the match with a time of 17:04, good for 17th place.

Coach Pete Colaizzo said his

team performed well in the scrimmage meet.

"We did fine," Colaizzo said. "The course was a little sandy and it ran a little slow, but they all ran pretty well."

The team's top five finishers either improved their times from last year's Stony Brook Invitational, or as in Cartica's case, performed admirably in their first cross country meet ever, said Colaizzo.

**'We're very competitive in cross country. It's a deep team.'**

— Pete Colaizzo  
Coach

"Geoff and Steve improved their times from last year," Colaizzo said. "Justin Harris and Mark Fernandez also improved their times."

Cartica walked onto the team; he played soccer in high school.

As for the rest of the season, Colaizzo said he is confident about his squad's chances.


"We're very competitive in

cross country. It's a deep team."

The men's cross country team will compete again on Sept. 18 at the Rider University Invitational.

Colaizzo said the team will be venturing into uncharted waters.


"We've never been there before," he said.



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# New year, similar result for Foxes' football team

## Defeated by Lafayette in season opener for second straight year

By PAUL SEACH  
Sports Editor

Last year, in their season opener against Lafayette, the Red Foxes had about the same number of total offensive yards (91) as the Leopards' kicker made on his two punts of the entire game (87).

The end result was a 49-0 victory that put a damper on the start of the 2003 season.

For Marist, the introduction to the 2004 season became a night-

marish replay of the opener from the year prior as the Red Foxes fell to the Leopards 48-7 in Easton, Pa.

Facing the possibility of being held scoreless for eight consecutive quarters in two meetings against Lafayette, the Red Foxes ended their scoring drought in the fourth quarter when Marist scored a touchdown through the air.

With time winding down in the fourth quarter, erasing any hopes for a comeback, senior quarter-

back James Luft kept the team moving for the endzone. Luft marched the Red Foxes downfield for an 11 play, 69-yard drive, capped off by a seven-yard pass to junior tight end Mike Marshall. The reception in the end zone was the first of Marshall's career.

The seven yard pass was part of 47-total yards in the air, while picking up 90-yards on the ground.

Lafayette's ground game proved to be too strong for the

Foxes to handle, nearly doubling Marist's offensive output on the ground. The Leopards ran for 289-yards on the day, led by Joe McCourt who rushed for 86-yards, including an 18-yard run that started the scoring for Lafayette with 8:29 left in the first quarter.

With slightly over five minutes left in the half, McCourt rushed



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Mike Marshall caught his first career touchdown against Lafayette.

through the Red Foxes' defense for a six-yard run, which was his second rushing touchdown on the day. The touchdown was part of a 17-point second quarter, ultimately putting the game out of reach and denying the Red Foxes a chance to even last year's defeat.

There were, however, a few bright spots

for Marist.

In the second quarter, Marist denied the Leopards in the red zone, causing Lafayette to settle for a field goal to go up 17-0.

Obozua Ehikioya averaged five-yards per carry good for a team high 40-yards rushing.

Luft finished 5-12, throwing for 43-yards with two interceptions.

Marist plays its first home game Saturday against Wagner at 1 p.m. at Leonidoff Field.

# Women's soccer drops heartbreaker to UMBC 3-2 in overtime

By MARK PERUGINI  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Marist women's soccer team lost a heartbreaker to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Retrievers, 3-2 in overtime on Sept. 4 at Md.

Less than one minute into the overtime period, the Retrievers bolted past the Red Foxes' defenders, allowing Elizabeth Day to boot the game-winning goal past goalkeeper Danielle Cibelli.

Although the result of the game was upsetting for the Red Foxes, they still displayed a hungry demeanor and an energetic pres-

ence on the field.

During the first period, the Foxes broke the scoreless game, as sophomore Jenna McCrory belted the ball past the Retrievers' sprawling goalkeeper Robin Babaris, giving the Red Foxes a 1-0 lead. Junior midfielder Liz Egan assisted McCrory on the play, attaining her first assist of the season.

However, the Retrievers bounced back when Mary Hearin guided a pass to Jessica Young, who quickly changed the score to 1-1. Unfortunately for the Red Foxes, Young was not done.

With 2:19 left to play in the

first half, Young led the Retrievers on a breakaway, scoring the go-ahead goal and giving her team a 2-1 lead. The score remained 2-1 as the first half elapsed.

