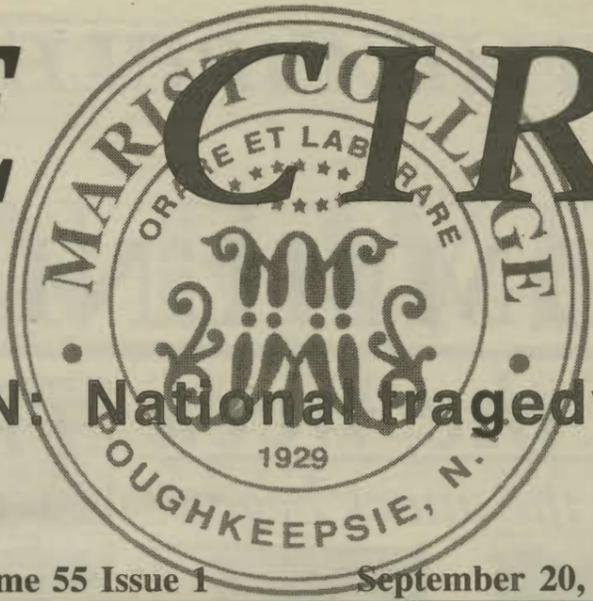


THE CIRCLE



SPECIAL EDITION: National tragedy on a local scale

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Marist College reacts quickly to tragedy

by JORDAN EIBLE
Staff Writer

Over 500 candles illuminated the otherwise darkened grotto, as 370 people congregated in song and prayer to commemorate the guiltless lives lost during Tuesday's tragedy.

The cathartic event, sponsored by Campus Ministry and Student Affairs, was one of several programs that have brought the Marist Community together in significant numbers.

Campus Ministry reacted immediately, providing the first formal gathering on campus. A prayer and song vigil was held in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel during the mid-afternoon on September 11. Father Lamorte gave a formal mass that night.

Alexis Kaleida, a member of the Campus Advisory Board, said the most memorable event thus far was the vigil in the grotto.

"It was absolutely inspiring to see how many care," Kaleida said. "The music and trumpet version of 'Taps' touched everyone present. It was an unforgettable evening."

Throughout the ensuing days Campus Ministry continued to offer spiritual outlets for students and faculty in regards to the national devastation.

Similarly, The Housing and Residential Life staff has been engaged in keeping the campus united and optimistic. A bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace" echoed throughout the Gartland Commons on September 13, as 115 Marist students gathered in the rain and lightning at a candlelit memorial service. Gartland RA Derrick Jones II coordinated the memorial service.

Jones said he felt it was necessary to hold the impromptu ceremony and also said he was pleased by the receptiveness of all those whom attended it.

"I think it was necessary the Marist community, not only as students, but also as citizens of this great nation, to come together to heal, to remember, and to get ready for the struggles ahead," Jones said.

All RAs were instructed to circulate in their areas, offering assistance, and guiding their residents to the appropriate places where they could deal

with the myriad of emotions that they might be experiencing. Sarah English, the Director of Housing, said all the resident assistants and resident directors cannot be thanked enough for their work over the past week.

"They have really been the frontline in campus wide communication," said English. "Our Res-life staff has put aside personal matters to go door to door, speaking to students and following up with them regularly. These actions are often more important than any fund raiser or program."

A collection of monetary donations for the New York City Fire and Rescue Squad has also been started. All students and faculty are encouraged to pledge a dollar to the fund. Persons with questions or concerns can contact Heather Marriott, the RD of the Gartland Commons, or any RA.

Student Activities in association with other campus organizations generated support for the Hudson Valley Blood Services, recruiting an incalculable number of blood donors. Student Activities claimed it could not keep up on the great quantity of those signing up. The office also said many people boarded the shuttles without signing up.

Campus Ministry and the Upward Bound program each provided a van to shuttle donors to and from the Mid-Hudson Civic Center, where the donation headquarters was located. Director of Student Activities, Bob Lynch, said that Marist wanted to help the drive in any possible way.

"The college was more than willing to offer campus facilities for the blood drive," Lynch said. "We were overwhelmed by the community and student response. There were too many people without enough doctors."

The response was so overwhelming, that officials at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center turned at least 100 students away, accepting only those students with blood type O.

Jordan Eible is a junior with a Communications major. She is also an RA in Gartland.



PHOTO CREDIT/ Jaclyn Jacobsen

A stranger helps man climb over rows of candles at a makeshift memorial in Union Square.

Local hospitals prepared for worst

by KATHERINE SLAUTA
Features Editor

As the country paused to reflect and grieve over the horror that occurred on September 11, the dedicated doctors and nurses at local hospitals worked on.

While the terror unfolded before the United States, Vassar Brothers Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital prepared their facilities for any of the thousands affected by the terrorist attack.

George Prisco, the Director of Development at Saint Francis Hospital said the state was well aware of the hospital's availability to help in the emergency situation because of its constant contact with the hospital.

"We have to call in our bed availability to the New York State Department on a regular basis," he said. "We were prepared just in case they needed to call on us to put people in

these beds."

Jeanine Agnolet, the Director of Public Relations at Vassar Brother's Hospital said the hospital prepared all of the 315 unused beds on first word of the trauma in case there was a need for assistance.

"We went into disaster mode, preparing beds and supplies," she said. "We used whatever beds were empty."

Prisco said that while Saint Francis has not been sent anyone in need of serious medical attention, local residents who work in New York City have come to the hospital for examinations.

"As a hospital, we did help some people," he said. "We've had a couple of people who work there come in for minor smoke inhalation."

No victims of the incident are being treated at Vassar Brothers Hospital currently. However, as more bodies are recovered and lives saved, both hos-

pitals remain in standby mode.

"We are prepared to make accommodations for them," said Agnolet.

Prisco said that Saint Francis hospital is providing mental support to those in need.

"One of the major things we are doing at this point is mental help," he said. "As time goes on we're expecting more people will come for it."

While the hospital remains in disaster mode, its assistance does not stop there. Saint Francis hospital worked throughout the community at local blood drives, mainly the drive at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

Prisco said that Saint Francis hospital is ready to help New York City in any capacity necessary.

"At this point we are offering our services and if people know

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Question of the Week

Where were you when the attack began?



"In class, and a friend came in to let me know."

Jose Diaz
Senior



"I was at my friend's house."

Frank Addeo
Junior



"I was in class."

Michelle McNally
Senior

World News Briefs

Peace talks provide hope

JERUSALEM - Calls for a cease-fire provided hope on Wednesday that Israel and the Palestinians were setting the stage for talks to end nearly one year of bloodshed. Periodic gunfire in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip after new cease-fire orders on Tuesday, however, foreshadowed the challenges ahead to bring about a permanent truce for the conflict in which more than 700 people have been killed. International pressure has mounted on Israel and the Palestinians to stop their one-year-old conflict, now widely seen as an obstacle to U.S. efforts to forge an anti-terrorist alliance after last week's attacks on New York and Washington.

United to lay off 20,000

CHICAGO - United Airlines will lay off 20,000 employees or 20 percent of its workforce as a result of reduced travel demand after the crash of four hijacked

planes last week, CNN reported on Tuesday. United said it would not confirm the report, noting it just held a memorial service for employees lost in the crash of two of its planes, one into the World Trade Center and one into rural Pennsylvania.

Bin Laden suspect in stock scandal

TOKYO - The Tokyo Stock Exchange is investigating whether Osama bin Laden, the suspected mastermind of the terrorist attacks in the U.S., profited from stock trading during the chaos of last week's tragedy. Bin Laden and his organization could have made a fortune by selling "short" shares of companies they expected would lose value afterward, reports international media. Selling short is a way of profiting from falling share prices. Investors borrow securities, selling them at one price and buying them back at a cheaper price. The short-seller then returns the securities and pockets the difference between the sale and the purchase as

profit.

Mega-telethon in the works

HOLLYWOOD - In this time of national mourning, CBS, ABC, NBC and Fox are reportedly planning to air an unprecedented industry-wide telethon Friday night to raise money for relief and recovery efforts following last week's terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. There's still no official word that the telethon is happening, but publicists for both Jim Carrey and George Clooney confirmed to E! Online Monday that the actors will take part in the benefit. After networks postponed their premiere-week schedules due to the attack, sources told the Associated Press Monday that plans were forming for a two-hour prime-time telethon, with the goal being to air it simultaneously on as many broadcast and cable networks as possible. The event is being produced by Joel Gallen, who's best known for his work on the MTV Movie Awards.



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Campus Corner

Come skate the night away. Sign up for the roller skating trip at College Activities. Buses will leave on Friday October 5 at 7:30 pm. The return time is set for 11:30 pm. Admission is \$4 with a valid Marist ID, roller skates are free, but roller blades are an additional \$4. There will be an additional trip on October 26.

You can sign up now at College Activities for the Bowling Trip that is scheduled for Saturday October 6 from 2:00-4:00 pm. The cost is \$3 with a valid Marist ID and includes transportation, 2 games of bowling and shoe rental. You are encouraged to form your own teams for the event. Future bowling trips have also been planned if you cannot attend this one.

Take a trip to the City to see 42nd Street on Saturday, September 23. Tickets are \$25 with a valid Marist ID. The bus will leave the Midrise Parking Lot at 10:00 am. Tickets are limited so visit College Activities now to secure your spot.

