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Scott Perrell, sophomore, is preparing for a series of debates sponsored by the Marist College Debate Team. pg. 8

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## Fatal accident claims life of student



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**A life taken too soon: Nicole Avery will be remembered by friends and family for her warm personality.**

by JENNIFER C. HAGGERTY  
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&  
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A heavy silence embodied Marist's campus after a tragic accident took the life of one student. Nicole Avery, 19, of Huntington Station, Suffolk County, died in a one-car accident early Sunday morning, according to the Poughkeepsie Journal.

At about 4:25 a.m., Avery was a passenger in a car driven by Vincent Piccirillo, 20, of Naugatuck, Conn., when the car collided with a telephone pole on Noxon Road in the town of LaGrange.

She was pronounced dead about 7:30 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital in the town of Poughkeepsie.

Piccirillo has been charged with

driving while intoxicated and criminally negligent homicide. He was released on bail and was scheduled to appear in LaGrange town court on Tuesday the same day that Avery's wake was held in Huntington Station.

The college campus became aware of Avery's death late Sunday morning, and a special prayer service was held in the school's chapel later that day.

Kathryn Muller, a sophomore, attended the mass. "I didn't know her, but it was so sad to see everyone crying and going through all that pain."

Students who reside in Marian Hall where Avery lived remain shocked.

"I couldn't believe it. It's one of those things you hear about but never really think about it happening so close," said Brendan

Grimaldi, a Marian RA.

Students that knew Avery remember her with nothing less than admiration. Shannon Mchale and Jaime Kruger, two friends that lived with her in Marion, said, "She had such a great personality. You could always count on her for a good laugh. Losing her made us all realize how quickly life can change."

Co-worker, close friend and neighbor, Sophia Konstantinea shared the same sentiment.

"Nicole wasn't only a beautiful girl, she was a beautiful person. She will forever be in our hearts. There's nothing to say except that we love her, and that will never change."

Both Kruger and Konstantinea worked at an off-campus restaurant with Avery.

Even those who were not close with Avery felt the loss. Sopho-

more Alexis Falzone said, "She was just incredible; insanely friendly, beautiful, sweet, and so much fun to be around. I might not have been really good friends with her, but she will definitely be in my heart for a long, long time."

Investigators said they were looking into where Piccirillo and Avery were Saturday night and where Piccirillo may have obtained alcohol. Millbrook state police said they were awaiting the results of alcohol-blood test performed on Piccirillo.

The funeral mass for Avery will be held today at St. Elizabeth's Church in South Huntington.

Roommate and close friend Bridget Tracy said, "We're going to miss her terribly."

## Marist money may move across Route 9

by JENNIFER C. HAGGERTY  
Assistant News Editor

Marist money may no longer be limited to the Marist college campus.

Beginning next Sept., Marist money may be available at various stores along Route 9, according to Anthony Campilii, CFO and Vice President of Business & Financial Affairs.

"We're looking into providing more variety and opportunities to students," he said.

Gone would be the days of having to carry cash. Marist money would have the ability to be used for other items outside the student store, the cabaret, or the laundry rooms.

The reason for the current delay of implementing the debit-card-like service off campus is due to Marist's current technology. The software used for Marist money is

not reliable for high traffic.

"We are not convinced of the accuracy of the software," said Campilii.

September 2002 is the estimated target date for this service to be made available off campus.

There have already been requests made by both McDonald's and K & D Deli to provide the service to Marist students. Citgo is another store that would be included if interested.

"The chances are we will hit all vendors to ask if they want to participate or not," said Campilii.

Keith Hoffnagle, head of K & D Deli, is interested in expanding their business to include this service. "[We have] more of a variety of items to sell to students, and the quality of the food is better."

However, would prices be driven up for prospective Marist Money customers?

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## Library welcomes night owls

by JACLYN JACOBSEN  
Editor-in-Chief

The Cannovino Library has announced new hours of operation for all students on campus. The library will now be open from 8 am to 1 am on Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 6 pm on Friday, and 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday. Sunday hours will be from 12 noon to 1 am.

The Student Government Association and the Cannovino Library

staff, both of whom wished to make the library more available to students, brought about this new arrangement of open library hours.

"I think it's a great idea," said Dennis Benamati, Library Director. "It gives students more time to study in a quiet area on campus."

"The Student Government is very happy that the library now has extended hours. This means more

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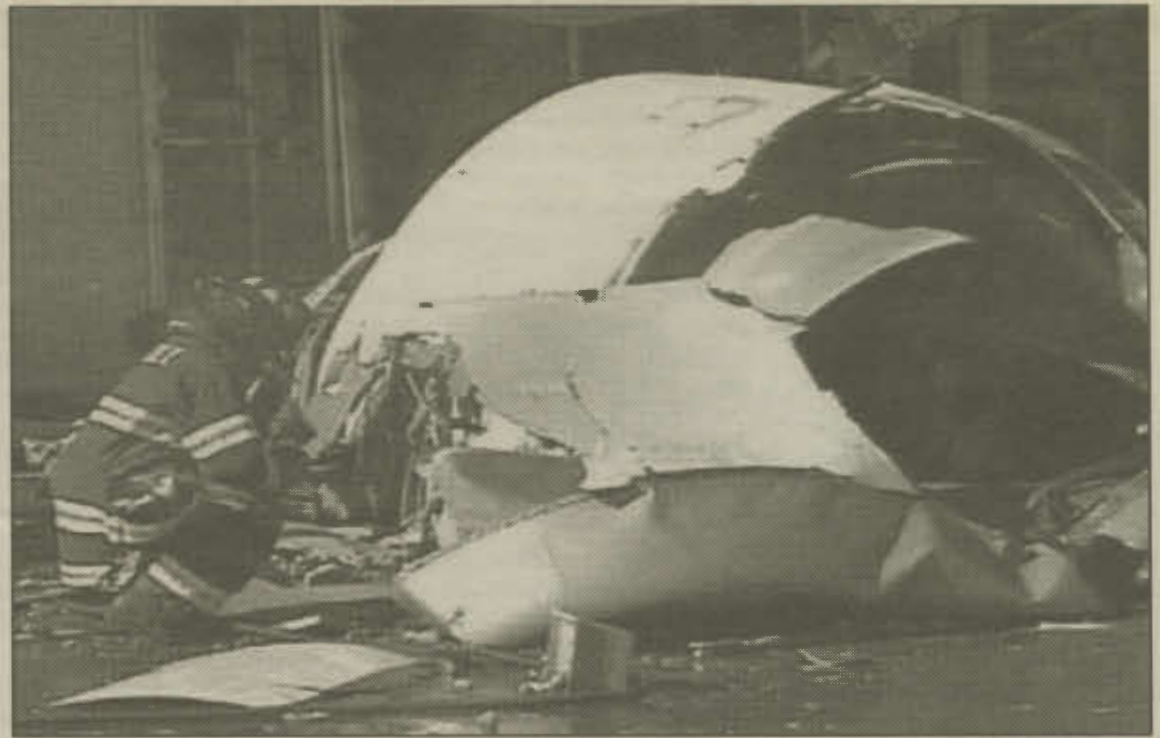


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The body of a crumpled A300 airbus lies strewn about the Rockaways region in Queens.

## Terror strikes residential area

by JACLYN JACOBSEN  
Editor-in-Chief

New York was hit with tragedy once again, as an A 300 airbus heading for the Dominican Republic crashed into the Rockaways in Queens on Monday morning.

The flight, carrying 260 people, had just taken off from nearby John F. Kennedy Airport, when it took a nose-dive in the Queens residential area. Five houses were burnt to the ground, and five people are now reported missing from the ground, according to New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Witnesses reported seeing the plane fall apart in pieces, noting

that both engines and possibly a wing were seen plummeting to the ground. Such testimony, as well as further investigation, has led the National Transit Safety Board to conclude the crash was the result of mechanical failure, not terrorism or sabotage.

The community of Belle Harbor was especially hard-hit by the September 11 attacks, as the area is a blue-collar region, having lost 70 firefighters and police officers in total.

Bridges, tunnels, and subways were shut down all of Monday, as investigators and reporters struggled to understand how Flight 587 met its fiery demise. Cir-

cuit lines were busy throughout New York City, eerily mirroring a Tuesday morning just two months before.

Local airports were shut down throughout the morning, but resumed operations on Tuesday. Bridges, tunnels, and subways have since resumed services.

"I think that it is a horrible accident with incredibly ill timing," said junior Don Sommer. Senior Nick Corbo echoed these sentiments. "Before I even pondered if it was a terrorist attack, I remembered that some of my friends' families live in that area. I immediately called them to which, thankfully, they assured me their parents were ok."

### Question of the Week

What do you like most about Thanksgiving?



"Spending time with family and watching football."

**Eric Rozea**  
Freshman



"Sitting down on the couch after dinner and watching football."

**Eric Erler**  
Junior



"Having a lot of food and seeing family."

**Taylor Conger**  
Sophomore

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### Security Briefs



compiled by **ED WILLIAMS III**  
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#### 11/3 Sunday

While Major League Baseball is thinking of getting rid of two of their teams, some Marist students may be looking to start their own ball club. On Nov. 3 it was reported to Security that there was a major theft at the first base dugout on the baseball field. A total of about \$975 worth of equipment was stolen from the equipment shack. According to security reports, the padlock was cut giving easy entry into the storage area. The stolen equipment included 2 full sets of catcher's gear, 5 batting helmets, 5 fungo bats, 5 batting helmets bearing the Marist logo and 5 dozen game balls.

#### 11/7 Wednesday

The same dugout was broken into again, and another report was filed on Nov. 7 at about 7:45 a.m. The shack was broken into the same way as on Nov. 3, but this time about \$1300 worth of equipment was stolen. The equipment included 6 baseball bats, 8 dozen practice balls, 3 wooden fungo bats, 4 dozen dimpled yellow balls, 4 batting helmets and a set of bases. A couple of kids were spotted hanging around the field at night, but no information was found to connect them to the thefts. The town of Poughkeepsie police are also investigating the situation. There is no word yet on when the thieves will be holding tryouts for

their new team either.