As the second half began, the Retrievers hoped to maintain the lead and gain their first victory of the season. Nevertheless, a scoreless second half was not in the Retrievers' future.

With just over one minute left to play, Red Foxes' senior Courtney Moore directed a pass to forward Ashley Johnson, who delivered the game-tying goal and sent the game into overtime.

In the middle of overtime, Day

became the hero for the Retrievers as she scored from 20-yards out, putting the score at 3-2 and sending Marist home with their third straight loss of the season.

McCrory and Johnson had two shots-on-goal each and McCrory became the women Red Foxes' season leader in points, with one goal and one assist in their first three games.

Cibelli had seven saves in the game, while the Retrievers' Babaris had five. The Retrievers outshot the Red Foxes 15-10, and this was the first overtime game the women have played since Oct. 12, 2003, when they

were against Canisius.

The team's next game is Sept. 10 at St. Bonaventure at 5 p.m.

### Women's Soccer Upcoming Schedule

Friday, Sept. 10 - Bucknell  
at St. Bonaventure at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12 - at St.  
Bonaventure at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 - at  
Vermont at 3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 19 - against  
Maine at 1 p.m.



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With time winding down in regulation, Ashley Johnson's goal sent the game into overtime. Marist eventually lost 3-2.

# Red Foxes volleyball nets three wins, drops one game at LaSalle Invitational Tournament

By ANDY ALONGI  
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team had much to celebrate at the LaSalle Invitational.

The team went 3-1 during their visit to LaSalle University last weekend.

The women played teams like Lafayette, LaSalle, Coppin State, and Hartford. Their only loss

came Friday night at the hands of the host team, LaSalle. The Foxes defeated Lafayette in five games, Coppin State in three games, and Hartford in four games.

After dropping the first game to Lafayette, the Foxes rallied, taking three of the next four games.

Middle blocker Sally Hanson led the Foxes in most offensive categories, with 22 kills and five

service aces.

Defensively, junior Katie Lux led with 23 digs.

The team totaled 61 kills and 51 assists with 40 from junior setter Meghan Cochrane. The team had 12 service aces along with 87 digs and six blocks defensively.

Against LaSalle Friday night, Marist dropped the match 9-15. Sophomores Jamie Kenworthy

and Hanson and senior Amy Gillespie had 16, 15 and 10 kills, respectively, totaling 41 of the team's 52 kills. Cochrane carried the team with 42 of the team's 45 assists. Defensively, Gillespie had a game-high 24 digs followed by junior Katie Lux and sophomore Dominique O'Sullivan with 20 each. LaSalle's Abby Means had 18 kills to lead the Explorers.

On Saturday, the Red Foxes faced Coppin State and Hartford, winning both relatively easily, 3-0 and 3-1, respectively.

Against Coppin State, Christy Lukes, nine kills, Hanson, eight kills, Christine Angus and Dominique O'Sullivan, four kills each guided Marist to a win in just 68 minutes. Cochrane led all players with 32 assists.

Playing Hartford, Hanson

totalled 15 kills and four aces, and Stephanie Miksch added 10 kills and seven digs. Lux had a game-high 21 digs for Marist. Cochrane had 47 of Marist's 52 assists, totaling 161 assists in the tournament.

This weekend, the Foxes will be playing the Lehigh Classic in Bethlehem, Pa. and will face North Carolina State, Lehigh and Columbia.

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# Hutchinson delivers mix of humor and song to fullfilled concert goers

catchy and clearly pop-influenced. He relied on his comedy to make his act something that would be noteworthy, but sometimes took the joking too far and ended up only putting himself and his music down. Hutchinson's tendency to tack a disclaimer onto almost every song was a distraction, making it seem like he lacked enough con-

fidence in his songs to let them stand on their own musical merit.

The people who came to see Hutchinson brought only hopes for a fun night, and Hutchinson quenched these desires. His self-deprecating humor caused the audience to burst out in laughter, and his sarcasm was biting and hilarious. Even if his music was not overtly outstanding, the stu-

dents who attended had a good time, and no one seemed to mind that they were not witnessing musical genius. In the end, Hutchinson did what he came to do: leave with the students of Marist College talking about what a good time they had on Thursday night.

# Further Seems Forever finds new sound after changing lead singer for second time

drumming complements the guitars.