Come see the Grammy Award Winning Karla Bonoff with Kenny Edwards on September 27 at 8:00 pm in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Tickets are free with a valid Marist ID. Call College Activities for more information.

It's that time, once again, for the Wellness Fair. The fourth annual rendition of this event will take place on Friday. You can pick up information on such topics as yoga, self-defense and

hypnotherapy. You can also get a free massage and try a power boosting drink. The event runs from noon-4:00 pm and is located in the McCann Center.

Support the Marist College Radio Station and listen to WMCR 88.1 FM. Listen all day for a wide array of music shows as well as news and sports shows. Call extension 2132 for requests or comments.

The Marist Center for Career Services is providing students with a variety of workshops to help them plan for the future. They will be having a Job Placement Orientation workshop from 11:00-12:00 at an undetermined location and a workshop on resume writing from 11:30-12:30 in Library room 339 on Wed., Sept. 26. They will also hold a workshop on interview skills from 5:00-6:00 in Library room 332 and a workshop on graduate school planning at the same time in Library room 339 on Thurs., Sept. 27.

College Activities is sponsoring a Table Tennis Tournament that will begin on Monday, Sept. 24. Sign up by Friday to be eligible to win a variety of prizes in this double elimination tournament.

MaristOnline.com is back again this year, and it's better than ever. Log on to the unofficial Marist College website at www.maristonline.com for campus news, polls and the brand new forums where you can voice your opinions on current campus happenings.

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of anybody who needs anything, we'll give it to them," he said.

Vassar Brothers Hospital is also working with the public. They had a blood drive after the attack. Agnolet said the drive was extremely successful.

"In just under one and a half days we collected just about 150 pints of blood," she said.

Agnolet also said that because of the amount of blood received, they had to end the drive.

"For the time being, it has been temporarily discontinued," she said. "We had to stop the blood drive because blood only lasts for so long."

While blood may be in abundance now, Agnolet said blood donations in the weeks to come will be imperative.

"Donating blood in the upcoming weeks is going to be important in the near future," she said. "If we should go to war... we are going to need blood for our own people."

Vassar Brothers Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital continue to help the community. Both have worked to gather food and clothing to help those victims in need. Currently however, there are more than enough donations.

The preparation of Vassar Brothers Hospital is a tribute to the incredible staff.

Prisco said the staff at Saint Francis Hospital, as a trauma center, is prepared for crisis situations, whether they are the recent attacks or emergencies to come.

"We are a trauma center, so every year our staff are trained to handle local emergencies, everything from bombs to biological things," he said. "Our staff is ready and able to work in a crisis. It has been particularly ready for this."

Agnolet said those working feel the sense of loss, and therefore the hospital is working to help its staff to compose and recuperate from this disaster.

"We have staff who lost people," she said. "They work to heal people physically and emotionally. We really have to help our staff."

She also said that while many

companies have the ability to be more flexible in this time of suffering, a hospital cannot do so.

"They [the staff] cannot stop working because they are upset," she said.

Katherine Slauta is a junior, Communications major. She is also the President of the Gaelic Society.



Images from Hoboken

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The first World Trade Center building burning before it's collapse, left. Above, a giant smoke cloud spreads across New York. Both pictures were taken during the early afternoon of September 11 from a rooftop in Hoboken, New Jersey. For more images taken from the same day you can check <http://dreamwater.com/area14/wtc/>

Adam Kowalski is an alumni of Marist College. He graduated last spring with a Bachelors degree in Communications. He currently resides in Hoboken, New Jersey. He described the incident as "the worst thing to happen since we've been alive."

Open forum held by President Murray

by **CHRIS KNUDTSEN**
Layout Manager

Approximately 150 people crowded into the Cabaret on Friday, September 14 for the Marist Community Forum initiated by President Dennis Murray. The mixed gathering of students, faculty, and administration held an open conference to discuss a number of issues facing both the Marist community and the world at large after the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11.

Several themes prevailed throughout the forum, ranging from expressing sorrow, praising the Marist and local community response, and discussing future options to prevent

another such incident. President Murray said that the forum was meant to be a stepping stone for the future.

"We should use this forum as a means to find positive ways to help in any way," he said.

A distinction was made early in the forum between members of any particular religion and extremists. Murray, along with several others that spoke during the hour and a half, said that extremists represent a small minority of any group and should not be held as proper representatives of an entire culture.

After a few comments were made praising the Marist and community response to aiding the victims of the tragedy Professor Shawn Shieh of the Po-

litical Science department warned those in attendance that a wider scope should be used when analyzing this issue.

"Patriotism and support are all well and good things," he said, "but this is not just about America, this is about the rest of the world and our relations with it."

Shieh continued by saying that people, particularly students, should invest time and money into researching other cultures to avoid further tragedies such as this one.

"Take advantage of your privileges to reflect on this as scholars," he said. "We need more than just a military response, but a political and social response as well."

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Marist community reflects on tragedy



"I have mixed feelings. It has really united the country, but this could lead to a war of enormous proportions - much different than WWI or WWII. This could lead to germ or biological warfare, and that could wipe out an entire country. It really scares me to think about it." -**Courtney Sutphen**, Junior, Communications-Radio/TV/Film

"I think from now on, everything is going to be a lot stricter, especially with airlines. We could be on the brink of WWIII." -**Amy Tritschler**, Sophomore, Communications-Public Relations



"I think it will change a lot. Security will definitely be beefed up, especially as far as transportation is concerned. People won't be able to go as freely, but I think people will be more accepting and willing to do so. I think that people will be a lot tougher on people of Middle Eastern descent, and that's too bad - it'll create a prejudice. I see it in the way people treat certain gas stations now that are run by Middle Easterners. But I also think that people will become a lot less petty and more giving." -**Keiona Faulkner**, Junior, Psychology



"It's really scary. It's going to go on - this won't be over in a week. Something has to be done, I'm not sure what. This might lead to war, and that's sad to say. It's scary because I have a lot of friends in the..." -**Stefanie Luciello**, Junior, Fashion Merchandising



"It'll bring back American patriotism. Everyone will pull together again. We'll stop taking things for granted." -**Rosemarie Illustrato**, Administrative Secretary, Center for Career Services



"[When I heard about Tuesday's events] I was going to breakfast and a friend told me. She had just heard from another friend on Long Island. I didn't understand the severity of it until I got back to the dorms and turned on the news - I saw the collapse of the second tower live. I didn't know what to say. The news was on in every room. You could hear it echo down the hall." -**Chris Gallo**, Freshman, Communications-TV/Radio/Film



"This is a tragedy common to every person and has really brought everyone together. It's not about religion

or beliefs - it's about unity and brotherhood on a global level. It's made people stronger and able to work together." -**Bob Wood**, Senior, Communications-Radio/TV/Film



"Watching it is very scary and almost surreal. The saddest part is watching the families. Everyone knows someone involved, this touches everyone." -**Kelly McCraig**, Sophomore, Spanish

"It's the ripple effect. We have to take it on a day to day basis - one thing after another - the stock market today and so forth. We could be looking at asbestos in the air and then cancer down the road with the workers." -**Pam Maurer**, Administrative Secretary, Center for Career Services



"I don't think it'll change or reshape the nation, but people will be more concerned and sensitive to learning in the rest of the world, rather than crisis to crisis. People will come together and place an emphasis on values we don't talk much about." -**Artin Arslanian**, Academic Vice President



"Take the Twin Towers, the financial buildings, I foresee the economy going into

a slump. It'll put everything on hold for a while. It's like we're close to war - that seems to be the word going around. It's up in the air right now, but I think we'll see retaliation on both sides." -**Russ Ficara**, Sophomore, Computer Science



"It'll slow down the economy, but it'll prevail in the future to be the same and even stronger. With other countries behind us, international relations will be a lot better." -**Dominic Lockhart**, Freshman, Political Science



"It'll increase unity among the American people. The morale of people will go up and I think we'll see more nationalism." -**Erik Feineis**, Senior, Computer Science



"We've seen a lot of security increases. People are sacrificing freedoms for security. Especially in any public building - that's the main focus. People take things for granted, that will definitely change, like telling your family you love them every time you see them." -**Andrew Berner**, Sophomore, Communications-Radio/TV/Film



"This makes me think of WWII. It's definitely very scary. I can imagine how my grandparents felt hearing about Pearl Harbor. I like to think we live in a peaceful country - nothing will be the same after nine-eleven-oh-one. Hopefully things will only get better." -**Morgan Chase**, Junior, Psychology/Special Education



"It's going to change everything. The way we think, travel, feel, and react - everything. Unfortunately, I think it's going to turn into a huge conflict. It affects everything and everyone." -**Elena Genovese**, Senior, Advertising



"Education of the people is the best way. This is not a religious issue. The Koran, the Torah, and the Bible all teach love, peace, and treating one another kindly. This is an issue of people being jealous of American superiority in finance and power. Whoever was involved... should be taken care of. Terrorism does not belong in any society." -**Atif Khan**, Junior, Computer Science

-compiled by **Brendan McGurk**, News Editor

NYC memorial service honors fallen firefighters

Sunday, Sept. 23, a memorial service is being held on the Sunday, Sept. 23, a memorial service is being held on the Great Lawn in Central Park at 3 pm. Over a million New Yorkers and other mourners are expected to attend the service, which will commemorate the fallen firefighters who sacrificed their lives to aid in the rescue of others. The service is being orga-

nized by former New York City mayors David Dinkins and Ed Koch as well as a committee of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Muslim clergy.