#### 11/7 Wednesday

A Gartland E-block resident called Security on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at about 1:10 a.m. with reporting a larceny. \$300 was allegedly stolen from the student's desk drawer that evening. There were several students entering and exiting the apartment that night so the student was unable to determine who the thief is. Police were also called, but no further information has been found. For the time being, the student may want to switch over to a conventional wallet to store his money.

#### 11/7 Wednesday

At about 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 7 there was a request for an ambulance to respond to a student in Midrise. The male student was suffering a respiratory attack and was transferred to St. Francis Hospital for treatment by means of Fairview Ambulance.

#### 11/9 Friday

The Champagnat laundry room suffered some damage yet again on Nov. 9. Much like in late October, a student apparently forced entry into the room through a window, and on his/her way in, swung into the fluorescent lights causing them to crash to the ground and shatter. It is not known who the culprit is.

#### 11/9 Friday

A young woman was complaining of feeling faint and light-headed before collapsing in the Dyson Center on

Nov. 9 at 1:00 p.m. Fairview Ambulance was called and transported the young woman to St. Francis Hospital where she was treated.

#### 11/9 Friday

At about 2:30 p.m. on Friday, two males were observed walking out of the library with a metal chair from the library café. Security was called to act on the situation.

The chair thieves were spotted by security in the Lowell Thomas parking lot with the stolen sitting apparatus in hand. Upon questioning, the two males claimed that they had permission from a lady in the café. They later changed their story and said they had permission from a man in a suit who was later identified as President Murray. The males then said that they had taken the chair because they wanted to photograph it. Security investigated the car, but no camera was found.

Police were called on to the scene as well, but they did not want to arrest the two males. Security felt differently so larceny charges have been filed. According to Director of Safety and Security Joe Leary, all of the necessary paper work has been filed, and they are pursuing the charges. According to security reports, the two males were visiting a Marist student and attend Bennington College in Bennington, VT.



### Campus Corner



Check out the original Open Mic Night on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Cabaret. The event kicks off at 9:30 p.m. and will feature performances by Steve Black from The Money, Jeff Stent and Dustin Wallace from The Project and Jeff Berner from Busticate. The event is open to all Marist students, there is no cover and there will be free food. To reserve a spot to play e-mail rockmarist@hotmail.com.

Especially in this time of national tragedy, it is important to help out however we can, and giving blood is an easy way to contribute. There will be a blood drive on campus on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the PAR. For more information call Eddie at extension 5714 or Maryanne at extension 4869. Walk-ins are also encouraged.

Curious about animal rights? Come see The Witness, a heartwarming, award-winning documentary about one man's realization of the importance of compassion. The event will feature free snacks and beverages as well as a round table discussion headed by Maxwell Schnurer of the Communication Department. The event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the PAR and is sponsored by the Marist Animal Rights Ninjas.

The SPC Comedy Club presents the humor of Brad Lowery. He has appeared on A&E's Caroline's Comedy Hour, Star Search and NBC's Showtime at the Apollo.

This funny man has also opened for famous acts like Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Tommy Davidson. He will be appearing in the Cabaret on Friday, Nov. 16 at 9:00 p.m. Admission is free with a valid Marist ID and free food and beverages will be served.

Are you interested in working on the yearbook? Join the Reynard staff! For more information you can call Liz, the Class of 2002 President for more information at extension 4338 or in the SGA office at extension 2206. You can also e-mail her at Lizhammond28@hotmail.com. Feel free to attend the general meetings on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the SGA office.

Stem Cell Research - How Much is Too Much? Is someone you know dying from an incurable disease? Recent developments in stem cell research have provided hope for those suffering from currently untreatable illnesses. Such research involves the use of human embryos as a source of stem cells. Should researchers go so far as to intentionally create life with the intent of destroying it? These issues will be addressed by The School of Science Capping Class on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Donnelly Room 225. All are welcome to attend.

The annual Thanksgiving food drive will be running through Friday, Nov. 16. The food drop off location is the office of college activities.

There will not be an issue of *The Circle* for the next two weeks, but check out our next issue on Dec. 6



The Circle staff will be unable to put out issues in the next couple of weeks due to the holidays, but we will be back and better than ever in Dec. Anyone interested in helping out with *The Circle* in any capacity can e-mail circleletters@hotmail.com or come to LT Room 211 on Monday and Tuesday nights starting on Dec. 3.

## Islamic forum identifies cultural concerns

by STACEY CASWELL  
Editorial Assistant

Cultural perspectives mingled together in an attempt to understand the September 11<sup>th</sup> atrocities at a forum based on understanding on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. "Islam, The Region, and the Judeo-Christian Perspective" opened many eyes in the Nelly Goletti Theater.

Ten speakers, eight of which were of Middleastern descent, offered their views about Islam and the Afghani culture, foreign policy issues with the United States, and how they felt about how their lives had been affected by the acts of terrorism that occurred in the United States.

"The aim of the program was for people to come together, just like the nation came together, and talk about the different viewpoints and perspectives, and also to discuss what the root of the problem is," said Khamran Khan, CIO and Vice President for Information Technology. Khan was responsible for putting together the program and designating speakers to sit on the panel.

"We were looking at the scope of the actual presentation and so what we wanted was to have diversity. Because it was 'Islam, the region and the Judao-Christian Perspective,' I felt that first of all, we wanted to do this within our community," said Khan.

Among the Marist faculty that spoke at the event were Artin Arslanian, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Shala Kia, Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Naseer Alomari, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and Reverend Richard LaMorte, a campus minister.

They were joined by Gloria Ghedini, a Spanish instructor at Dutchess Community College, Imam Slahuddin Muhammad of the Islamic Learning Center of Orange County and Rabbi Jonathan Case, of the Temple Beth-El in Poughkeepsie. Each person offered a different view of the religion of Islam, ranging from the view of life under the Taliban in Afghanistan to the customs that the religion supports.

During his speech, Rabbi Jonathan Kayes said, "It begins here... the wellspring of the heart

is that which connects all of us." He encouraged others not to fill themselves with rage, but to allow peace to enter their being.

These views were complemented by the views of three students. Rita Saleh, a student at Dutchess Community College came to the event to voice her opinions and frustration over the treatment of Muslims by Americans, and what could be done to improve the situation.

"The American media haven't been our allies," Saleh said. Since her mother wears the hijab, or the ritual Islamic head covering, Rita says that often she fears for the safety of her mother and for herself.

Two other students that were active voices in the forum were Chris Knudtsen and Raji Mosa, both students of Marist College. They were asked by their professors to speak based upon their knowledge of current affairs and their reactions to the atrocities of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Knudtsen spoke about taking responsibility for our own actions, while Mosa joined the panel to speak about the "misconceptions of Arabs," and his



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Imam Slahuddin Muhammad, Rabbi Jonathan Case, Chris Knudtsen, and Rita Saleh share opinions in this time of crisis.

view of the foreign policy that the United States uses.

"If the United States is going to follow a Foreign Policy, it should be completely democratic, it should not just be used to follow their own interests," Mosa said.

Overall, the panel speakers, as well as organizer Khamran Khan, felt satisfied with the program. This same attitude was reflected in the

students who attended. William Mosa said of the event, "It was very instrumental in explaining what Islam was."

In the future Khan would like to see more events such as this one. "I would like to see forums on all religions so that people can gain knowledge on any religion or faith," said Khan.

The next issue of *The Circle* will not be released until December 6, 2001.

### Later hours extend library study ...From 1

time to study and work on group projects. We look forward to working with more student concerns and making more improvements in every aspect of Marist to better suit the student's needs during the course of the year. Please do not hesitate to address your needs to any member of SGA and we will do our best to make improvements where it counts," said Michelle Slesinski, Director of Public Relations.

Most students are pleased that the library is now staying open longer on weeknights. Few students have made full use of the library until closing time, but

Benamati hopes that more students will come when they are informed of the extended hours.

Some students, however, are concerned about the cutback of weekend hours. "That's not good for students who study instead of drinking on the weekends," said Kris Myers, a junior. "Why can't they be open every night until 1 am?"

Weekend hours were cut back to allow the library to stay open later during the week, according to Benamati. There are not enough resources to keep the library open for very long hours every day.

### Marist Money seeks new home ...From 1

Campilii said it would not; both the businesses and Marist would invest a portion of the money to install the technology needed. It should also not affect the prices of goods to allow for a kickback to Marist.

For example, a cheeseburger at McDonald's should not rise in price to account for Marist's transaction fee.

A portion of what students pay would go directly to Marist. A \$2 purchase would let Marist acquire anywhere from a two to twenty cents profit.

Interestingly enough, the goods purchased would not be itemized for Marist. The only information provided would be the total amount

of money spent in the store.

David Brangaitis, a sophomore at Marist, is impressed with the idea. "It'd be great for the local businesses, but it would also make things more 'Marist-centric.'"

However, while the idea may seem popular, others are not particularly moved by it. "I don't see myself using it that much, but I think it's a good idea because it's easier than cash," said Vanessa Tregenza, sophomore.

According to Campilii, this service would provide more convenience to students and more business across the street.

"We are working on it right now and exploring who is interested," said Campilii.

## Pets Alive project aided by local groups

by JARED AVIGLIANO  
Staff Writer

Students from the Mid-Hudson Animal Rights Coalition (M.H.A.R.C.) traveled to Middletown, NY to volunteer at Pets Alive this past weekend.

Marist's newly formed activist group, the Marist Animal Rights Ninjas (M.A.R.N.) also attended. Pets Alive is a no-kill animal shelter according to Sara Whalen, the director of Pets Alive.