Dynamic changes in volume frequent the tracks, making for an unpredictable, though not always coherent listen. The constant shifting of the music gives it a unique feel allowing the group to somewhat transcend the dreaded "emo" label, sounding unlike other bands in their genre.

The band's strange rhythms and abrupt changes in volume throw the listener off, which is why "Like Someone You Know" is the strongest, most straightforward track on the entire album. On this track, the band's expanding sound is the loudest and most forceful it has ever been, complete with a catchy chorus. The drums pound, the guitars wail, and Bunch's voice is loud and clear over everything, resulting in an extremely powerful song.

Unlike the high energy level displayed in the album's fourth song, "Like Someone You Know," the next tracks, "Make it a Part" and "All Rise" eventually fade in terms of dynamics as a result of the band's inherent awkwardness. "Bleed" is a weaker attempt at a pure rock song, overusing the same over-distorted guitar sounds and riffs that have not changed since the album's opener.

"Hide Nothing" ends with its best and most interesting track, "For All We Know," which features Bunch's falsetto vocals layered over piano and acoustic guitar. Characterized by a constantly building, orchestral-influenced sound, "For All We Know" is the perfect song to bring the album to a beautiful close.

In terms of their music, Colbert

and Cordoba's guitars complement each other well, but at the same time Bunch's clichéd lyrics leave something to be desired. But producer James Paul Wisner brings complicated music together to form enjoyable, radio-worthy tracks.

Further Seems Forever continues to search for an identity and this album's inconsistency is proof of that quest. Some songs sound left over from the "How to Start a Fire" recording sessions, and others are contrived or overdone. Then again, going through three lead singers in three years will complicate matters for any band. If Jonathan Bunch stays with the band, maybe we will someday hear the definitive Further Seems Forever album that they are well on their way to producing.

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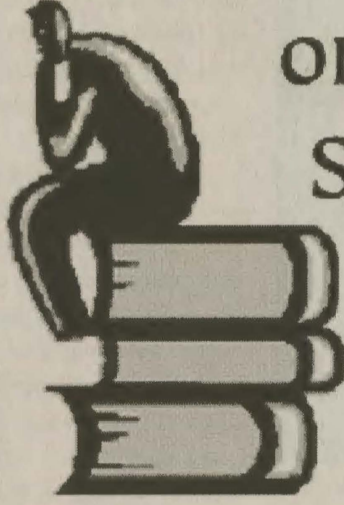
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# Three times, and always a charm

By SARAH GUNNER  
Staff Writer

Eric Hutchinson returned to Marist College for his third appearance at the SPC coffeehouse last Thursday night. Welcomed by freshmen and upperclassmen alike, he immediately opened his set with "Please." Once the song ended, he joked with the crowd. "Ready to judge me?" he said, beginning his characteristic joking in between songs that filled out his entire act.

Hutchinson related extremely well to the students, mentioning changes in the Cabaret as well as asking members of the audience questions. He encouraged the audience to sing and clap along, often noting that he felt the crowd was not nearly as enthusiastic as they could be.

Hutchinson's second song, "Breakdown More," was an average-sounding, pop-influenced acoustic guitar melody with mediocre lyrics. This was the norm for Hutchinson, who seemed to rely on his comedic adroitness, not his musical, to entertain the crowd. His ability to make the students laugh supplemented a performance that was neither particularly innovative nor extraordinary.

Hutchinson began his third song by joking that it had received some airplay on the radio. He then launched into a cover of the popular Prince song, "When Doves Cry." The crowd seemed to enjoy the upbeat guitar, and many sang along with

Hutchinson during the chorus.

"This next song is called 'Too Bad,' because Michael Jackson already used the regular 'Bad,'" said Hutchinson about his fourth song. He then commented, "I'm not going pop-y enough for you guys," and began his fifth song, which was new. In the middle of the new song he broke out into Ashlee Simpson's pop single, "Pieces of Me." When he concluded the song he stated, "I was working on that song and I realized why it wasn't that bad — I ripped it off Ashlee Simpson."

Hutchinson's sixth song, "Nadine," was also new. Basically, this was just a slower rendition of the predictable guitar work and unspectacular lyrics that comprise his entire repertoire. His seventh song, "Western Charms," languished in the same vein. However, with his eighth song "Subtitles" he broke his trend of musical tepidness, displaying a jazzier melody and more elegant lyrics. This was the longest he played without throwing in a cover.