Online charities raise money for rescue efforts

As of midnight, Tuesday, \$57,696,442 has been raised online for charities aiding the families of victims and the rescue effort of the Pentagon and World Trade Center Tragedy. To contribute, please visit www.libertyunites.org.

Missing count rises

The number of dead and missing from Tuesday's terrorist attacks has quickly risen to 5422. From the World Trade Center, 210 have been confirmed dead; 188 have been confirmed dead from the Pentagon.

SUNY tuition waiver for victim's families

Governor Pataki announced Tuesday that family members of victims from Tuesday's attacks can attend college tuition-free at any New York State University.

Airline layoffs to come

American airline companies are expecting to lay off 74,000 workers in the coming weeks. Continental, United, US Airlines, and Boeing have already announced cutbacks.

According to Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, the airline industry was suffering financially before last week's events. In the past week, the airline industry has lost hundreds of millions of dollars a day. Consumers are, now more than ever, wary of airline travel. Mid-

way Airlines, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Aug. 4, has discontinued service.

bin Laden extradition to be decided

Leaders of Afghanistan's Taliban government have yet to decide if they will concede to international pressure and extradite Osama bin Laden, terrorist financier, suspected mastermind and the FBI's prime suspect in last week's terrorist attacks, to the United States to stand trial.

An American tragedy through the eyes of the media

by **LAUREN PENNA**
Staff Writer

In a matter of minutes the lives of thousands of Americans were changed forever. On the morning of September 11, 2001, two hijacked commercial planes were flown into the World Trade Center. Minutes later there were more attacks that took place in Washington, DC and western Pennsylvania. Panic shook the United States when citizens were unable to get in touch with family and friends. Citizens heard about the attacks via radio, television, telephone or searching on the Internet for

updated news.

There is a group of individuals who have been at the scene since the beginning conveying each occurrence to Americans: the media. School of Communications Professor Carol Pauli said she is impressed by the media's ability to cover the attack. Pauli also made a point to let her classes know that open discussion was welcomed.

"The mainstream media has done a really good job at not saying more than they know," said Pauli. "I've been especially impressed with WCBS and their ability to cover the World Trade Towers. The New York Times had a double banner headline,

which is rare for them too."

Local television stations throughout New York have been at the scene in the city around the clock since the tragedy. Journalists have risked their own safety to make certain that the news and pertinent information reaches those at home who may have lost someone, is missing someone, or concerned about the situation in the city. At times like this it may seem impossible to keep emotions out of their work, but journalists must group and push aside their emotions to carry out their job as a reporter.

Sophomore Colleen Younghans commented that re-

porters' emotions seemed under control.

"The media has handled the event very well. Their emotions have been in check and have not gotten too emotionally involved," said Younghans. She said that she did hear an anchor begin to cry and the network had to stop the broadcast at one point.

Sophomore Christophe Fontaine opposed Younghans' comment and said the media has pointed fingers through their coverage.

"The media is spreading the hate by pointing fingers and saying 'these people are the enemy' when Palestinians are

dancing in the street," said Fontaine.

The emotions have been running high on the Marist campus since this past Tuesday. Many students have been walking around with cell phones or sitting at home trying to get through to family.

A Marist professor pointed out that the classroom has been a place for students to place their anger and confusion in after the recent turn in events. The professor noted that the United States has joined other cultures in learning about what it is like to be vulnerable.

Amidst the feelings of fear, vulnerability, and sorrow the tragedy has only made reporters in the local area at the Poughkeepsie Journal work harder. Executive Editor Meg Downey said that they have several reporters she is proud of for the hard work and endurance over the past week.

"We've had a rotating staff 24-hours a day so that we can scrutinize and aim the information responsibly at the local public. There were two extra editions put out last week to help keep people informed. We've tried to combine national and local levels of the attack in the paper because people need to know what is going on in both areas," said Downey.

Downey said that the Poughkeepsie Journal has received an outpouring of emails and letters in response to the attack. She welcomes students to call, write or email about events or stories that they feel should be covered around the local area. The Poughkeepsie Journal can be reached on the Internet at www.poughkeepsiejournal.com or call (845)454-2000.

School of Communications Professor and Reverend Modele Clarke said publications such as the Poughkeepsie Journal have done well showing the public the international ramifications of the attack.

"The media is in shock and disbelief but has been sensitive and has filtered the news more than adequately by putting a local spin on the news when possible," said Clarke.

The local radio stations and television networks have slowly begun to return to their scheduled program after a week of continual news coverage. Slowly people will return to their routines and support those who are facing grief from the tragedy. The media will continue to be the stronghold that informs the public how the nation is progressing politically and socially as United States citizens unite, help each other, and responds to the disaster with valor.

The mental repercussions of a terrorist attack *Marist community provides solace in a time of sorrow*

by **JENN WEINTZ**
Staff Writer

September 11, 2001, a day that will go down in the history books for years to come, but will be remembered forever by those who lived through and experienced the horrible acts of terrorism on US soil.

As we watch the endless news broadcasts of men and women digging through what was once the beautiful and well known twin towers we get that feeling in the pit our stomach, racking our brains for answers. Every person in that building was someone's father, mother, brother, sister. Some one in that building was about to get married or become a parent. The point is whether you were personally related to someone in that building or had a close friend who worked nearby, you were affected. Just watching the numerous recaps of the planes colliding with the buildings is enough to turn anyone's stomach.

The actual physical affects of the explosions will eventually be cleaned up, and memorials will be built. The city will once again thrive and the horns of angry New Yorkers will once again blare. However, the mental images and pain of this incident will remain forever. That is something that can not be recovered or made new.

For those that are suffering and for those who are in a state of mental anguish there are so many ways in which to ease the pain. There are numerous ways, specifically for Marist students on campus that were so devastatingly affected by last Tuesday's catastrophic events.

This past Friday a candle vigil was held throughout the country but more specifically here at



Marist, where the student population gathered outside at 7 p.m. to light a candle for the victims and all affected. There have been several prayer services, including one that was held the night of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The campus offers many ways in which students can receive counseling and also help in some way (whether it's money donations, food, etc) for the victims and their families.

More nationally, Friday was declared a day of prayer by President George W. Bush. Together

as a nation people have been gathering in prayers, parades, and decorating their vehicles with American paraphernalia.

Perhaps the most crucial way to get through the after math of Tuesday's events is to come together as one nation and forget all the pettiness of everyday life. It is important that those who need to talk to someone seek out professional help, whether it is one our Marist "brothers," an R.A. or a close friend. It does not matter who it is, but as long as it is someone you can talk to

and trust. Get your feelings out, and find someone to put you at ease, because chances are there are others feeling the same way.

Physically this act of terrorism has taken its toll on the nation, but more importantly is the mental impact it has had on so many thousands of people. There is nothing that can be said or done to take away the pain, only time. And in time we will rise again as a nation, but as President Bush stated we will never again return to a time before September 11, 2001.



TOP: Hundreds gather at Square Union in New York City to mourn the thousands of people either killed or still lost in the September 11th terrorist attack.

BOTTOM: Mourners cast shadows on one of many small memorials constructed around New York City.

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

A call for multiculturalism in time of uncertainty

by BEN BRENKERT
Opinion Editor

On Tuesday, September 11, America was rocked to its ideological foundations. The realization: Some find American Democracy threatening. The manifestation of terrorism so early in the 21st Century causes great concern for what is yet to come. The realization: Some find American Democracy perverse. The notion that war has been declared on terrorists and those nations that harbor terrorists is not pejorative but fathomable. America saw evil. America will respond accordingly. America will be resilient. As America mobilizes its forces and prepares for a long and arduous assault on terrorism its citizenry must work to unify society through the sharing of cultural identity and tradition. Michael Kulla wrote in the Poughkeepsie Journal, "if the world is ever going to show respect and concern for its fellow

man, a gargantuan understanding must begin where ideas, values and needs are exchanged." Though America will not be held hostage by terrorists, any response or action must be carried out justly and virtuously. In wake of the calamity phrases like keep the light of freedom burning and we shall overcome have dominated newscasts and editorial sections of newspapers. In a sense, America's ideals: Freedom, democracy and egalitarianism have been tested. Our resolve must be the conviction to lead the free world beyond evil, beyond vicious and unprovoked attacks. Yet, Jew, Muslim and Christian must be sensitive in this time of uncertainty. Clearly, there are men and women whose position is antithetical to the American Dream. While Americans unite in their opposition to these groups we must be mindful that not every Muslim is a follower of Osama Bin Laden. While pride may undo anger and con-

sternation over these tumultuous acts, the truth is: We must be willing to share ideas and values internationally and domestically. Cultural exchange will bridge the gaps between rich and poor countries as the international community builds in its understanding of human integrity. While bombings and war may prove to stop the current threat of Osama Bin Laden and his mercenaries, the greater task is to establish the common bond of humanity and to create the beloved community. This week the American economy will resume its normal, everyday operations. The dust has started to settle and cleanup crews have brought symbols of unity and resiliency to urban areas where landmarks, like the World Trade Center, once showcased

America's ambition, drive and opportunity. These vicious attacks must not stand. America's citizenry has, at an insurmountable cost, learned that in a highly materialistic society the philosophical notion of God must never wane. As a nation founded as a theocracy, America must rebuild itself by incorporating the mundane and the temporal into a capitalistic economy. In this time of crisis we must call the world community to stand at America's side. During this time of uncertainty the world must embrace the principles of multiculturalism. As I close, I offer a poem by Thomas Paine entitled The Liberty Tree. Let us pray for the victims of this tragedy, and for America's resolve to keep the light of freedom burning.