"Our mission is to give a safe haven to abused and neglected non-human animals... and to improve their lives," she said.

The shelter has four full time workers and many volunteers. There is also a three-month position that allows an education, and the opportunity to work with a full range of animals.

Whalen is working to raise money for a heating system. The band Matchbox 20 recently donated their first tour van to Pets Alive. Whalen plans to sell the van on eBay as a fundraiser where the revenue will be used to pay for the new heating system.

Eric Ayotte from M.H.A.R.C. organized the weekend's events. Ayotte is also a member of the Student Coalition for Animal Rights (S.C.A.R.) based in SUNY New Paltz. Ayotte organized a group of sixteen individuals to volunteer at the shelter over the weekend.

"We laid the ground work for a pen that will soon hold piglets," he said.

The piglets mother, along with four other pigs, were saved last year by S.C.A.R. The pigs were



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Jared Avigliano and Bill Dwyre discuss plans as Chris Knudsten puts the finishing touches on a wooden wall.

found in a farm in the town of Gardiner last year where they were left to fend for themselves without food for months. Other M.H.A.R.C. members worked on framing a pole barn, fed the animals, and cleaned up the property. M.H.A.R.C. is considering on volunteering at the sanctuary one weekend a month.

Several members of M.A.R.N. spent a few hours preparing for the weekend last week with club adviser Maxwell Schnurer. Schnurer and the Ninjas built several cat scratch towers for Pets Alive's newest FIV room. FIV is similar to HIV, but is found in Felines.

M.A.R.N.'s mission is to educate and inform the population of Marist College and the local community about animal rights as well

as to improve the welfare of animals, according to Schnurer. Tonight, Nov. 15, M.A.R.N. will be having their first event.

They will be showing *The Witness*, a documentary of a construction worker in New York City, mapping his transition to a compassionate form of living. The video will be shown at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Room in the student center. Free vegan baked goods and refreshments will be served.

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### Everyday remedies for the common cold

*The winter weather brings yet another flu season*

by **STACEY CASWELL**  
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Achoo! The weather has dropped you face-first into the autumn season, leaving your cheeks and your fingers numb when venturing outside your dorm and into the biting cold. Those rotten sniffles are back at it again, and have become so overpowering that they cause your nose to twitch and your head to feel as though it will implode at any given moment.

Before you take yet another "sniffling, sneezing, wheezing, so you can't rest" medicine" tablet which will probably cost you at least \$8.00 at the store, be sure and check out these cheap, homeopathic tips for avoiding and stopping the common cold.

A common cold is defined as "an illness caused by a viral infection located in the nose," but it can also involve the bronchial tubes, sinuses and ears. To understand how to treat a cold, it is important to know how it is caused.

Cold symptoms are mainly the result of the body's reaction to the infection stimuli. For example, if a cold virus infects a nasal cell, the person's body will immediately counterattack the virus by pushing the immune and nervous sys-

tems into action. The immune system uses inflammatory mediators to help protect the body by releasing mucus as well as allowing activation of sneeze and cough reflexes that stimulate pain nerve fibers. These lead to the common cold symptoms.

To better understand the scientific "mumbo jumbo" of it all, it's best to put it into perspective. In a way, your body is fighting a battle within itself. Once it realizes that an unfriendly visitor has entered its gates, it deploys its own troops to combat the enemy. Therefore, when you feel a cold coming on, it is you who must send reinforcements to assure that the opposition does not take over your body. That is where homeopathic medicine comes into play. By taking vitamins to build your immune system, you can avoid having the problem of a complete viral takeover once the virus has entered your system.

First, once you have received the cold, it is important to pump yourself chock full of vitamins. Ones such as Zinc and Echinacea are the best for immune system boosting. While Echinacea stimulates the activity of your white blood cells that are necessary for fighting illness, Zinc helps to stop the virus from attaching itself to your nasal cells. Menthol is also another



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**The average sneeze exits the body at an average of 80 miles an hour as mucus and other irritants are expelled from the nose. All the more reason to wash your hands more during cold season.**

herbal remedy that is used to aid in the common cold. Although it has not been proven that it actually helps to stop the cold, it helps to relieve the sufferer by soothing a sore throat and cough, performing a type of natural anesthesia-like action.

Second, your diet greatly affects

the ability to regain your health. Although at college it is difficult to stray from certain foods that are abundant in the cafeteria, there are a few taboo items, that while fighting a cold, you need not eat. Some of these include bread and heavy starches, any type of dairy product (that means no ice cream!),

greasy foods, and any type of sugary food, such as soda and cookies.

However, doctors do recommend (yes, you've heard it from your mother) drinking plenty of water to help flush all of the toxins out of

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PHOTO CREDIT/NICK ARONNE

**Marist resident advisors competed in the Northeastern Association of Colleges and University Resident Halls competition at Roger Williams University, in Rhode Island Sunday.**

### RAs earn title of 'Most Spirited'

by **STACEY CASWELL**  
*Editorial Assistant*

Awarded the "Most Spirited Delegation" out of 33 competing groups, ten representatives gleefully returned to Marist College on Sunday, having captured four awards at the 2001 Northeastern Association of Colleges and University Residence Halls (NEACURH), held at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

Among the winning students were juniors Susan DeCotis and Christina Hope, who placed among the top five in the region for their program on "Hugs" and senior Eric Deabill, who won an award for his "Peer Personality Profiling" program.

"I loved it," said Hope, a first time participant of the NEACURH gathering. "It was one of the best times in my entire life."

Other students that attended were Nicholas Aronne, Brendan

Grimaldi, Resident Director Mike Pink, Michelle Manzi, John Goot, Jen Russell and Jacqui Gamrit.

The NEACURH convention is held in eight regions across the United States, with Marist College falling in the Northeastern portion. It is a time in which resident assistants, students and resident directors can showcase programs that they have designed for the other students living in their dormitories. Each person, or team of RAs, has the opportunity to present a program and to be judged on it. The judges' decision is based on the creativity of the program, how it is displayed, and how it is organized.

The conference was not simply hard work, though. Themed "Come Play Down by the Bay," the convention allowed for many opportunities for the delegates to meet other students from colleges ranging from Syracuse University to Fairfield University.

Upon arrival on Friday, the team of ten presented a video presenta-

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# Keeping alumnus' dream alive

## Students urged to use creativity in play writing contest

by ALEXIS LUKES  
Staff Writer

Amidst the frightful tragedies that have fallen upon the United States in recent months, the Marist College community will celebrate the life of a shining alumnus whose young life was cut short in a tragic accident.

John P. Anderson spent his years at Marist College dreaming of becoming a writer. Throughout his college career he wrote short plays, three of which were performed in an annual festival.

One year after his graduation in 1986, he and his roommate fulfilled their dream of traveling to London. They dreamed of finding a place that would accept their plays with open arms. They wanted to see the world and experience life to its fullest. It was during this trip to London, however, that Anderson met his fate.

While walking along a London

street, he was hit by a speeding car that had careened off the road. He died shortly after, never having a chance to achieve his life-long goal of becoming a writer.

Anderson may have died that day in London, but his memory lives on at his alma mater. Dean Gerard Cox recalls the time preceding Anderson's fateful trip.

He had left his first full-length play with the dean. After his death, Cox and students at Marist paid tribute to Anderson by performing his play only once.

The tribute does not have to end there, though.

Students can help to keep the memory of Anderson alive today and into the future.

Cox has organized a playwriting contest that will do just that. The contest is open to all undergraduate students attending Marist. Money to be awarded to the winner has been raised over the years. Last year's winner received a \$500

prize.

Cox urges all students interested in writing to enter the contest.

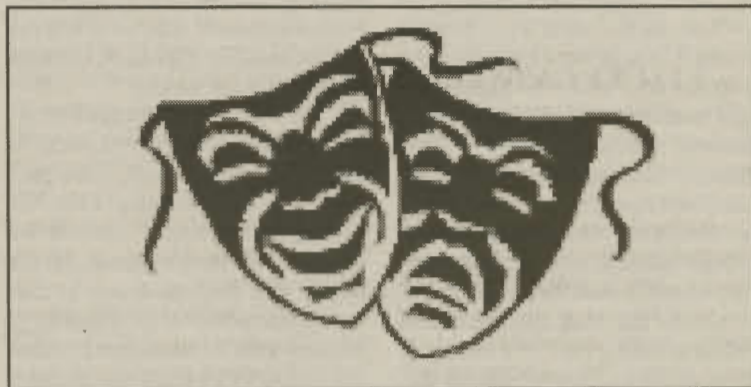
"This is a wonderful opportunity to be creative," he said. "If you don't try now, when will you ever try?"

Entries are initially judged by Cox. Those that make his cut are used in theater workshops at Marist. Some will be performed in the annual festival in April.

Faculty, staff and students then judge the quality of these performances. The overall winner is awarded the cash prize.

The amount of the prize varies from year to year, Cox said, depending on participation.

Applications for the contest were distributed before mid-semester break. However more are still available, along with all of the guidelines and rules for the contest. All those interested in entering the contest can pick up this packet in the Rotunda, room 389. Applica-



Marist students are encouraged to use their writing skills and creativity to compose a play for the 2001 playwriting contest. The contest was created in memory of John P. Anderson.

