Ferraro coming tomorrow to kick off Women's History Month at Marist

by STEPHANIE MERCURIO
Staff Writer

Geraldine Ferraro, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on human rights and former vice-presidential candidate, will be on campus tomorrow to kick off women's history month.

Ferraro will speak about human and women's rights, as well as the Beijing document, in the Nellie Goletti theater at 10 a.m.

Please see related story on the Women's Awareness Club, p. 6.

Ferraro was active in efforts to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, and sponsored the Women's Economic Equity Act, which ended pension discrimination against women, provided job options for displaced homemakers and enabled homemakers to open IRA's.

Eileen Hickey, Marist graduate and former member of the New York state assembly, helped organize the event.

"The Beijing document addresses women's right to education, and how they are treated in third world countries," said Hickey. "Even though the United States is an advanced country, some issues that relate to the global world can apply to U.S. issues."

Hickey, also a member of the board of directors at Eleanor Roosevelt's former residence, Val-Kill, said the board invited 10 women who had been in Beijing to speak at the estate.

"We were so moved by the women speaking about what they had seen in Beijing that we developed the idea to create a program called Bring Beijing to campus tomorrow and will speak in the theater at 10 a.m.

Ferraro's speech is phase one of the project."

Hickey said she hopes the program will bring women together to study the Beijing document and apply it to women in the U.S.

Joanne Myers, assistant professor of political science, also helped organize Ferraro's visit to Marist.

"We're working on a proposal to have the speech taped and aired on C-Span," said Myers.

Sarah Assalti, treasurer of the Women's Awareness Club at Marist, said she is very excited to hear Ferraro's speech.

"Having Geraldine Ferraro speak is perfect way to kick off women's history month," said Assalti. "Our club will be having discussions about the issues the brings up."

Sophomore Jaimee Nardiello said she is also eagerly awaiting Ferraro's arrival.

"I think it's very important to hear her perspective on the Beijing document," Nardiello said.

Grease fire breaks out in townhouse kitchen

by TOMMY SCHWARZ
Staff Writer

Senior Charisma Thrasher prepared to cook french fries on the kitchen stove in town house B1. Moments later, the pot was engulfed in flames, and the fire department was on its way.

According to head of safety and security Joe Leary, the fire started in the kitchen stove in townhouse B1. Thrasher's roommate, junior Sarah Assalti, was cooking french fries.

"I was just heating up oil, and all of a sudden, the pot just caught fire," Thrasher said.

Thrasher said she called Darragh to help her put out the fire, but Darragh stood too far from the fire to do it himself.

Darragh then pulled the alarm, and Thrasher called security. When security arrived, the eight residents of the house were evacuating to the lawn to wait for the fire department to respond.

Meanwhile, a security officer entered the house and doused the flame with a fire extinguisher.

The Fairview Fire Department arrived at 6:13 p.m., and the firemen inspected the kitchen.

Please see Fire, page...

Chlorine level higher than local average

by TIM MANSON
Staff Writer

The Water Works plant is located on campus, causing higher levels of chlorine in Marist's water.

The Environmental Laboratory Everett Massie, is the vice-president's aide, believes that the college excels in recycling because of such initiatives as the Environmental Laboratory, the FDR Library partnership, and the strong environmental science program.

Senior Class President, Nicole Montipagni, said she believes it is a certain amount of security to ensure his safety.

"According to Marist's college, there is no need to worry about potential threats in this college for President Clinton as being a "logistical nightmare" for the college, but he expects the atmosphere to be more relaxed if Gore accepts the invitation.

"The man is only one heartbeat away from the Presidency," said Massie, so there will be to have a certain amount of security to ensure his safety.

According to Marist's College Relations Officer, Tim Montgomery, "The potential threats include people from the business, arts, or communication fields, but no names were given.

One concern is that some of the people in consideration do not have strong ties to Marist.

"We need to find someone that is directly or indirectly involved with the college," said Massie.
Clinton orders retaliation against Cuba aggression

By Charles Baber
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A congressional subcommittee has voted to remove a provision in the new defense policy bill that would limit the president's ability to use economic sanctions against Cuba.

The vote by the House Armed Services Committee on Thursday appeared to be a symbolic gesture by lawmakers concerned about the president's handling of the U.S.-Cuba relationship.

The amendment, introduced by Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., would have barred the president from taking any action that would freeze Cuban assets or impose new restrictions on the sale of goods to the communist island.

The president has been under pressure from some members of Congress to take stronger action against Cuba, which has been a target of economic sanctions for more than two decades.

The House vote came as the debate on the defense policy bill, which is expected to be voted on by the full House later this week, enters its final stages.

The amendment was approved by a vote of 259-176, with 40 Republicans voting against it.

The measure is unlikely to pass the Senate, where similar efforts to limit the president's ability to use economic sanctions against Cuba have been blocked in the past.

The House vote followed a series of sanctions against Cuba, including a recent decision by the State Department to impose travel restrictions on U.S. citizens and organizations that support the island.

Many candidates unopposed

Class of 1999 had only contested race

By Chris Carlson
SGA President

Many of the students who run for posts within the organization have been immersed in SGA for an extended period of time. They may feel that they have the necessary experience and knowledge to lead the organization and fulfill its objectives.

As Mikael Carlson, the current SGA president, explained, "Many of those students who want to be heard, those who want to change things at Marist, are there for them, so maybe they don't feel intimidated by those who have been around for a long time, and a person competing against them may feel disheartened."
Students want advisor who pushes them in right direction

by STEPHANIE MERCADO

Finding the perfect advisor may involve both planning, and a little luck.