The Liberty Tree
In a chariot of light from the region of day
The Goddess of liberty came.
Ten thousand celestials directed the way
And hither conducted the dame.
A fair budding branch from the gardens above,
Where millions with millions agree,
She brought in her hand as a pledge of her love,
And the plant she named the Liberty Tree.

From the east to the west blew the trumpet to arms!
Through the land let the sound of it flee;
Let the far and the near all unite, with a cheer,
In defense of our Liberty Tree.
-Thomas Paine

We shall overcome

by JACLYN JACOBSEN
Editor-in-Chief

On the Metro North train to Grand Central, a bright advertisement caught my attention. "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Adventure" it bellowed, as if acting the narrator to this strange teledrama known as September 2001. From Poughkeepsie to Peekskill, it seemed the perfect late-summer day - the sun brightened the sky, the Hudson River glittered, and boats and jet skis skipped carelessly over the waves. The world pretended to be at peace. Yonkers. Almost immediately, the mood shifted. All conversation ceased as the train made its way through the Bronx, to Manhattan. A grim moroseness seeped under the doors, watching, waiting. Waiting for New York to suddenly fold in on itself, and disappear into the East River. Grand Central was equally morose. This old giant, who had seen two world wars, a major reconstruction, and an army of rats, now seemed to buckle under this huge weight. Onto 42nd Street, I expected the usual rush of energy and life to come rushing towards me, to feel the joy of stepping on Manhattan sidewalk. I was disappointed, and I was alone. Alone, in New York City. No cars were visible. Spying down Fifth Avenue, an unreal sight gripped me: Fifth Avenue, the much-sto-

ried boulevard, was empty. The world-famous lions guarding the New York Public Library could have rolled over and gone to sleep: the library, too, was closed, but it didn't matter. No one was there to go in. I ran to Times Square to escape the silence. I arrived, and desperately wanted to flee. There were no noisy vehicles, no sounds of construction, and no happy chatter of passers-by. Instead, flags at half-mast dominated the scene. On the scaffolding of the unfinished Toys R Us building waved five American flags, along with homemade signs asking God to save New York's firefighters. ABC News repeatedly scrolled the words to "We Shall Overcome," and visiting tourists boisterously sang the national anthem. I hailed a cab, and flew downtown. My heart sank as street after street passed; I knew I was getting closer to that awful spot where two large buildings are supposed to stand. I finally reached my destination: Union Square. This mecca for the weary of heart, this meeting hall for the shell-shocked, was a sprawling, floral testimony to the spirit of New York. Even on the brink of death, 14th Street, they played music. They sang songs. They placed candles, and they

United we stand, divided we fall

by DERRICK JONES II
Staff Writer

War on America. I never thought that in my career as the Political columnist for Marist College I would have to write about it. None of us ever thought that four planes could be hijacked, the United States Pentagon attacked and the World Trade Center destroyed in the same day. Well, wake up America because it has. We must unite and stand with the leadership of this great country. Freedom and democracy has been molested by terrorists who are smart, sophisticated and willing to die in their campaign against America. I have heard a lot in these last few days on how to prevent something like this from happening. Educate policy-makers, know what is going on around the world, and be aware that America is not the center of the universe. Well, I agree with these opinions, however they will not stop a terrorist attack. There is only one thing that will help stop something like this from happening. That is increased military intelligence and readiness. There are also those pacifists that state the US should not cause more loss of innocent life in a retaliatory strike and that this should not turn into an eye-for-an-eye battle. It should be the job of our Federal government to totally annihilate those terrorist and any others responsible for the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. WE must show the world that for any attack on US soil, those attackers will suffer 10 times the carnage that was inflicted on the US.

What do we do now? We as Americans must support our federal, state, and local governments. Local and state will coordinate cleanup and reconstruction operations. Federal will take care of retaliation. America is at war now. This is for real. The next 8 to 10 years will be like nothing that we have ever seen in our young lives. While we must prevent anything like this from ever happening again, we must be aware that it can. Terrorists have declared war on America and have struck the first blow. It is time for us to strike back with the fires of hell in our hearts and God's grace on our backs. Those that died at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and on the hijacked planes died as heroes. They started out their day like we do. Those killed thought it was going to be another regular workday. All thought they would return home to their families. The men and women murdered lived on the principles of freedom, democracy, and the American way. We must realize what principles they died for. They died for the way they lived. They died for freedom, democracy, for the American way. We must not forget that and we must not forget to honor those that have fallen. Our way of life was attacked on Sept 11, 2001. But the principle that this great country stands for will never bend or break. As Americans we will always be steadfast and show our resolve. We must show the world that we are and will always be the leader of freedom, democracy and hope. We can be attacked but we will attack back; you can strike a blow to democracy, but in the end democracy

will strike the final blow; you can burn our flag, but in the end our flag will burn you. God bless America. God also better bless those that did this to our great country because we are going to strike back with everything we've got!

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Ways to help

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*NYC hotline for family and friends of victims: 212-560-2730 (instead of 911)
*NYC Police Department: 718-677-8328
*New York Fire Department rescue efforts: 718-999-2541
*Port Authority employee information: 973-565-5505/5506/5507
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U.S. Government family hotline: 1-800-331-0075

WEBSITES
Listing of hotlines and sites.
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<http://www.nybloodcenter.org>

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Dread and Repulsion: Let's start a war?

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Layout Manager

If you believe in God, start praying now. Don't forget to say a few for those who don't. Desert Storm seems like a Saturday Night Live skit compared to what happened on September 11. Hear that sound? That's war coming with God knows what else chasing behind it.

If you're waiting for a swift military battle or even if you're placing faith in an international movement against terrorism to solve all of these problems then prepare to be disappointed. "Terrorism is the weapon of the weak" you've probably heard at least three or seven times over the last week but it's also a weapon that cannot be stopped through conventional means. Increased security at airports, strict immigration policies, and CIA black operations will not solve this problem.

The United States was struck by this Hollywood-esque attack but a wider perspective shows us that this was an attack on the West. We just happen to be the biggest target. There are reasons why we are being attacked (although reasons are not ex-

cuses, nor should they be treated as such) and without facing these reasons with a substantial attempt to change them, September 11, 2001 will be the first of many tragic dates.

Over the past week I have seen, on the news and in person, people bind together to help the victims of the attack on the WTC. Hospitals are turning down donors because they are full of blood or because there are not enough doctors, fundraising and other aid drives are running full steam, and smart investors that invested in flag making companies are making thousands of dollars. This is the beautiful thing about humanity. Unfortunately it won't last very long and many people will slowly fade into pre-attack normality without putting much thought into the future.

The future is grim regardless of whether we catch the party or parties responsible for this attack. If we don't catch the culprits then they are able to attack again. If we do catch the culprits then more will quickly fill their footsteps and continue this war. Arrest a thousand people, launch a few dozen tomahawk missiles, and place an economic embargo on an entire nation and what do you think will happen? We'll be training

another entire generation to resent us with such a passion that September 11 will seem like a warm-up.

Osama Bin Laden, Sadaam Hussein, and Slobodan Milosevic all have similarities in the ways they built massive support for causes that seem absurd in our eyes. Our politicians resort to typical textbook procedures when leaders like these cross paths with the United States by placing economic embargos on the nation or by trying to carpet bomb areas that we believe are holding their troops. Not many people in the United States realize what happens when we do this.

ready impoverished areas become progressively more so. More children die of starvation and more people suffer. Then our enemies address their nation with a brilliant PR spin and tell the people that they are starving because of the United States, that their children are dying because of the United States, and that the world would be greatly benefited with our complete and utter demise.

Remember that rage you felt watching CNN showing the Trade Center crumble, crushing hundreds or possibly thousands of people? That sense of complete shock and disgust as you watched the horrendous images of people diving out the

so nonchalantly. X number dead, Y number innocent casualties (or collateral damage is the more common term); "that's war," someone would comment and then the next news story would start. Those callously mentioned numbers, specifically Y, were real people that suffered real horrible deaths just like those on September 11.

If you think I'm saying this because I don't care or if you're reading this while mouthing the words "pinko" while cursing how unpatriotic you think this is then do us all a favor and jump into some oncoming traffic on Route 9. This is not about being an American anymore. This is about being a citizen of the world and not wanting this to happen to anyone else, including and specifically, ourselves. It may be uncomfortable to acknowledge that much of this world resents us, sometimes with fairly good reasons, but if you really want to make this world a better place then think about what we, as a nation, could do to make this world safer. It's not as easy as buying a flag for your car and it takes a lot more work than putting on a ribbon but at least it may save lives. Ever get the feeling you've been cheated?

Our politicians resort to typical textbook procedures when leaders like these cross paths with the United States by placing economic embargos on the nation or by trying to carpet bomb areas that we believe are holding their troops.