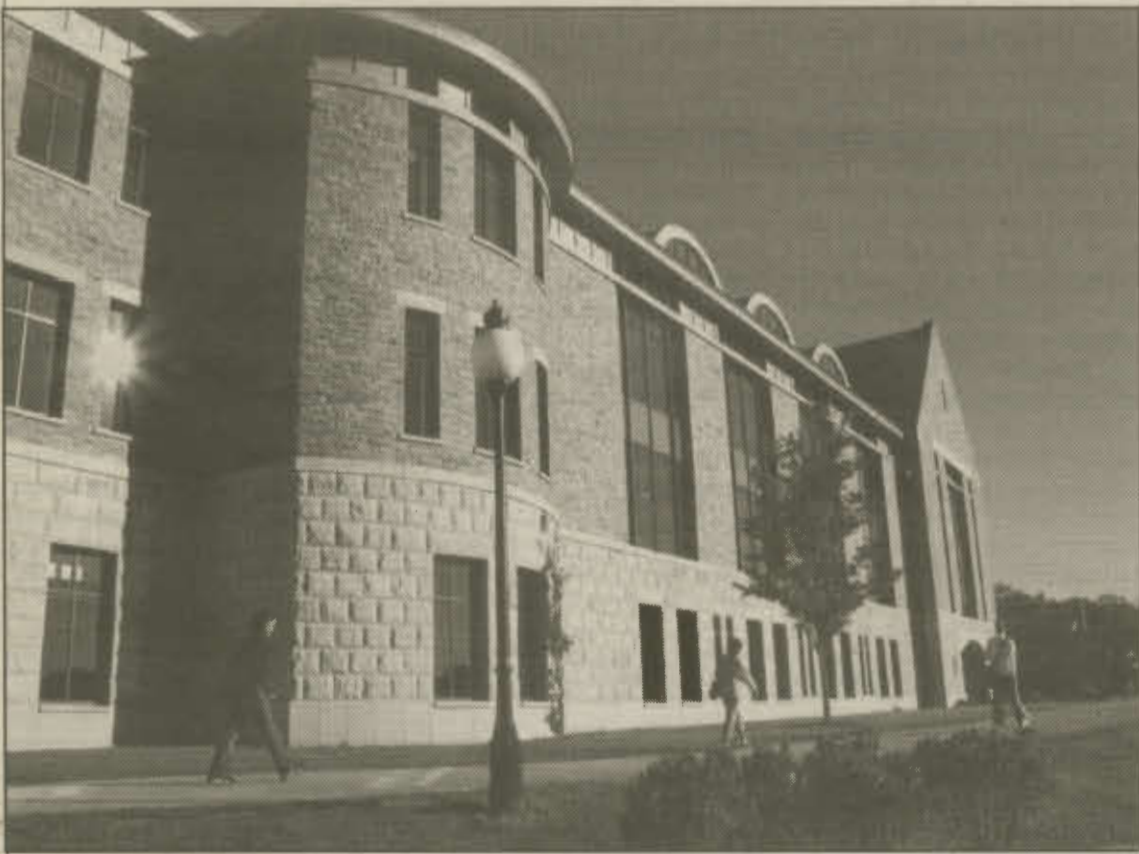
tions and completed plays must be turned in by the end of final exam week.

Cox suggested that students get the packet and read the guidelines before writing their plays.

"It gives some helpful hints as well as the rules for the contest," he said.

The contest is a great way for Marist students to prove that as a college community, they can remain strong in light of any tragedy that may come about. Honoring those who have already left the college illustrates that the ties of this community are not cut at graduation.

### AFTERNOON ON CAMPUS



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Marist students walk along the James A. Cannavino Library. The building opened to students in 2000, and acts as a state-of-the-art center for technology and information while offering ample study area.



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### Cold prevention in winter...From 4

the body, and eating any type of vitamin C products such as orange juice or oranges. Although the pulp of the orange has been rumored to cause a person more congestion, it may cause the immune system to battle the cold much faster.

Third, it is important to get a lot of rest. Although, as college students, there are always papers to be finished and all-nighters to be pulled, sleep should become a priority when fighting a cold. Stress and lack of sleep can run you down. These both help to knock out your immune system, and therefore they should be considered when you are trying to regain sparkling health.

However, perhaps the best cure is prevention. While it is a known fact that adults average two to three colds a year, there are measures that you can take to prevent catching a cold. Make sure to

wash your hands whenever you can. Germs spread easily on college campuses because everyone shares the same facilities. You can cut back on the amount of germs you spread by using anti-bacterial soap and warm water.

Also, make sure to take vitamins after every meal. If you regularly take them during the course of the year, you won't have to worry about overloading when you receive a cold. Lastly, stay away from anyone contagious. Although we all want to help others feel better, it's likely that the person will be happier to know that they won't have to worry about returning the care-taking favor, once they have passed the cold onto you.

By keeping these tips in mind, you can all have a happier, healthier lifestyle and avoid the possibility of being in the unlucky majority that will catch the common cold this flu season.

### RA's compete in NEACURH...From 4

tion named "Roll Call," in which they highlighted some unusual activities that Marist students did to keep busy on campus, such as jumping into the Hudson River. The production nabbed them a first place award for best roll call video.

Throughout the rest of the weekend, delegates were participated in many cheering related activities, as well as a banquet and dance. On Sunday, the students received their

awards.

Eric Deabill, one of the student RA's, said of the convention, "I've been to numerous conferences and I was very impressed at the caliber of our delegation's enthusiasm, openness, and dedication to student concerns."

If interested in participating in this type of program next year, contact Sarah English in the Housing Department for more information.

Congress shall pass no law...abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.

Marist as a microcosm: Christians, crucifixes and homosexuality

by BEN BRENKERT  
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When, in the course of human events, it is necessary to expose the struggles of a minority population there must be a need for awareness, identity, and sensitivity. Today, Marist prides itself on the notion that it represents the greater world on 130 acres. Once again Marist College "aims to expose students to cultures other than their own and to the values that link and transcend particular cultures." However, if Marist is dedicated to preparing students for an enlightened, sensitive and productive life in the global community of the 21st century, it must stress tolerance, openness, and decrease fear of homosexuality on campus.

True, Marist is a liberal arts school in the Catholic tradition, but that does not mean that the majority of students can hide behind that excuse in order to quell minority voices and rights. Moreover, the campus administration must do whatever is in its means to instill the ideals of love, justice, freedom and compassion as foundations for a good life and a good society. Without inter-

action between the majority and the minority, many will continue policies of indifference, apathy and bigotry. If Marist is a microcosm of the greater world, it cannot lag behind trends or watch student organizations, like BIGALA, burn out like some waxy candle.

Here are a number of ways the college community and administration can encourage change, diversity, openness, and tolerance. First, the Counseling Center should be moved from Byrne House. If, for instance, a student wants to discuss some personal problem he is dealing with, he must stand before a crucifix, which leads him to counselors, campus ministry, and even the college chaplain. Imagine the insecurity this student must have as he trots down the stairs to see a counselor under the guise of religious emblems and Christian precepts. Second, Admissions should encourage its board to admit more liberally minded students, especially those who may come from public schools and urban areas throughout North America. Third, Campus Ministry should stress the tenets of the ecumenical movement, whereas more diversity in campus liturgy is maintained. For instance, on Sunday there could

be a Unitarian, Baptist, Protestant and Catholic service in the chapel. Fourth, the Board of Trustees could demand that Student Government work to increase tolerance on campus by voicing student fears and enacting legislation that prides itself on the interjection of minority rights and values within the greater Marist Community. Finally, the Department of Social Work should create opportunities for workshops, lectures and programs on integration, gender rights and homosexuality. These means are only a sampling of the ways in which the ends of maximizing minority rights and educating the majority can be achieved.

Clearly, there is a network of Marist students who live in the shadows fearing resentment, ostracism and bigotry. In fact, BIGALA has been defunct for the last four years. Imagine the ignominy and insidious nature of a modern campus where fear pervades and precludes many from full integration with the greater whole.

Moreover, the question is not singularly about homosexuality, but the interaction between homosexuals and heterosexuals in a given niche. True, the world has evolved far from where it was dur-

ing the Neolithic Nixon era or archaic Reagan years, but as a whole the world is far from where it should and could be. No longer can we hide behind religious fundamentalism or traditionalist revivals. Whether or not someone is a part of a neighborhood does not mean that he or she should be limited by that relationship!

Here at Marist homosexuality is chagrined, as most favor the notion that homosexuals chose their sexuality. However, one questions why someone would chose homosexuality if they knew a priori and a posteriori that the majority of their peers might actually condemn them. Immanuel Kant writes, "the addition of one sheer affirmation to another increases the positive in them...accordingly the real in things cannot conflict with itself." Thus, it can be argued that by not representing homosexuals, Marist reduces homosexuals from "I-thou" relationships to "I-it" relationships dependent upon the Christian majority for values and for identity. Are homosexuals at Marist uniquely segregated by mainstream Red Foxes?

Martin Luther King, Jr., in "The Ethical Demands for Integration," suggests that segregation reduces

persons to mere objects, and that segregation stands opposed to principles of human worth. The principles of human worth include equality and justice for all, which originates in an American Democratic sense, in the United States Constitution. However hard it may be, society must strive to eliminate the theocratic overtones that saturate modern politics.

Within the context of relationships, segregation excludes homosexuals from participating in an "I-thou" relationship with the majority, and thereby substitutes an "I-it" relationship. King writes that, "The tragedy of segregation is that it treats men as means rather than ends, and thereby reduces them to things rather than persons." It is through Agape Love, an all embracing good will for all people, a sense of community and a sense of brotherhood, that the ends will actualize a more harmonious inclusion of homosexuals within mainstream society.

In the end, Marist must strive to help others help themselves. To treat others as ends in themselves we must, collectively as a society, make their ends, their relative and personal ends, as far as possible our own.

Opposition to the war effort detracts from US foreign policy abroad

by NICK LOESER  
Columnist

After the September 11 attacks how can anyone be against the war on terrorism? Fox News reported earlier that 10% of the population was against the US war effort. Ten percent of the population held rallies in the Capital, aired their views on TV, and used up my last bit of patience for them all together. While on a book signing tour last week in California, Bill O'Reilly appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno. He spoke about his strong support for the war and as a result did not win over a group of college kids in the audience.

It was hard to watch because Bill O'Reilly is my favorite news commentator, and last year's Marist College graduation speaker. Moreover, there seems to be no strong foundation for their anti-war beliefs. To hate the idea of war is fine. To wish that problems could be solved without bombs or missiles is also fine, if not noble. However, this was is a huge exception. The rules are just not the same.