Hutchinson ended that streak, covering "The Way You Make Me Feel" as his next song. He roused the audience, encouraging everyone to sing and clap along while channeling Michael Jackson shrieks and hit the high notes. He ad-libbed a few lines about a girl in the front of the audience, of whom he had asked a few questions before he began to sing. This audience interaction made Hutchinson fun to watch and engaged the rest of the crowd, who seemed to connect

with him throughout the show.

His tenth song, "All Used Up," was another original. A slower, more reflective song, Hutchinson said that he dedicated it "to anybody who came here with a date hoping to break up with them. I've done it a few times. Just point up to the stage and say 'He's got it — maybe we can leave separately.'" Although joking, Hutchinson seemed to depreciate his own song.

The unspectacular eleventh song of the evening segued into his most popular song of the night, "Rock and Roll." Members of the audience had been calling for it since the show's beginning, and once it began, the audience became more animated than it had been the rest of the evening. Clapping, singing along, and swaying to the music, the audience thoroughly enjoyed the catchy melody and clever lyrics.

Hutchinson then performed a medley of clips from his CD, "That Could Have Gone Better," to give the crowd a sampling of his album. His 14 and last song was yet another cover, beginning with Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River" and flowing into Beyonce's "Crazy." He concluded his show on a cheerful note, leaving the audience laughing and satisfied.

Overall, Hutchinson's performance was one that was enjoyable and engaged the crowd. Although his set was nothing particularly special, his voice is solid and his songs are

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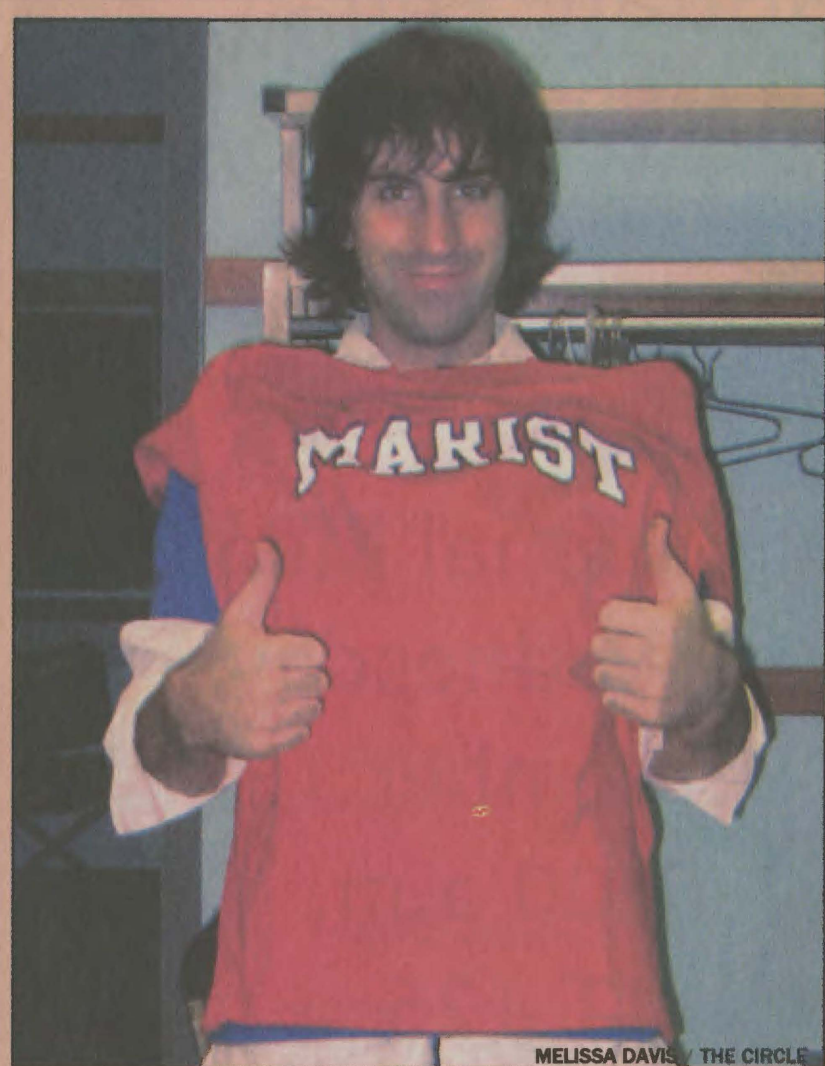
"I was working on that song and I realized why it wasn't that bad — I ripped it off Ashlee Simpson."