Embargos and economic sanctions do not hurt people like Hussein or Milosevic; they are rich and powerful, with enough loot stolen from their people to last them for years. Instead, al-

windows?

Now think about every report or news story you've ever heard about some military strike or bombing we did and think about the numbers that were read off

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mourned. They did all this, underneath the mocking, brutal sun, who impudently gleamed on this darkest of days.

I descended into the subway terminal, passing endless pictures of the missing and the dead. The subway cars rattled and echoed into the empty terminal, playing the part of doomed traveler to an unholy, uncharted land. Silently, I stepped in, intending to return to 42nd Street. A stronger force took me to Wall Street.

The subway cars were surprisingly packed. Every missing person on the street had retreated to the underground. The underground was safe, and it relieved some of the collective survivor guilt. The victims will never see light again. By withdrawing to the subways, the living could remove themselves from the world.

We painfully hobbled over the track underneath Wall Street. Morbid yards of black tape and ribbon harshly declared its closure. The subway car filled with pints of invisible tears, and roared with silent cries. The people of New York remained pinned to their seats, secretly wishing to forever stay below.

But they will emerge. One day,

New Yorkers will not curse the sun for shining. One day, they will not sob and cough as they look to the south. New York will again reclaim its glory, without its towers. Let the towers lay. Their spirits have led this city to new heights - to an unparalleled loftiness of grace, strength, and courage.

New York is a helluva town.

Quotes of the Week

"It's not a war. You can't just use words like that. There needs to be a "mobilization" against terrorism."

-LOUIS MICHEL, Belgian foreign minister

"The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam. Islam is peace."

-GEORGE BUSH, President

"Like the Cold War, this is a realigning war, by which I mean that the United States is dividing the world into us versus them."

-PETER FEAVER, Duke University

The Circle would like to send our best wishes to all those affected by the tragedy on September 11. Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to victims, their families, and all those touched by this devastating event.

Terrorist attack hits entertainment industry hard

by ED WILLIAMS III
Managing Editor

Even over a week after its occurrence it is still almost impossible to put into words how much the cowardly terrorist attacks on this great country have affected life as we know it. Many are saying that we must move on with our lives as normal as possible to send these villains the message that nothing they can do will stop the daily flow of American life, but that is a utopian view. The world as we know it has changed forever in every aspect and may never be the same. One of these aspects is the entertainment industry. At a time like this, something like entertainment almost seems trivial and unimportant, but it is an industry that makes billions of dollars, and the way that it operates may have been altered forever.

First of all, the industry lost some valuable talents in the plane crashes. David Angell, 54, from Pasadena, California died in the American Airlines Flight 11 that crashed into the first World Trade Center tower. Angell was the executive producer of the hit comedy *Frasier*. Thomas Pecorelli, 31, from Los

Angeles died in the same plane crash and was a camera man for Fox Sports and the E Entertainment Channel. TV Commentator and lawyer, Barbara Olson, 45, met her untimely death in the American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon. These valuable contributors to the entertainment industry will be sorely missed.

In addition to human losses, the entertainment industry has been affected in other ways as well. The Emmy Awards, for example, have been postponed until October 7. This is the first time in Emmy history that the show has been put off. Even in 1980 in the midst of an actor strike where all of the actors no-showed, the show went on. The presentation of the show has also been changed around as host Ellen DeGeneres' opening monologue has been scrapped as well as a skit involving actors from Saturday Night Live poking fun at President George W. Bush and Al Gore. There is also a planned moment of silence for all of the victims of the tragedy as well as a tribute to Angell.

This is believed to be the long-

est delay in awards show history. The Oscars were put off for two days in 1968 following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and they were delayed for one day following the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981. The Latin Grammy Awards have taken a different approach and have canceled their show outright.

Perhaps one of the aspects of the entertainment industry hit the hardest is the film industry. This is an industry that displays similar acts of terrorism in its film releases on a consistent yet fictional basis. One example of a film being affected by this tragedy was Warren's soon-to-be released *Collateral Damage* starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. The terrorist-themed film was set to be released on October 5, but release date has been put off indefinitely, its Website has been shut down and all promotional materials have been recalled.

Disney has taken similar action with one of its films, *Big Trouble*. The Tim Allen led ensemble comedy was to be released on September 21, but

Disney canceled the upcoming press junket and has pushed back the release date until some time next year. The film originally ended with a nuclear bomb being smuggled into an airport.

The television industry has been affected as well. The start of the fall season has been pushed back a week so that more focus could be put on coverage of this tragedy. Specific shows such as the new *24* and a special *Law and Order* miniseries are being retooled due to content dealing with bombings and hijackings. CBS's new show *The Agency* included references to Osama bin Laden as the man behind a terrorist attempt to blow up Harrod's in London. CBS has pulled promos for the show and most likely will not air the original pilot. Instead, the current plan is to air the second episode with minor changes to account for continuity that would be lost without the pilot.

Television stations have been airing uninterrupted news coverage of this shocking event, and it is hitting them hard in their wallets. The New York Times reports that some stations are

losing up to \$100 million a day due to not airing commercials. Also hit hard has been the music industry. Some major concerts have been canceled including shows by Janet Jackson, Tool, the Black Crowes, U2, Godsmack, Maxwell and Ben Folds.

Broadway had closed its theaters on Tuesday and Wednesday, but were open once again on Thursday. Some of the actors were still shaken by the incident and were hesitant to go on with the shows, but after being urged from officials to carry on as normal to give the people of New York something to do to get their minds off the national tragedy.

Even some computer games have been put on hold in wake of the terrorist attacks. Electronic Arts has suspended play on its new interactive online conspiracy game, *Majestic*, in the wake of Tuesday's tragedy. The game revolves around a government conspiracy that leads to the destruction of a software company.

Not as naughty by nature as comedic by accident

by CHRIS KNUDTSEN
Layout Manager

First there was the Bacon Brothers, then there was Naughty by Nature; Fox Fest, SPC's now annual year opener, is definitely headed in the right direction. Naughty by Nature played to a crowd possibly suited better for a Dave Mathews Band show on Sunday, September 9. The show went off smoothly though, opening around 2:30 on the campus green and lasted for about an hour and a half.

Entering popular music in 1991 with the now classic "O.P.P.", Naughty by Nature has put out four albums the likes of "19 Naughty III" with a fairly consistent following to the present day.

The show kicked off with the band's biggest hit, "O.P.P.", in the middle of Marist campus while the sun beat down on about seven hundred people (whom we can't necessarily call fans, after all, there were a lot of people at the Bacon Brothers show as well). Regardless, the set ranged from old songs dating back to early nineties hip hop to some of their more recent work with an occasional break to fool with the crowd.

Following tradition, Naughty by Nature brought a few members of the crowd onstage be-

tween songs for a quick freestyle session, the results of which were relatively sub par

until one or two rap-pledges surprised the crowd with a fairly smooth run.

With a few exceptions, the majority of the crowd stuck around for the entirety of the

show whether they were in the crowd pressed against the stage, or spaced across the hill in front of the Cannavino Library.

Foxfest went off rather well as a whole, unfortunately Naughty by Nature did not realize that there is a difference between the words "veterans" and "has beans". Their material wasn't especially tight or spectacular and their routine was more comedic than anything else.

Luckily there's more to any show or event other than the main entertainment. There's rarely ever a gathering of Marist students in such large numbers at any one place so the event was a success in rounding the folks up for a day.

Naughty by Nature is currently working on a new album due out by the end of 2001. Check their website for lyrics and other information at www.naughtybynature.com.

Chris Knudtsen is a senior with a major in Communications. He firmly believes that Naughty by Nature was the most entertaining event of his collegiate career at Marist College.