The United States has proof that the Taliban, the ruling regime in Afghanistan, has supported and harbored terrorists who are responsible for countless deaths. The Taliban have refused many requests by the President of the United States to hand over Osama bin Laden, and the Prime Minister of England, Tony Blair, to turn over known terrorists and close training camps. They have yet to respond to any of these requests. In fact, they have repeat-

edly sent our nation verbal threats and video tapped segments against the US, warning of further attacks. Okay, so talking has failed. What else can we do?

President Bush and his defense team have tried to end this peacefully and have failed. Now we are taking action that the Taliban understands. They understand bombs, guns, fighting and war. They do not understand peaceful resolve, nor do they want it. They have bullied us into taking action, starting with the collapse of the Twin Towers and the damage to the Pentagon.

The threat of more airplane hijackings and bio-terrorism pervades Afghani press releases and broadcasts. Our enemy in this war is not reasonable. People who are against this war seem to think they are, in fact, reasonable. There is nothing reasonable about the events of September 11, and the growing threat of anthrax in America.

The media has played a major role in the perception of this war. Popular networks like Fox News, MSNBC and CNN have glorified the meaning of the war to the American public. You can't go an hour without seeing videos of Taliban leaders threatening America, or special satellite photos of targets we have hit in Afghanistan.

This coverage helps to give citizens some sort of satisfaction that we are "striking back," and a deeper pride for being an American. What seems to be occupying

most airtime these days is the growing concern for anthrax poisoning. Every day we discover a new postal worker or public official that has been tested positive with anthrax. Whether it is a story about a lost husband or wife, a missing fireman or a public official that has anthrax, we see new victims every day. Does this scare you, you folks who are against the war?

Our nation is under attack, doesn't that concern you the least bit?

If we could stop the bombing raids tomorrow, send home the troops, and call of the military campaign, would you want to? Do you think somehow our nation will be safe if

we stop the war on terrorism? Perhaps, if we stop now, the terrorists will go home, back to their lives and forget their deep hatred for Americans. Perhaps the Al-Qa'ida terrorist network will decide to call it quits and break up. Perhaps bin Laden will retire, dip into his 401k plan, and buy a summer home in France.

Yet, perhaps if we do stop, the Taliban will regroup and continue to starve their own citizens, and murder women who dare attend school. They can continue to pervert a peaceful religion in order to control their people. Worst of all, if we stop our destruction of the Taliban, they can continue to fund

terrorists, like bin Laden, who have no business breathing the same we air we do.

There is no doubt that innocent people will die in this war, like in all previous wars. Support for our troops and our nation must be heard from everyone. If not, we stand to fight another Vietnam, where low public support is partially to blame for our defeat. Nixon said, "Opposition to the war is the greatest single force working against the US." This is becoming true for today. Sometimes, complete destruction is the only way to stop fanatical killers who are willing to die for their cause.

American media taking advantage of terrorism

By SHANE VINCELETTE  
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Has anyone else seen the recent commercial put out by Jeep? For those of you who haven't, the commercial shows the newest Jeep model, the Liberty, driving up the Statue of Liberty with Enrique Iglesias' new song "Hero" playing in the background. "Hero" has become one of the unofficial anthems of the strength and unity of the United States ever since the tragic events of Sept 11. Now to some, this may seem harmless and on its own, maybe it is. But look around the next time you go to the mall, the grocery store, or even a drive down the street. Think about what you see. Anything and everything has been draped with an

American flag, the colors red, white and blue, or a police or fire department emblem.

Today, advertising executives have stooped to the level of selling automobiles on the emotions that every American feels towards those who have lost their lives or a loved one on Sept 11. And if that wasn't bad enough, they did it using one of America's most well known symbols of freedom, love, and unity - the Statue of Liberty.

In their defense, I must point out that Jeep has donated \$10 million to the Twin Towers Fund. But is a donation to a charity, no matter the monetary amount, an invitation to exploit a tragedy of any level, especially of that magnitude. And how much money do you think Jeep is going to make on the sales

of this new vehicle, after marketing it as a symbol of America? Jeep isn't the only company taking part in these repulsive ads, but their ad was the straw that broke the camel's back - they sold out. What's next, the Nike Air Force One, a red, white and blue shoe with an eagle on the sole? Microsoft's next operating system: "Enduring Freedom", Starbuck's new coffee blend: Twin Towers latte with Guillian whipped cream, Phillip-Morris new cigarette campaign, a cigarette named Osama bin Laden, the slogan "Smoke 'em!" Yes, I am very proud of this country, but when I see the greed and repulsion seep through the cracks, it makes me physically ill and really question our newfound patriotism.

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"What kind of values will she impart to our children? What will my family think of me? How will she fit in at important social affairs as I make my way up a company?" Maybe she's wondering the same about him.

If you want to start addressing the students of Marist as tramps, don't just point fingers at the females. Why don't you try speaking with some of the males on campus-ask them how many women they've slept with in their years here at Marist.

True, it takes two-but try addressing the males before you begin directing your "words of wisdom" at only the females of this campus. Try speaking with both sexes, get both opinions-try talking with your own daughters before you go worrying about everyone else's.

Sir, I find that you, along with many males on this campus and in this world, need to realize that you can't have everything in life the way that you would like. You can't expect to find a perfect Sandra Dee in public and a wild sex machine in private-stop looking for someone to be your mom and whore in one.

Don't fool yourself, just as you

have explained in so many words, that males don't like fake or insecure females, the reverse is true as well. And about speech not representing a woman as an "educated" or "cultured" person, do not make any mistakes here-it is not the speech that represents the person, it is the attitude that is built on self-esteem and confidence-for both sexes.

-Christy Clemens

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the Men's Swimming and Diving team and I am writing on the behalf of our team. I am particularly disturbed about the lack of coverage in *The Circle* of the team. Granted there are many teams on campus who deserve coverage and distinction by the school paper, however, the Men's Swimming and Diving team has consistently stood out far ahead of any other team on campus.

The Men's team just won a decisive victory over Boston College, a member of the Big East Conference, by an unprecedented margin of 193-44. One might think the score alone would be significant enough to gain a small article in the sports section, not to mention, this is the first time Marist has ever competed with Boston College, whose team is more than twice the size of our Marist team, (which was not big enough to have enough swimmers to fill all the available lanes).

Furthermore, in that particular meet there were stellar performances that deserve recognition. Michael Guman not only set a new school record in the one-meter diving event with a score of 285.3, but

also just missed the NCAA Zone qualifying standard by a mere five points. Marist has never sent anyone to the NCAA meet. This is an amazing feat, even in an athlete's prime condition, and because Boston College was our first meet so early in the year, one can expect to see even greater success from Guman. This was only the first meet of the season and he has many opportunities to make the cut off. Additionally, in the swimming portion of the meet, Marist swept first, second, and third in seven out of the eleven events, not to mention winning every event possible.

This year, not even a preseason outlook article has been published, despite the fact that this is the strongest team Marist College has ever seen, in any sport. The Men's Swimming and Diving team can boast of the best winning percentage on campus, three undefeated seasons, a 33-0 consecutive conference dual meet record, six consecutive MAAC Championships, a top 5 team finish at the ECAC meet the past two years (3rd last year), while maintaining one of the highest GPA team averages on campus. All this, yet we continue to wait for our MAAC Championship and our undefeated season banners for the past eight months.

In the end, the Swim team gets more acknowledgment from the Poughkeepsie Journal than from our own Marist newspaper. Its bad enough that the Swimming programs cannot even afford to give their swimmers a pair of goggles to use; we should not be left out of *The Circle* too.

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"What kind of values will she impart to our children? What will my family think of me? How will she fit in at important social affairs as I make my way up a company?" Maybe she's wondering the same about him.

If you want to start addressing the students of Marist as tramps, don't just point fingers at the females. Why don't you try speaking with some of the males on campus-ask them how many women they've slept with in their years here at Marist.

True, it takes two-but try addressing the males before you begin directing your "words of wisdom" at only the females of this campus. Try speaking with both sexes, get both opinions-try talking with your own daughters before you go worrying about everyone else's.

Sir, I find that you, along with many males on this campus and in this world, need to realize that you can't have everything in life the way that you would like. You can't expect to find a perfect Sandra Dee in public and a wild sex machine in private-stop looking for someone to be your mom and whore in one.

Don't fool yourself, just as you

have explained in so many words, that males don't like fake or insecure females, the reverse is true as well. And about speech not representing a woman as an "educated" or "cultured" person, do not make any mistakes here-it is not the speech that represents the person, it is the attitude that is built on self-esteem and confidence-for both sexes.

-Christy Clemens

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the Men's Swimming and Diving team and I am writing on the behalf of our team. I am particularly disturbed about the lack of coverage in *The Circle* of the team. Granted there are many teams on campus who deserve coverage and distinction by the school paper, however, the Men's Swimming and Diving team has consistently stood out far ahead of any other team on campus.

The Men's team just won a decisive victory over Boston College, a member of the Big East Conference, by an unprecedented margin of 193-44. One might think the score alone would be significant enough to gain a small article in the sports section, not to mention, this is the first time Marist has ever competed with Boston College, whose team is more than twice the size of our Marist team, (which was not big enough to have enough swimmers to fill all the available lanes).

Furthermore, in that particular meet there were stellar performances that deserve recognition. Michael Guman not only set a new school record in the one-meter diving event with a score of 285.3, but

also just missed the NCAA Zone qualifying standard by a mere five points. Marist has never sent anyone to the NCAA meet. This is an amazing feat, even in an athlete's prime condition, and because Boston College was our first meet so early in the year, one can expect to see even greater success from Guman. This was only the first meet of the season and he has many opportunities to make the cut off. Additionally, in the swimming portion of the meet, Marist swept first, second, and third in seven out of the eleven events, not to mention winning every event possible.