— Eric Hutchinson  
Singer/songwriter



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Eric Hutchinson strums enthusiastically for a welcoming audience at the SPC coffeehouse held in the PAR on Thursday, Sept. 2. Hutchinson played several original songs, as well as performing a selection of covers, such as Prince's "When Doves Cry" and Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River."



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Josh Kelley shows his support for Marist before going on stage in the Nelly Goletti Theater. He performed hits from his debut CD "For The Ride Home," in front of a packed crowd.

## Josh Kelley gives glimpse of his "Amazing" self during performance

By MELISSA DAVIS  
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Who is Josh Kelley? This question dominates the conversation of the packed Nelly Goletti Theatre on the night of Saturday, Sept. 4. According to sophomore Corey Allen, students "kind of know" who this singer is, and they have heard "that one song he did," but such assertions are quickly followed by "How does it go again?" and a shaky rendition of his debut single "Amazing," from the album "For The Ride Home" ensues.

As the lights dimmed, the audience's anticipation rose. Kelley came on stage, played a few chords, introduced himself and proceeded to put on an excellent show, during which he played not only his own songs but covers of the Steve Miller Band and Radiohead. Kelley also introduced the audience to an untitled song that he wrote "like four days," before the concert, about the excitement of a college freshman making midnight visits someone he is attracted

to.

Kelley's musical performance endured two broken guitar strings, a great deal of improvisation, and a mix of the lapsteel, played expertly by his companion Ben Peeler and acoustic guitar. There was even a jam session with Peeler playing what Kelley called "a little dirty Mississippi."

As the show progressed, Kelley's intrigue grew as he jumped from playing a song about hooking up to "Everybody Wants You," which he explains to be a personal note to himself to stay grounded. Kelley explained, "It's kind of like it would be my mom saying this to me."

Josh Kelley is not one to shy away from gratuitous self-promotion, as he used Napster as a vessel in which to propel his career.

"I started recording in my dorm room, uploaded my music to Napster and started SPAM mailing all the Napster users saying, 'Hey check me out,'" he said.

Kelley does not mind being compared to other artists.

"I don't really mind being compared to [Mayer]. When he came out, everyone said he was the next Dave Matthews. It is kind of necessary and it doesn't matter really. People need comparisons to figure out what the music is and make sense of it. But all that doesn't matter, when my next album comes out, there will be no more comparisons. I'm coming out with guns blazing."

Kelley has been keeping himself busy, writing material for his second album, tentatively due out next summer, and collaborating with artists such as Better Than Ezra, Desmond Childs, and Jump Little Children. He has also been on tour with Dave Matthews Band.

Who is Josh Kelley? He's a southern boy who believes in hard work, perseverance, and the ever-popular music piracy for promotional purposes. If you are like freshman Sean Dillon, you would know that Kelley is "something to look forward to."

## Seemingly taking forever, band finally starts to develop signature sound

By ROB CELLETTI  
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To say that Further Seems Forever has undergone an identity crisis over the past three years is quite the understatement.

In 2001, Chris Carrabba, the band's original frontman, left to

begin his own project, the now ultra-popular band Dashboard Confessional. The remaining members of the band dealt with his departure by recruiting Jason Gleason, formerly of emo-rock group Affinity, to sing on their next release, "How to Start a Fire." However, just before the

tour supporting that album began last year, Gleason abruptly left the group, which found itself again without an identity — or a lead singer.

Rather than give up altogether, Further Seems Forever found Jonathan Bunch, the former lead singer of influential 90s alt-rock

group Sense Field. He sings on the band's latest release, "Hide Nothing."

Bunch's presence creates noticeable differences in the band's overall sound. Bunch wrote the lyrics for the album, and his vocal range and harmonies are more versatile than

both Carrabba's girlish shouts and Gleason's stronger, more aggressive style. Moreover, the songs themselves are driving and to the point, most lasting under three minutes.

"Hide Nothing" finds the bands original members, guitarists Joshua Colbert and Derick

Cordoba, bassist Chad Neptune and drummer Steve Kleisath up to many of their familiar songwriting habits. Changes in time and tempo characterize almost all of the songs, especially on "Hide Nothing" and "Call on the Life," in which Kleisath's adept

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