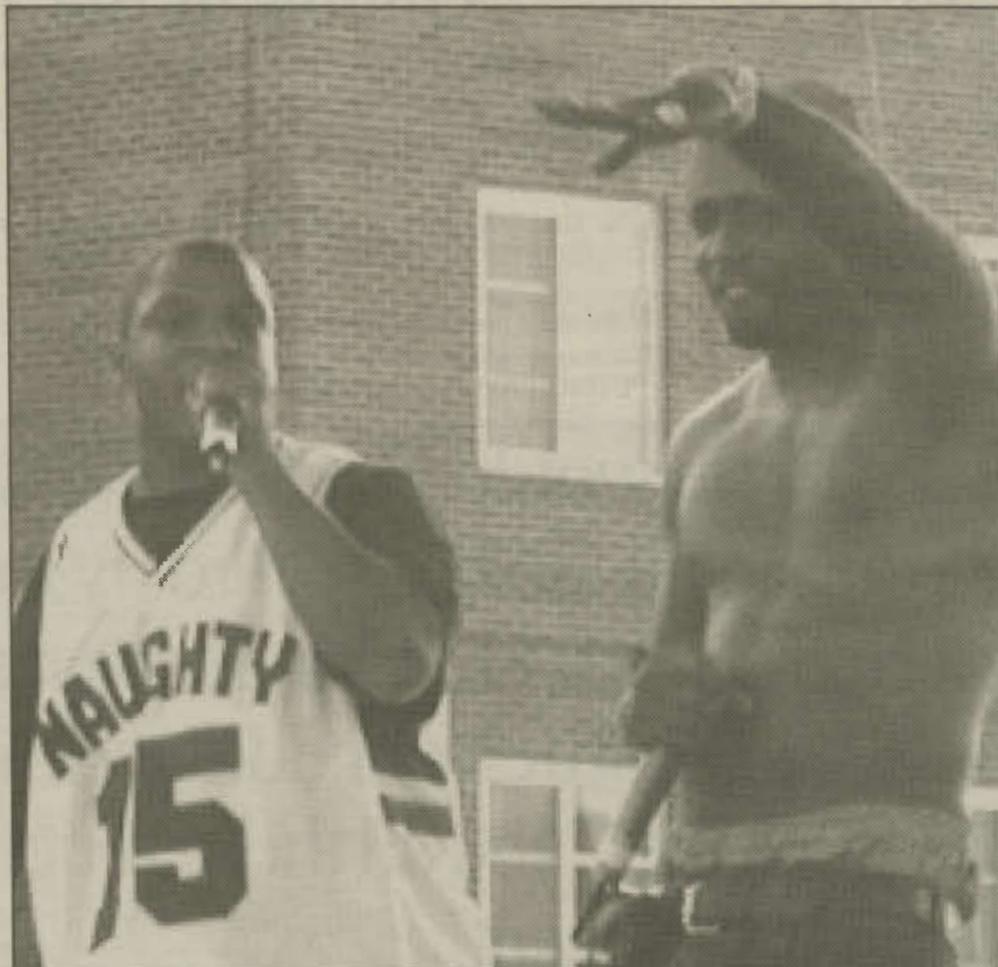


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Naughty by Nature raised the proverbial roof on the campus green in front of several hundred Marist students.

NYC's Wetlands as dry and barren as the Sahara

by **JIMBO MARITATO**
A&E Editor

In my short yet inspiring time as a punk rock enthusiast I have watched several of New York City's great small venues close up shop as they were offered up as a sacrifice to the onslaught of a "Disneyized" Manhattan (well, with the exception of current events, I suppose.) Coney Island High, a club that made its home on St. Mark's Place in the Village, was the first to go after allegedly being shut down for an abundance of fire code and alcohol violations. Tramps was next. I got to see a single show at the venue's 19th Street location before it too became merely a memory. The club that outlasted both of these mainstays of underground music was always the one I thought would be converted into some sort of commercial megastore first. The Wetlands Preserve would have always been first on my list to bite the dust due to its location - on the outskirts of Manhattan's financial district and just barely outside the mouth of the Holland Tunnel.

Wetlands opened in 1989 as a meeting place for environmental activists. When one looks back upon the club's history it is easy to imagine a group of neo-hippies sitting in the basement discussing current events and ways to protect the environment while then unknown jam bands such as Blues Traveler and (I hate admitting this) Dave Matthews Band played on

the stage above them basked in environmentally friendly spotlights. Wetlands also played host to educational sessions every Tuesday night in an effort to help promote awareness of environmental problems. However, it is not the hippie-esque past of Wetlands that brings me fond memories.

seemed to be a common thread among music fans; practically everyone I know has either heard of or been there at one point or another. Wetlands seemed to be the most accepting of clubs. Regardless of who you were you were pretty much welcome at Wetlands.

However, there is one group

and the Wetlands will be turned into office space. It is kind of ironic when you consider that a club that was founded on protecting the environment from exploitation by big business should lose its home to business-based progress.

The last week for the Wetlands was to be a time for those who made the venue what it is today: The big names who got their start there were supposed to come back for one last hurrah. However, all of that ended at 8:45 Tuesday morning along with thousands of lives and two monuments of New York. Wetlands is located roughly three blocks away from the epicenter of last week's tragedy at 161 Hudson St. According to a statement on their website, the club was evacuated around noon Tuesday afternoon and stayed that way throughout the rest of the week. There would be no final week of shows, no last hurrah.

Before I continue, I do not mean to skew the severity of last week's tragedy, so please do not misinterpret what I will say. It was after many hours of pondering the effects that the attack on our nation had on people that I arrived at the thoughts I present to you all.

It is rather ironic that a club that was for 13 years a forum where people of any race, color, creed, or gender could gather to speak their minds and listen to good music had its final moments ended by a group of people who felt the need to be

heard so badly that they took the lives of thousands of people. When you consider the blatant attack on big business and capitalism that occurred when both 1 and 2 World Trade Center came crashing down like Legos after a toddler's fit and the motivation of many of those who founded the Wetlands Preserve to protect the environment from big business, it creates an odd juxtaposition. Does this mean that the perpetrators of Tuesday's attack and the founders of Wetlands had the same goals and ideas? Certainly not - one was out to destroy life, the other to protect it. But it is a strange twist of fate nonetheless.

Wetlands will return elsewhere. The statement released on their website Friday talks of their plans to rebuild the club at a new location in the future. More important though was the talk of a fundraising concert for the American Red Cross to benefit the efforts that continue around the area of the World Trade Center. The club without a home wants to help... kind of funny when you think about it. However, it instills a warm feeling in me that Wetlands will rebuild just as New York and the rest of the nation will rebuild. For whatever reason, sometimes it takes looking at the smaller picture to fully realize the larger one. I'm out.

Jimbo Maritato would like to once again assert that he is not a hippie like Maxwell Schnurer.



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Wetlands was one of the starting venues for many jazz band performers such as John Popper of Blues Traveler

Wetlands was a meeting ground for so many different people of varying musical and social circles. While jam bands and reggae were popular at Wetlands, so were hardcore, metal, punk, ska and even techno. If you name a style, someone has probably played it at Wetlands. The club has

that I believe most who frequented the club considered unwelcome: big business. The Wetlands was to have its last show this past Saturday night but thanks to the purchase of the building it is now part of a residential development company. The building itself will be converted into loft apartments

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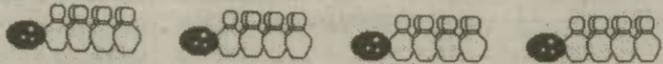
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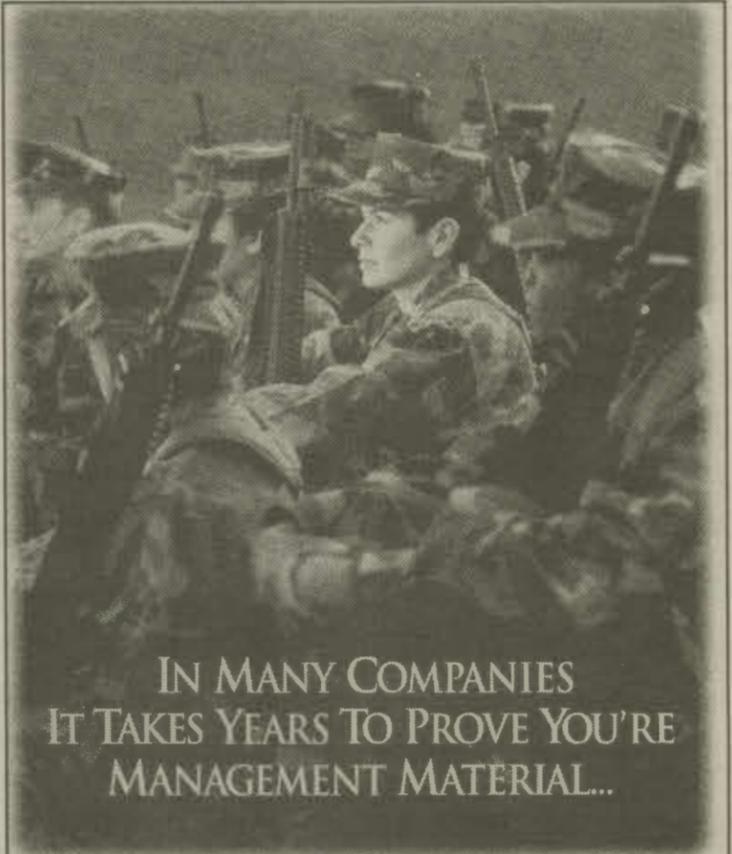
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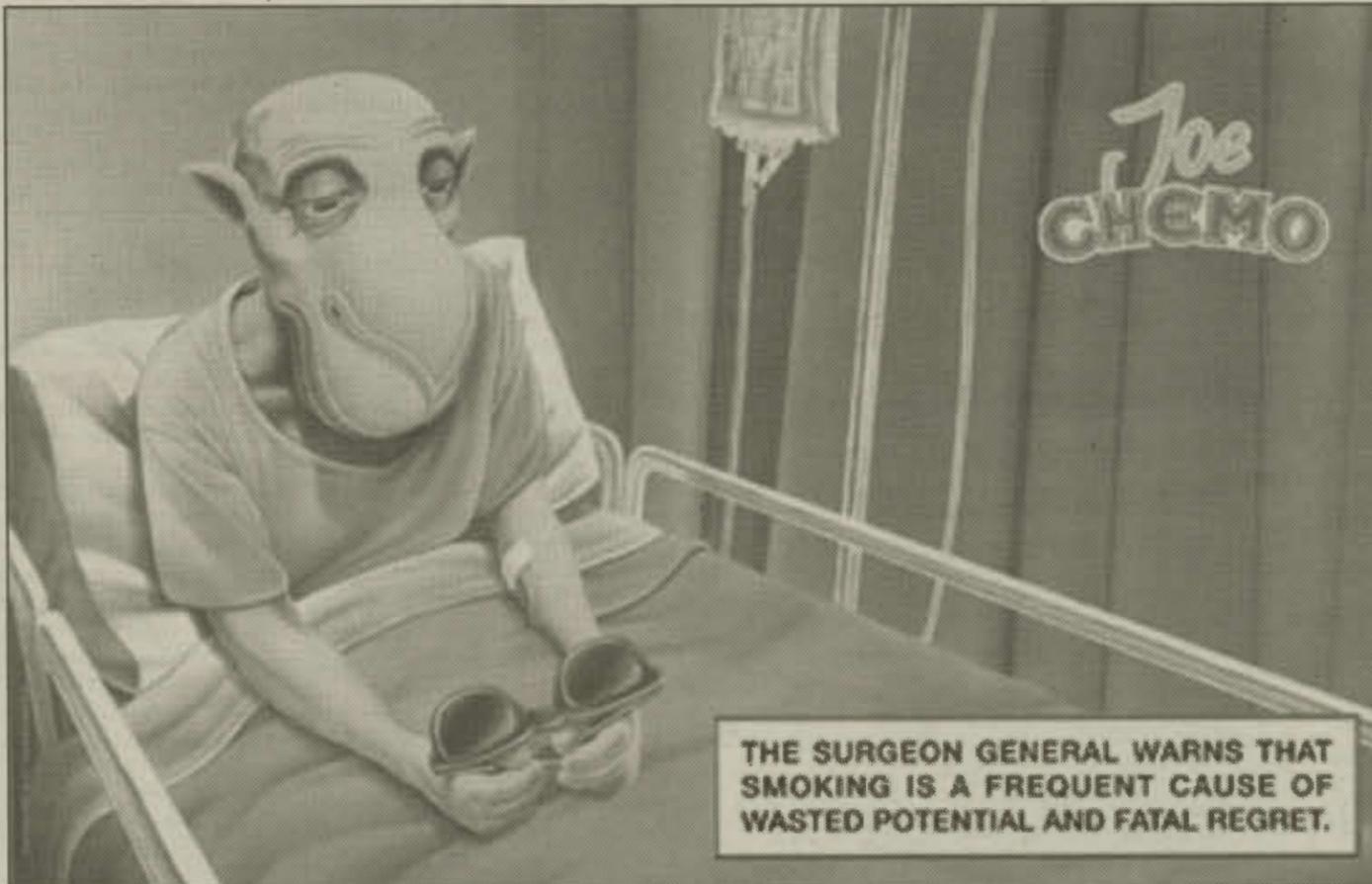
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Professional sports scene takes a back seat to tragedy