This year, not even a preseason outlook article has been published, despite the fact that this is the strongest team Marist College has ever seen, in any sport. The Men's Swimming and Diving team can boast of the best winning percentage on campus, three undefeated seasons, a 33-0 consecutive conference dual meet record, six consecutive MAAC Championships, a top 5 team finish at the ECAC meet the past two years (3rd last year), while maintaining one of the highest GPA team averages on campus. All this, yet we continue to wait for our MAAC Championship and our undefeated season banners for the past eight months.

In the end, the Swim team gets more acknowledgment from the Poughkeepsie Journal than from our own Marist newspaper. Its bad enough that the Swimming programs cannot even afford to give their swimmers a pair of goggles to use; we should not be left out of *The Circle* too.

-Trevor Charles



### Chocolate tasting bonanza

by MEGAN LIZOTTE  
A&E Editor

A fundraiser for the American Heart Association, the Student Programming Council (SPC) sponsored a chocolate tasting and lecture on Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 pm in the Student Center.

Lecturer Dr. Daniel Davis, Assistant Communication Professor here at Marist, spoke on a very "yummy" topic. He said, "I will talk about the drug of choice for me, which is chocolate!" He

chocolate, but it is a stimulant. Oh yes, another surprising myth-chocolate does not cause acne, bacteria does!

In between Davis' interesting lecture was the tasting of various chocolate. This ranged from milk chocolate, dark chocolate, white chocolate and flavored chocolate

of chocolate include: smoothness, creaminess, freshness and graininess. Color also was important. It reflects how much the chocolate was grinded prior to being made. The color also indicates the amount of sugar in the certain type of chocolate. The richer the color, the more bitter the chocolate and the more grinded it was.

The first chocolate put to the test was good ol' Hershey's. The audience collectively agreed that it was fresh, smooth and sweet, but lacked the



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An assortment of "yummy" chocolates, the topic of a recent lecture

began the evening by asking questions on the general knowledge of chocolate that people had.

Originally discovered by the Europeans, chocolate was "fruit of the gods" in Aztec times. People would drink it, therefore enabling to feel the spirit of the gods.

The most surprising to audience members was when Davis asked, "Is there caffeine in chocolate?" Without hesitation the majority of the audience agreed there was. The correct answer- NO! There is not caffeine in

to marzipan-filled milk chocolate. Along with the various chocolate sampling, SPC members distributed milk.

The association of Oreos and milk compliment one another. There was good reason why milk was coupled with the chocolate tasting. According to Davis, "Cool milk neutralizes acid, which is in the chocolate. It clears your palette." That is why people eating Oreos always dive for milk. The same goes for chocolate chip cookies.

Necessary dimensions to consider when tasting various types

added creaminess and extra flavor of a gourmet milk chocolate. After sampling a few other types of milk chocolate, Hershey's was sampled again for comparison, thus revealing somewhat different dimensions than Ghiradelli and Lindt.

This was just a taste of the fun experienced at this year's chocolate tasting and lecture. To enhance the chocolate-lover's knowledge on chocolate itself, and to compete against other chocoholics, SPC will be hosting the "Chocolate Challenge" sometime in December.

### Attention All Writers!!

#### The John P. Anderson Annual Playwriting Contest

All Undergraduates are invited to take part in this One-Act play competition.

Guidelines and applications are available in Rotunda office 389. All student Playwrights are asked to obtain and read the guidelines before writing.

The deadline for applications is the end of the fall semester

Selected submissions will be used to illustrate the developmental process of new plays in the Spring Theatre Workshop

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### Marist debate team makes a stop at Binghamton

by MAX SCHNURER  
Faculty Contributor

On November 2-4, the Marist Debate team brought their quick wit and speedy dialogue to SUNY-Binghamton for the 12th Annual Fall Eastern Regionals.

The Red Foxes clashed with regional nemesis's like Columbia, Cornell, Pace, NYU, Penn State, University of Vermont and Rochester University. Marist's increasingly wise novice posse led the pack with two teams accumulating 4-2 records and qualifying for the elimination rounds.

Matthew Gardner and Andrew Kayiira beat teams from Penn State and Rochester to win their berth in the octo-finals (top 16). Stephan Nocera and Meghan St. Cyr beat three Rochester teams in a row to qualify for their spot as the 12th best ranked novice team in the tournament of more than 30 teams.

Unfortunately the Red Foxes lost debates to Rochester University in the Octo-finals and finished the tournament in 9th and 10th place. Other Marist novice teams positioned themselves for future victories. Brian Mangan and Kate Delgado, both first year students went 2-4 but both received speaking awards -

Delgado getting 20th place and Mangan receiving his second 15th best speaking award in two tournaments. Olivia Haley and J.D. Morris accumulated a hard-fought 3-3 record, losing tough rounds to

Rochester and Penn State. Jude Ihenfeldt and Kat Hand struggled to a 2-4 record, losing debates to SUNY-Binghamton, Rochester, and West Point, but beating the University of Vermont.

The open division featured incredibly strong teams from West Point, Columbia, Cornell, Pace and Rochester. The team of Kristin DeCrescenzi and Helaine Liwacz accumulated an impressive 4-2

record losing only to the team from the University of Rochester team who would go undefeated and continue on to win the tournament, and Pace University who also went 6-0. Failing to clear to the quarterfinals by a heartbreaking 8/10ths of a speaker point, DeCrescenzi and Liwacz had to be consoled by their speaker awards.

DeCrescenzi was the 11th speaker and Liwacz was the 20th speaker. Renee Boncella and Scott Perrell struggled through the tournament racking up a 2-4 record with tough losses to West Point and Vermont. Perrell was the 19th best speaker.

The squad's record for the weekend was an exact .500 with 21 wins and 21 losses. This brings the teams season total record up to 62-82. Head coach Maxwell Schnurer led the team, with assistant coaches Gabrielle Prisco, Jeffery "Scud" Cedarfield, Jason West and Jessica Goldstein.

The next tournament is the fall season ending trip for the team, Columbia University on November 17-18.



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The octo-finalists of the Marist debate team traveled to SUNY Binghamton. Trophy winners, left to right, include Meghan St. Cyr, Matthew Gardner, Andrew Kayiira and Stephen Nocera

## Halloween horror-core in New York City

by **CHRIS KNUDTSEN**  
*Layout Manager*

If Elvis was a zombie he would have been the first singer for the Misfits.

The originators of horror-core punk have revived for another tour after passing their recent 25th anniversary. Of course there's only one original member and it ain't Glen Danzig but Marky Ramone plays in the band now and he kind of looks like a zombie so that's good enough. Somehow Vince McMahon worked his way into the equation because the Misfits played at WWF New York on Halloween, too bad none of the wrestlers came out to maul anyone wearing a Creed shirt.

A three hour wait to get into the show really bit and this was the first time I've ever had to walk through a metal detector for a show. The Killer Barbies were on when we walked in but they weren't impressive either way, the singer was cool though because she made cheesy faces and sang a Ramones cover. They weren't originally supposed to be on the bill but a member of the expected opening band, Balzac, got sick and the band canceled their US tour dates, remaining in Japan.

The Misfits are running with a mixed lineup with Jerry Only on bass and vocals, Dez Cadena on guitar and Robo on drums; the latter two were members of the legendary band Black Flag. Robo played the first half of the set, helping Only and Cadena butcher

classic Misfits tunes such as "Skulls" and "Last Caress" by playing them in double time. Marky Ramone came on later for

the second half, which was actually the better one, as the band played more recent Misfits songs and about a half dozen Ramones

covers. It wasn't all bad though, at least they played a decent mix of their older songs and the crowd was definitely riled up during their

set.

The band has definitely changed but 25 years will do that I guess. There seemed to be a good amount of hope though when Michale Graves started singing for the band in 1995. He toured with their release "American Psycho" but Graves left after the next album, "Famous Monsters". Now Jerry Only continues as the last original member and the band seems to have lost steam, again.

Even through the changes Only at least seems to appreciate the ongoing fan following though. They kept the night moving with old Misfits videos during an after party following the show that lasted until 2:00 am. Only signed some gear and mingled with the stragglers from the show, either to show the aforementioned appreciation or maybe just to feel like a rockstar.

The Misfits just released a new CD, "Cuts From the Crypt", on Roadrunner Records. The album features a few demo versions of the material they've released since 1997 and some other songs that never made it onto their other releases.

On a random closing note, studies have proved that people who "pierce" the brim of their hat with facial jewelry are significantly better dodgeball players.



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The Misfits circa 1981 when original singer Glenn Danzig still played in the band.

## Monster's Inc.-credibly good ... for children

by **NICOLE SCALZO**  
*Staff Writer*

Well, we must face the facts: summer is officially over. It is November, the cold air is blowing in, Christmas decorations are going up earlier in the malls in efforts to make us buy more for this holiday season and yes, the film studios will be releasing the holiday movies! One film studio that seems to annually release these movies around November is Disney, who else? In the past Novembers we have seen movies such as Toy Story II and How the Grinch Stole Christmas (the Jim Carey version). This year, Disney hopes to have another hit on their hands with Pixar's *Monster's Inc.*

The story is about another world in which monsters live. Their power is supplied by the screams of children. The leading company who supplies this power is called Monsters Inc. The way in which they obtain this power is the monsters that are "professional scarers" go through various doors

to children and scare them. They capture the screams in a kind of yellow bio-technical cylinder. The plot involves a threat of a black out, due to children not being frightened as easily anymore. The top "scarer" in the company is Sullivan, played by John Goodman. His best friend and co-worker is Mike Wazowski, played by Billy Crystal. The story centers on the fact that monsters are scared of children. They are told that children carry germs that can kill them. Yet, it is a necessity to go into these rooms and scare the children to obtain the screams. An adorable little girl, who John Goodman's character affectionally calls "Boo," escapes to the monster world. This is where plot develops, although it does not develop too much. It is definitely a children's movie, with a few jokes for those 17+ to understand. There is not a large or complicated story line as there should not be for little children. There is a lack of female characters as well in this movie. The only three female characters include the little girl, "Boo,"

Mike Wazowski's girlfriend, and secretary for Monster's Inc., Cecilia, and Roz, a tough older woman who files deskwork and has an alter ego. Although one can argue that two of these characters have major roles in the movie, for the most part, their characters are not well developed. The movie also tends to get long in some parts and you may find yourself looking at your watch at times to see when it is over.