by Scott Desiere

And then, suddenly, none of it mattered. Not the NFL and the start of its season. Not Barry Bonds and his chase for seventy. Not even Michael Jordan and his intention to return to the game that has made him a legend. Suddenly, sports disappeared.

The September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and the Pentagon left the country in a state of mourning and shock. The sports world was no different.

Therefore, with the wall of invincibility placed around athletes in this country crumbled, and with the human side of the people involved in sports exposed, most major professional and collegiate sporting events for the better part of a week following the attacks were canceled. And rightfully so.

The NFL decided that week number two was not important given the scope of things. And rightfully so.

Major League Baseball decided that the pennant chase, customary to mid-September America, was also not important. And rightfully so.

The NCAA decided that home openers and showdowns with archrivals were not important either. And rightfully so.

For while the institution of sports is an enormous part of many lives in this country and throughout the world, the tragedy of last Tuesday served as a dose of reality when it comes to measuring the true significance of sports. Because, in reality, in terms of the things that matter, sports carry little meaning.

It is not that sports are not important to our society. They are. In fact, sports are a vital part of our lives. Actually, the cowardice attacks on America underscore just why we need

sports. We need them because life has to be about more than death and taxes, terrorists and murder, mortgage payments and traffic jams. We need them because there has to be some level of enjoyment in our lives. There has to be something that brings a smile to our faces and makes us forget about our troubles. For many, the sight of Mike Piazza belting a homerun or the sight of Derek Jeter scoring from first on a Bernie Williams double provides that enjoyment. It brings that smile to our faces. It makes us forget about those troubles.

Some troubles, however, are not so easily forgotten. Some troubles, even sports cannot erase. Such is the case with last Tuesday's attack on America.

Sports may be able to make us forget a tough day at work, but they cannot make us forget the value of human life.

They may be able to make us forget the strains of the daily commute, but they cannot make us forget the strains of those who risked, and in some cases, lost their lives in the rescue efforts in New York City and Washington, D.C.

They may be able to help us get over the loss of our job, but they are powerless in helping us get over the loss of a loved one.

The cancellation of this past weekend's sporting events was absolutely the right thing to do.

After all, who can possibly care whether they stay alive in their NFL survivor pool or not when families all over the country are wondering if their loved ones are surviving at all?

Who can possibly care whether the Mets creep back into the pennant race or not when firefighters and police officers are creeping through rubble to see if one of their col-

leagues may still be alive?

Who can possibly care whether a quarterback finds his receivers in the end zone when thousands of wives are wondering if they will find their husbands dead?

The reality of the situation at the Pentagon and especially the situation in lower Manhattan is well beyond the comprehension of anyone living in the sheltered environment provided by Marist College.

The pictures are too surreal to believe, and the death toll figures do not truly do justice to the despair caused by these at-

tacks. Yet when we turned on our televisions last Saturday and did not see Notre Dame football, Yankee baseball, or ESPN Sports Center, we knew something was wrong.

It served as a grim reminder of just how devastating the attacks on America were. It also served as a reminder of just how prevalent sports are in this country, a country that weighs the significance of a terrorist attack in terms of how many sporting events were canceled as much as it does how many lives were lost.

Yet there are certain instances,

rare as they may be, when even the most avid sports fans and even the most enthusiastic athletes must step back and acknowledge the fact that sports, in the face of the stuff in life that really matters, our loved ones, are truly insignificant. This is one of those instances.

Without question, there will be a day and time when sports will return to the forefront of our culture, and once again provide Americans with the outlet for enjoyment we have come to depend on.

Without question, that day is not today. That time is not now.

Leagues forced to make changes

by PETER PALMIERI
Sports Editor

As a result of the cancellation of games for six days, Major League Baseball will extend its season for another week, thus delaying the playoffs too.

More important than the change of dates, there is also a new look for each team as play resumed on Monday. Each team has a uniform with an American Flag sewn onto the back of its jerseys and the side of its caps. The New York Mets even wore NYPD and FDNY caps to show their support of the firefighters and police officers who risked their lives and who are helping in the rescue efforts. Also, besides the traditional "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," fans will also be asked to sing "God Bless America." All this in an effort to raise patriotism and support for the country.

When baseball resumed on Monday, it was obvious that patriotism and support was al-

ready on the minds of baseball fans. As stadiums opened for the first time in nearly a week, fans filled the seats and showed their support for America.

The Pittsburgh Pirates handed out "I Love New York" buttons to the fans, in support of the victims of the World Trade Center attacks. The Pirates collected almost \$100,000 in donations for the New York police and fire rescue.

In Colorado, the Colorado Rockies and the Arizona Diamondbacks participated in a 10-minute pre-game ceremony, which including the singing of the national anthem while a huge American flag was spread across the infield, held by players from both teams. And in various ballparks, fans showed their support with "USA...USA..." chants throughout the game.

The National Football League will also see some changes during the season. The games scheduled for Week 2 will be

added to the end of the season on January 5-7. As of Tuesday the league had not decided on whether to keep the playoff format the same, but was toying with the option of keeping the playoff dates the same and only having one wildcard team per league, instead of the usual three per league.

Major League Soccer cancelled its remaining six games of the season. The league will begin its eight-team playoffs on September 20, as regularly scheduled.

The PGA announced that the 34th Annual Ryder Cup, originally scheduled for September 28-30 would be postponed and rescheduled in September 2002.

The middleweight title bout between Felix Trinidad and Bernard Hopkins, originally scheduled for September 15 was rescheduled for September 29. The event will be held at Madison Square Garden as originally scheduled.

The Philosophy of Pooch

by Dan Pucherelli

Last Tuesday, the twin towers weren't the only things to come crashing down. The very fabric of this society took a serious blow as well.

The tragedy of last week's cowardly terrorist attack on our nation destroyed lives, and certainly altered the lives of every American citizen as well. The American culture was badly shaken. A big part of American culture, especially of the past one hundred years, has been sports. Virtually all sports were cancelled or postponed last week. The magnitude of last week's tragedy put sports not only on the backburner, but in my opinion, completely out of our hearts and minds.

I, for one, can care less about any sporting event, player, or anything even remotely related to sports. Sports are something we play and watch for recreational purposes. While our leaders' sentiments that we try our best to return to our normal lives are recognized, I still find it very difficult to even think about sports right now, let alone watch and play them. In the coming weeks and months, sports will begin to integrate itself back into American culture. For some, things will begin to go back to normal in a sense, and while we will always remember the events of September 11, sports will again find their places in people's lives.