The good points of the movie were many, including the computer animation. In some parts of the movie you need to look close to realize that it is in fact animation and not real hair on the monster's back. The underlying story is a great one for children if they understand it.

Overall, it is a humorous story, with wonderful animation, and decent acting, but one that you might want to consider bringing your little brother or cousin along to see. This is an OK holiday movie, not as good as Toy Story and its sequel, but a good family movie altogether.

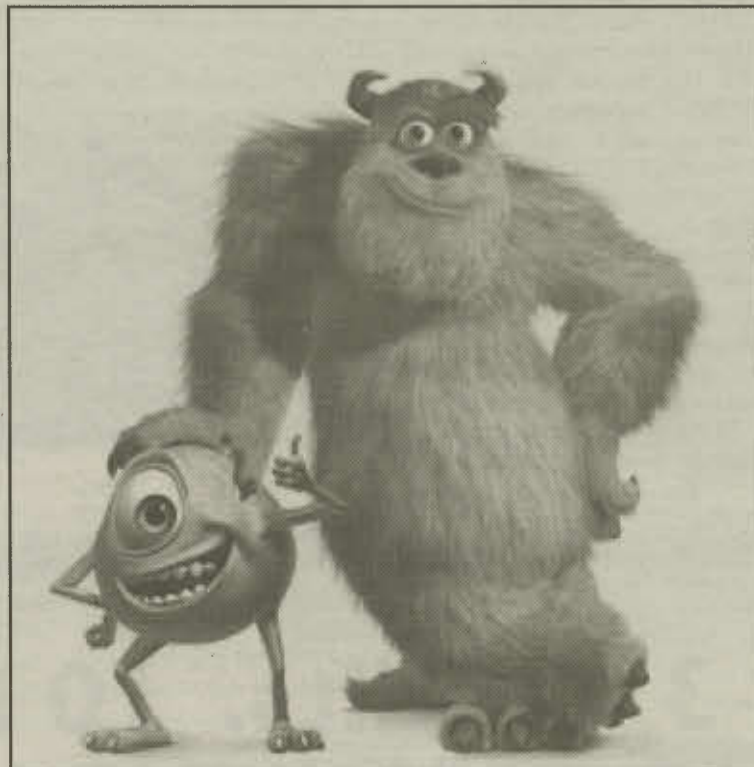


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*Monsters, Inc.*, a movie released by Pixar, the makers of *Toy Story* and *How the Grinch stole Christmas* is a fun, entertaining movie made possible by the engineering geniuses of Pixar. Their specially-designed lead character, Sullivan, exhibits the latest advances in digital technology, to the point that nearly every single one of his hairs moves in synchronization with the body.

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Marist Rugby team claims Met-NY Championship

by GEOFF DECKER  
Staff Writer

Heading into the Metropolitan New York Rugby-Football Union Championship, the young Marist Rugby men had already experienced a wide range of success, already tallying a 6-1 record. So, the weekend of Saturday, October 27th at Vassar College proved to provide not only a stiff field of competition, but also some high expectations to go along with it.

The weekend of the Metro Union Champs started off as a nail biter against Sacred Heart going down to a last minute try (5 points in Rugby's equivalent to a touchdown in football) to get the 9 point win over the Pioneers. The Red Foxes had faced the much-improved Sacred Heart squad less than a month earlier, soundly defeating them at home, 29-13.

As the tournament continued on, Marist found itself in the championship game against the Ivy League's Columbia University. The finals didn't disappoint, as the game went into double-overtime before Brian Camp, of Burnt Hills, New York scored the winning try. Also scoring was an unlikely offensive presence in Ed Zbytniewski. His try in the game was not only an important one to

the team, but also a memorable one on a personal level because it was the first score of his collegiate career. Zbytniewski, one of four seniors, plays second row, which normally serves as a defensive unit rather than a scoring one. The third and final scorer for Marist was freshman Nate Seamon, whose speed and agility has been a key to Marist's success the entire season.

Winning the Metropolitan Championships qualified The Red Foxes for the Northeast Regional tournament a week later at Vassar College. In the Regional quarterfinals, Marist was matched up against formidable opponent, Bowdoin College of Maine. Bowdoin soundly defeated the Marist squad but left the lone six seniors nostalgically impressed about the development of the Rugby program over the last 4 years.

Captain Paul DiMartino said his team's success is important for the future of Marist College rugby.

"Overall, our expectations as a team were met and winning the conferences was a huge stepping stone for Marist rugby," DiMartino said.

DiMartino, as well as fellow seniors Billy Stanton, Mike Eremita (co-Captain), Gary Albaugh, Chris

DeLoughery and Zbytniewski, had nothing but excitement for the direction that the rugby program is headed in the upcoming years.

"We're a young team and playing the way we did this year only bodes well you our future," DiMartino said. "I'm real psyched to come back and see the guys win next year."

Overall, there are 22 returning men from this year's championship team. This includes six returning freshmen, 12 returning sophomores and four returning juniors. Many of the freshmen had never seen a rugby game much less participated in one, but they adapted well and proved to be extremely effective for Marist.

Freshman Rich Waterman said that learning the game of rugby was tough, but now looks forward to future years of play.

"Adapting was real tough since I always played football and lacrosse, and since rugby is more of a side-to-side game that requires a lot of pass backs," he said. "There were a lot of things we had to get used to. I think now that we (the freshmen) have a grasp on the game, it's only going to be a matter of time until we click with the older guys. When we do that, this team is going to be awesome."

Track teams impressive in NCAA Regional Championships

by ROB MCGUINNESS  
Staff Writer

As four of Marist's five scoring runners finished in some of the fastest 10K times in school history, the Marist men's cross country team placed 20th in a competitive 42-team field at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships Saturday at Franklin Park.

Senior Mike Nehr finished 83rd and led the Red Foxes with a time of 31:52.8. Nehr's time places him third on the Marist all-time-list for the Franklin Park 10,000-meter course, behind alumni Greg Salamone ('01) and Mike Melfi ('99).

Close behind Nehr was senior Pat Driscoll, who placed 91st with a time of 31:59.4, good enough for the fourth fastest time in school history. Driscoll's performance represents a significant personal best from the last time the Red Foxes raced at Franklin Park, according to men's coach Pete Colaizzo.

"Pat Driscoll really stepped it up and had a tremendous effort," Colaizzo said. "He improved his time by more than one minute from two years ago at this meet."

Kirk Dornton (32:07.5) and Jamal Padgett (32:16.4) also claimed the sixth and seventh fastest times on

the all time list, and Jay Grady rounded out the scoring pack for Marist. Once again the scoring five was separated by a gap of less than one minute.

While Marist usually aims to finish between 10th and 15th overall in the NCAA Regional meet, the fact that the Marist Men finished 20th only reflects the quality of the northeast region, according to Colaizzo.

"The competition in the region has gotten much stiffer," Colaizzo said. "But we still posted some really strong times at Franklin Park."

Marist (510 points) managed to defeat two Big East universities (Syracuse and St. John's), as well as finishing well ahead of conference opponents Canisius (773), Fairfield (942) and Niagara (1157). Providence College won the meet with an impressive score of 59, placing four of its scoring runners in the top 20.

In the women's race, Marist placed 21st (587 points) in a field of 42 teams. Liza Grudzinski and Jenn Rosenblatt were the Red Foxes' top finishers on the 6,000-meter course.

Grudzinski placed 62nd, with a time of 22:20, and Rosenblatt finished 77th with a time of 22:36. Cheryl Norris (23:42), Leanne

Bolingbroke (24:04) and Jen Klier (24:09) comprised the remainder of the Marist scoring five.

Boston College (53 points) won the women's race, placing three of its scoring runners in the top 10. On a positive note, Marist narrowly defeated MAAC rival Iona (609 points), with Grudzinski finishing 10 places ahead of Iona's lead runner, Erin Seymour. Klier finished 19 places in front of Iona's fifth scorer, Tina Polletta, ensuring that Marist would finish ahead of the Gaels, the team which ended Marist's reign as MAAC champion two weeks ago.

This weekend, the women will compete in the ECAC Championships at Van Cortlandt Park, the final meet of the season. The team is looking forward to ending the season on a positive note, according to head coach Phil Kelly.

"We're hoping to end the season with a strong performance," Kelly said.

The men's team will also be in competition on Saturday, running in the ICAAAA championships, also at Van Cortlandt Park. Last year, the Marist men captured the IC4A University Championship and will likely compete in the large-school championship race on Saturday.

Pepsi Classic comes to the McCann Center this weekend

This weekend, Marist College will host the annual Pepsi/Marist Classic. First round games will be held on Friday night, with Colum-

bia taking on Northeastern at 6 pm, followed by Marist facing Drexel at 8:30 pm. The consolation game will be played at 5 pm on Saturday,

followed immediately by the championship.

Marist will host South Alabama on November 21.

Bowling club members apply for national membership

by JOHN DALAAT III  
Staff Writer

Is a new varsity team on the horizon at Marist College?

Well, the bowling club is about to make strides to make that answer yes. Many members of this club, entering its third year, are going to become ABC (American Bowling Congress) sanctioned and join the CBUSA (College Bowling USA). This would allow these members to bowl in college tournaments, most notably the championships in Reno, Nevada.

The club has been bowling in exhibition matches over the last few years, and according to President Alex Gamma III will be participating in smaller tournaments during the spring semester in the New York/New Jersey area in order to acquire points to hopefully qualify for Reno in upcoming years.

Gamma said that the new sanc-

tioning and tournaments are important steps for the new club to become recognized as a varsity sport.

"I feel it would be the biggest step the sport could make in the school," he said. Our ultimate goal is to get it to the varsity level."

There are many questions yet to be answered in terms of what the future holds for the bowling club, but Gamma is confident that the club is taking all the right steps to becoming recognized at a higher level by the school.

As for now, the club will continue its regularly scheduled events such as their league, Casino Night, and Singles Tournament, which Kristin Miller won last year. Gamma said that he hopes by this time next year that the bowlers will be discussing plans for the Marist Bowling Red Foxes to compete in the Reno National Championships.

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44. The women were not able to produce the same result, losing 152-85.

The men set three new school records. Freshman Matthew Castillo set a new record for the Men's 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:56.48. In the 12th event, Michael Guman set a record for the Men's one-meter dive with a time of 285.30. Marist's domination continued with Castillo again setting another record in the Men 200 Butterfly with a time of 1:56.21.

VanWagner said that Boston College meet was not "much of a competition" for his swimmers.

On November 10, Marist defeated Rider for their second straight victory. The final score was 129-114, while the women earned a victory, 130-85. Ricky Kapusta set a pool record at the event in the Men 400-yard freestyle relay.

VanWagner said that Rider is a

much-improved team from last year, partly because of the addition of three freshmen.

"This match was much closer than meets in the past," he said. "It has been our strongest competition so far."

Marist will next swim against Fairfield and St. Peters. It will be the first time VanWagner will be able to get a good look at what his competition may be in the MAAC tournament.

"Hopefully I will be able to have a clear picture of my competition in regard to the MAAC championship," VanWagner said.

Lead by senior captains Justin Burkhardt and Nick Lakin, along with the additions of freshman Matt Castillo, Andrew Green, John O'Fallon, and Jeffrey Paul, the Red Foxes look to win another MAAC title, according to VanWagner.

Football game against LaSalle cancelled

The MAAC announced on Tuesday that two games scheduled for November 21 would not be played. The games, including Marist vs. LaSalle were rescheduled because

of the September 11 events, but neither game will be played unless it has bearing on the league champion, in which case, Duquesne will play Iona

## Stat of the Week

Despite losing in the finals of the MAAC Tournament, the women's soccer team won its first regular season MAAC title and won more games in team history, posting a 10-10 record. Also, ten players on the team earned MAAC All Academic team honors

## They Said It

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Rugby captain Paul DiMartino

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## Women's soccer falls to Loyola in MAAC Championships

by SCOTT MONTESANO  
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever visited Disney World realizes that it is impossible to do everything that one wants to.

The 2001 Marist women's soccer team is no exception. However, instead of leaving Orlando, Florida craving one more ride on Space Mountain, they still have visions of the MAAC title that they left behind.

Katie Elliot's goal in the 44th minute gave the Loyola Greyhounds a 1-0 win over Marist in the MAAC women's soccer championship November 4th at the Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World.

This was the first championship game to end in regulation since 1996.

The win gave the Greyhounds the conference's automatic berth into the NCAA tournament. The Greyhounds will play at Princeton November 16 in the first round.

Marist posted wins over

Canisius and Manhattan to get to the finals versus Loyola.

In the quarterfinals round, the Red Foxes used goals from senior Courtney Gutt and freshman Courtney Moore to defeat the Golden Griffins, 2-1. Marist dominated the entire game, out-shooting Canisius 26-4. Junior goalkeeper Mellanie only had to make two saves to secure the victory.

The victory moved Marist into the semi-finals, where the team faced Manhattan. In the 11th minute of play, sophomore Laura Fil connected on a pass from Jenny Shanks to give the Red Foxes the early lead. The assist was Shanks' second of the tournament. Later in the half, sophomore Tara Savidge put one in the back of the net off a pass from junior Kelly Smith. Nai made ten saves to secure the 2-1 victory and a berth into the finals.

The Red Foxes entered the tournament as the #1 seed after posting an 8-1-league mark during the season. This was

the first regular season MAAC title for the women's soccer program. In addition, the team won more games than ever before en route to a 10-10 record.

The .500 overall record was not easy to come by. Marist went winless in all eight non-league games, including losses to Big East schools Providence and Villanova.

Despite the defeat in the championship, Marist did not leave Central Florida empty handed. Besides a few pictures, and probably some oranges, numerous players brought back individual honors.

Senior Kasey Sibrinz, Fil and Moore were all named to the All Tournament team.

Meanwhile, Nai was recognized as the best goalie in the conference during the regular season. Nai finished third in the NCAA with 8.5 saves per game. She finished with a 0.71 GAA and .893 save %.

Others who made the conference's first team were Sibrinz, senior Erin Norton and Shanks.

Ten Foxes also earned MAAC All Academic team honors. Players with at least a 3.2 GPA and are contributing members to the team are eligible. The players were seniors Katie O'Connor and Sibrinz, juniors Jenny Greenbaum, Katie Wilt, Smith and Shanks, and sophomores Fil, Savidge and Stacy Ryan.

In her second year as the team's head coach, Meghan McGonagle was named the co-

coach of the year in the MAAC. She shared the honor with Siena head coach Steve Karbowski.

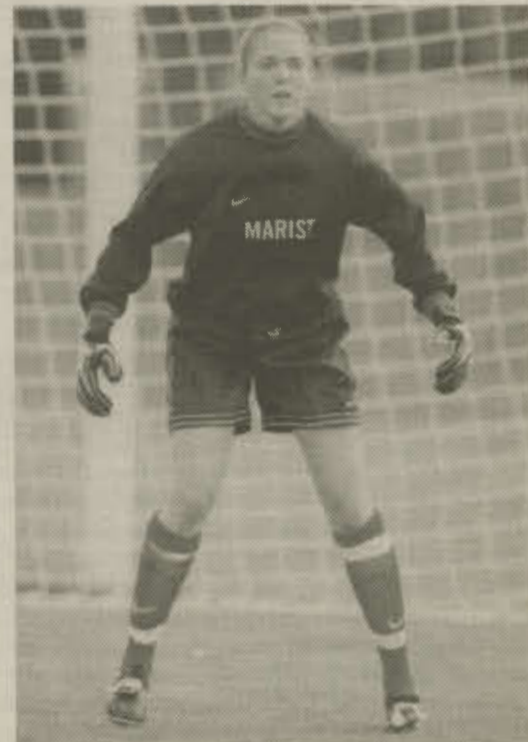


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Senior Courtney Gutt scored a goal in the quarterfinals, but the Red Foxes lost to Loyola, 1-0, in the MAAC Championship

## Football team's two-game win streak stopped by Duquesne

by PETER PALMIERI  
Sports Editor

For only the second time in the Jim Parady era, the Marist College football team will finish the season with a sub .500 record, after falling to Duquesne 21-10 on Saturday.

The Dukes, now 5-0 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), used a 14-point fourth quarter to defeat the Red Foxes. The loss dropped Marist to 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the MAAC, while also stopping the team's two-game winning streak going into the game.

With Marist leading 10-7 early in the final quarter, Duquesne quarterback Niel Loebig connected with Yardon Brantley for a 59-yard touchdown strike. On the ensuing drive, Duquesne lineman John Rodgers blocked a Charlie Fowler, setting up Josh Rue's nine-yard touchdown run to cap the comeback.

Marist looked sharp early, jumping out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Rommel Sumague dove into the end zone from two-yards out. Quarter-

back Kevin Bielen completed a 64-yard pass play to Sean Stellato to set up Sumague's score. Stellato had four receptions for 104 yards on the afternoon.

The Red Fox defense held Duquesne scoreless for the entire half until Loebig hooked up with Jeremy Conley from seven yards out to tie the score with :24 remaining in the first half. Loebig completed six passes for 79 yards on the drive.

Following a Loebig fumble, Marist kicker Brett Biggs hit a 37-yard field goal to give his team a 10-7 lead with ten minutes left in the third quarter. The score remained the same until Duquesne's two scores in the fourth quarter.

Marist totaled 272 yards on the day, led by Bielen's 11 completions for 193 yards. He did, however, throw three interceptions. Alfredo Riullano led the Marist ground attack with 28 yards on nine carries.

Loebig finished the game with 14 completions for 237 yards for Duquesne, while running back

Donte Small, who needed 108 yards to top 1,000 yards for the third consecutive season, was held to 102 yards on 20 carries. Brantley led all receivers with 136 yards on six catches.

The win for the Dukes gives them a chance to clinch the team's third consecutive MAAC championship.

Marist will face Siena on Saturday in the final game of the season. The Saints come into the game with a 1-5 conference record. A win for the Red Foxes will keep the team in sixth place.

Last season, Marist defeated Siena 28-18. The Red Foxes scored 28 points in the second quarter, resulting from two Siena turnovers, and a blocked kick. Sumague scored two touchdowns in the contest and Chris Price added a score.

The two teams first met in 1978, Marist's inaugural season. Siena defeated Marist 21-8. However, since then, Marist has won every contest except one. The all-time series favors Marist 17-2, with Marist winning the last nine contests.

## Men's and women's swimming and diving teams undefeated in MAAC competition

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The Marist swimmers opened their season strong by defeating Boston College and Rider in

consecutive meets and defeating Iona on Tuesday.

Coach Larry VanWagner's swimmers have not lost a duel or Metro Atlantic Athletic Con-

ference (MAAC) meet in six years and the tradition continued into the start of the 2001-2002 season.

In its latest meet, the men de-

feated Iona 148-80, while the women completed the sweep, winning 133-81.

Marist's first meet was against Boston College. This is the first

time Marist has played Boston College, with the Marist men's team winning by a score of 193-

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