We cannot dwell on last week's tragedy forever. It's going to take time. Time really is the only thing that will heal America's wounds. And unfortunately, the accomplishments made by the hardworking athletes, coaches, and teams will be forever tainted because they will have occurred within the same timeframe as this tragedy. I can't think of a sport that is more affected by this than baseball. Traditionally, baseball is at its best in September, when the divisional and wild card races are coming right down to the wire. The baseball postseason is right around the corner and the "Fall Classic" itself is at the end of next month.

The importance of such an American tradition will get lost as a result of the nation's damaged spirit. In our minds, many important feats will go down in the history books, with an asterisk next to it.

The New York Yankees, who have the ability to win the World Series for a fourth straight time, may have had their team spirit destroyed by the fact that their "backyard" was the location of the most terrible tragedy to ever occur on American soil. Barry Bonds, who may break the homerun record set by Mark McGuire in 1998, will not have the same impact if he indeed succeeds. Cal Ripken, and Tony Gwynn, scheduled to play the final games of their illustrious baseball career at the conclusion of this season, will not have that same magical farewell that

they so much deserve. And that is really unfortunate.

Despite how unfortunate this may be for the sports world, it has to be this way. Our priorities must all change. We must love our loved ones more than ever, and befriend each, as best we can. And if that means the world of sports gets lost in all of this, then so be it.

The most important things in life are not sports, but family, and friends. It should remain this way. The sporting world has been respectful of this sentiment and the sports leagues showed great class by putting life issues before the games. Once again, the nation will be a symbol of strength and unification, possibly more than ever before, and sports will again find their rightful places in our hearts, and in our minds.

Game of the Week

The Red Fox football team will face Florida Atlantic University on Saturday in Miami. Marist is looking for its first win of the season. Fans can catch all the live action at goredfoxes.com

They Said It

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Professional and college teams take time to reflect

by PETER PALMIERI
Sports Editor

While most of America shut down after last Tuesday's terrorist attacks, the sports scene followed suit and postponed most of its major events for the remainder of the week.

The National Football League (NFL) and Major League Baseball (MLB) called off all scheduled games for the week, and nearly every NCAA school postponed its contests. Marist College and the entire Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) also decided that the week would be better used for mourning and reflection, rather than competition on the playing field.

The MAAC was actually one of the first leagues to cancel its games, doing so on Tuesday, according to Marist College Athletic Director, Tim Murray.

"The MAAC was a leader in the decision," said Murray. "I stood behind the decision, 100 percent."

The decision to postpone the league games was a unanimous decision, according to Murray. After several schools voiced their concerns, the decision was made to cancel the week in sports.

"When you have something of this magnitude that nobody has ever seen before, and hopefully will never see again, you have to have time to reflect on it," said Murray.

At first, some NCAA Division I schools made the decision to play football games on Saturday, but later decided it would not be appropriate. All 58 Division I-A games were postponed.

"I was curious to see what the other leagues would do (after the MAAC's decision)," said Murray. "It was appropriate at that time to not play and to help those in need."

Marist head football coach Jim Parady also said that the decision was the right one.

"After all this, football became secondary," he said.

Major League Baseball immediately cancelled its entire

schedule of games for September 11, the day of the attacks. As the week went on, the league kept postponing games and ultimately decided to postpone all games until September 17. The final decision was made by MLB Commissioner Allan H. (Bud) Selig, two days after the attacks.

"I believe that in the spirit of national recovery and return to normalcy, Major League Baseball, as a social institution, can best be helpful by resuming play at the most appropriate time," Selig said in a press release from the MLB, posted on majorleaguebaseball.com. "I believe that time is Monday."

The NFL also made its decision two days after the tragedy that struck New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania. The NFL decided to play its games two days after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, but officials were not about to make the same mistake this time.

"We should pause and make this a weekend to support our neighbors, friends, families,

even strangers," NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said in a release on NFL.com. "(We need to) grieve, gather our energies, become more resolute in what we do and become stronger as football players and citizens of the United States."

According to Murray, the decision from all levels was the right thing to do.

"The NFL and all the other leagues made the right decision," he said. "It's nice to see how the professionals showed their support for their country and all those suffering from this. We all needed the weekend to reflect."

While college athletes do not have the same responsibility to the public as professional athletes do, it was still important to make sure they could deal with the situation and return to the playing field in due time. This was the case for Marist athletes as well, according to Murray.

"It was important for the teams to still practice while all this was going on," he said. "They needed the relief and needed to

stay together. We have to make sure that we are sensitive and in touch with the feelings and needs of the athletes."

Murray met with the coaches from each team to communicate with them what exactly was happening and what should be done for the players.

"We have a great group of coaches who have a great rapport with the players," Murray said. "The players know that the coaches are approachable whenever they need anything, especially in a time like this."

Following the time off, the school tried to return to some form of normalcy and began the task of rescheduling its cancelled games. The football game, scheduled for September 15 against La Salle is rescheduled for November 21. The men's soccer game scheduled for September 12 is rescheduled for November 3 and the men's tennis match scheduled for September 15 will be made up in April. The women's soccer game on September 14 has yet to be rescheduled.

Marist athletics affected by attacks

by MIKE DRECHSEL
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Due to the tragic events that occurred last week, anything and everything related to sports was cancelled or postponed, and the Marist College teams were no different. It was decided that regularly scheduled games could go on with the circumstances at hand.

All team practices were cancelled on Tuesday, but the teams resumed practices the next day. But since all sporting events were cancelled last week, the practices were cut back. Also the days following the catastrophic event, it was still unsure to many athletes if their family and friends were safe and sound.

"The mood in practice was somber to say the least," said football coach Jim Parady. The team's game against La Salle was cancelled and has been rescheduled for November 21.

The team travels to Miami this weekend to face Florida Atlantic and as the tragedy still rears its ugly head, Coach Parady said he and his squad are not too worried about flying.

"We know the security will be tightened to be extra safe," he said. "We'll just have to adjust our travel schedule accordingly."

Adjusting that schedule means having to leave at 1 am on Friday morning for a Saturday afternoon kickoff. Parady expects the team to be emotionally charged and pretty much up to speed for Saturday's game.

The football team is not the only team that is starting its season back up after a week of being idle. Men's soccer resumes its schedule taking on Oneonta Saturday night at 7 pm on Leonidoff Field. The women's team also faces the Peacocks of St. Peter's on Wednesday, and then on Saturday against conference rivals Iona. The volleyball team will join the other fall sports this weekend with a tournament being held at Columbia University.

Nobody directly related to the athletic program had family or friends who were seriously injured in Tuesday's events. And to help out with the relief efforts the teams have given blood, along with taking part in the candle lit vigil that was held this past Sunday. In the upcoming weeks, the football team will be taking part in other relief efforts. The team feels that once things cool down, volunteering to help out victims may subside and they don't want to lose sight of the mournful events of the past week.

Football faces FAU in Florida Takes the field for the first time since opening day loss

by PETER PALMIERI
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After losing its first game of the season and having its second game postponed, the Marist College football team will play its second game of the season this Saturday. However, nothing about this game is typical.

The Red Foxes will travel to Pro Player Stadium, in Miami to take on the Owls of Florida Atlantic University. What makes this team different from any other team Marist faces this year is that this school has never had a football team before. Florida Atlantic is in the middle of its inaugural football campaign.

Something else that will be different for the Red Foxes come Saturday is the fact that they will have to fly to Miami, something that could have some players worried after four planes were hijacked last week as part of terrorist attacks on the United States.

However, Marist head coach Jim Parady said that the team is taking the proper precautions to make sure that things run as smoothly as possible.

"We are getting the team prepared and making sure that they are comfortable with the situation," he said. "We are also tell-

ing players that if they or their families are uncomfortable with traveling, then they do not have to make the trip."

Parady also said that the team is taking all the proper security measures and making sure that they give themselves enough time in the airport for any necessary security checks or delays that may take place in the airport.

The Red Foxes lost the first game of the season to Frostburg State University, a NCAA Division III school. Marist led most of the game, until Nick Quisgard hit a 30-yard field goal to give the Bobcats a two-point lead with 1:23 remaining in the game.

Marist received a solid performance from Alfredo Riullano, who rushed for 92 yards and scored a touchdown. Red Fox quarterback John Corneliusen went 7-7 through the air for 96 yards and a touchdown. Sean Stellato caught a 39-yard touchdown pass from Corneliusen to give Marist a 7-0 lead and the offense received a huge spark from Rommel Sumague who scored on a 94-yard kickoff return.

Kevin Bielen replaced Corneliusen and went 8-21 for 95 yards and was sacked three times. Chris Price added 47 yards on the ground for the Red Fox rushing attack.

With nearly two weeks off before its next contest, the Red Foxes have had time to prepare for the up and coming Florida Atlantic University, a team that Parady says is very talented.

"They are a very good team," he said. "Even though they haven't had a team, they go good fast."

In its last contest, the Bobcats defeated Bethune-Cookman College, then ranked number 22 in the nation for Division I-AA schools. Florida Atlantic squeaked by with a 31-28 victory after Bethune-Cookman missed a last-second field goal giving the Bobcats their first victory in school history.

The team was scheduled to face La Salle under the lights of Leonidoff field last Saturday but the game was postponed due to the events of the past week. That game has been rescheduled for November 21, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Marist begins its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) schedule against St. Peter's on September 29. Because of last weekends inactivity, the Red Foxes did not lose any ground in the MAAC. Duquesne and Iona are both 1-0 in the conference, but only two other teams have played conference games.