The office of Academic Advisement places incoming students and transfer students with advisors in their major. If the student doesn’t talk about what fields they can go into with math,” said Torres. “Not only do advisors help pick out classes, but they can direct a student towards a major or minor that’s right for them.”

Teresa said that students can pick up forms to change their advisor in both the Registrar’s office and Office of Academic Advisement.

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Candidates not allowed to explain platforms for their petitions

by STEPHANIE MERCURIO
Staff Writer

Although campaigning for the student government candidates is well underway, it is not as straightforward as previous years. The Student Government Association has new rules with regards to campaigning in order to prevent any possible conflicts of interest.

According to Depuy Chief Albert Buratti, the amount of time that candidates can spend campaigning is limited to 15 minutes for the last three weeks of the semester. Candidates must have a permit to campaign during this time. Candidates can petition to extend their campaign time by three weeks, but this is at the discretion of the Student Government Association.

However, there are some exceptions to this rule. The Student Government Association has allowed candidates to campaign for two weeks before the election. The candidates can campaign as long as they do so in a manner that is not disruptive to the normal activities of the college. Candidates can also campaign during the last week of classes, but they must do so in a way that is respectful to the faculty and staff.

Overall, the new rules are intended to ensure that the election process is fair and free from any conflicts of interest. While candidates may be disappointed with the new rules, they are expected to comply with them and use the time they have to campaign in a responsible manner.

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Fire is second of its type in one week period

Fire is second of its type in one week period. According to Deputy Chief Albert Buratti, the fire was started in the upper dormitory of the college. The fire was discovered by a student who was returning from class.

The cause of the fire is under investigation, and it is not yet clear whether it was accidental or intentional. The student who discovered the fire immediately called 911, and the fire department arrived on the scene within minutes. The fire was quickly extinguished, and there were no injuries reported.

The fire is the second of its type in one week period. The first fire occurred last week, and it was also in the upper dormitory. The cause of the first fire is still under investigation, and it is not yet clear whether it was accidental or intentional.

According to Buratti, the fire department will continue to work on the investigation of both fires. The college is taking steps to prevent future fires, including increasing the number of fire inspectors and improving the college’s fire safety procedures.

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Idaho's Thompson proposes bill to protect women's rights

Idaho Sen. Laura Thompson (C-Boise) has introduced a bill to protect women's rights. The bill, sponsored by Thompson, would ban discrimination against women in the workplace.

The bill, Senate Bill 1214, would prohibit employers from discriminating against women on the basis of sex, gender identity, or gender expression. The bill would also require employers to provide reasonable accommodations to women with disabilities and to provide job-protected leave for women who are eligible to receive it.

The bill has received widespread support from women's rights advocates and has been endorsed by the Idaho Women's Law Center, the Idaho Equal Rights Commission, and the Idaho Women's Law Group.

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Food

Coffee House offers new menu

The Coffee House has introduced a new menu, featuring a variety of new drinks and dishes. The new menu includes a selection of specialty coffees, teas, and smoothies, as well as a variety of sandwiches and pastries.

The Coffee House's new menu is part of a larger effort to modernize the cafe's offerings and attract more students. The cafe has also updated its decor and added more seating to accommodate its growing customer base.

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Events

March 1: Geraldine Ferraro Visits

Geraldine Ferraro, former U.S. senator and vice presidential candidate, will speak at Marist College on March 1. Ferraro's talk will focus on the importance of women in leadership roles and the challenges faced by women in politics.

March 2: Career Expo

Marist College will host its annual Career Expo on March 2. The expo will feature representatives from a variety of industries, providing students with the opportunity to learn about potential career paths and network with professionals.

March 7: Rally for SUNY New Paltz

The International Women's Day March for Women's Rights will take place in New Paltz on March 7. The event will feature speakers, music, and performances in support of women's rights.

March 10 & 17: Roundtable Discussions

The Women's Center at Marist College will host roundtable discussions on March 10 and 17. The discussions will focus on various topics related to women's issues, including sexual harassment, gender equality, and reproductive rights.

March 31: Coffee House

The Coffee House will feature live music on March 31. The event will include a variety of local musicians and performers, providing a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for students and visitors.

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ID swiping and 'changing of the guards' part of effective security

Security measures are constantly changing at Marist in order to ensure the safety of students and staff. According to Joe Leary, director of public safety, one of the most effective security measures is the use of ID swiping.

Leary explained that the use of ID swiping helps ensure that only authorized individuals enter the campus. This measure is particularly effective in preventing unauthorized access to the residence halls, which are a common target for security breaches.

Leary also noted that the use of ID swiping is complemented by other security measures, such as the 'changing of the guards.' The guards are responsible for maintaining a constant presence on the campus, ensuring that any potential threats are detected and addressed.

Leary emphasized that the safety and security of the campus is everyone's responsibility. "We all play a role in maintaining a safe and secure campus," he said. "It's important that we all take our responsibilities seriously, and work together to keep our campus safe."
Presidential candidates are wired.

Security Briefs - Liquor confiscation

Liquor confiscation. On Saturday, Feb. 17, a man in the pay of state police officers was caught trying to make off with liquor in Oakland Commons.

Drug use reported

Liquor seized from a student last Fall was found to be in several dorm rooms. When a student reportedly smelled the odor of alcohol, the dorm had been searched.

THE CIRCLE, February 29, 1996.

Bored with earrings? Try Body piercing

By Kenneth Richard

Ann Nowalker

Two years ago, earrings in Marist were becoming more and more common. Today, piercings are becoming even more popular, according to Hawk, an art major.

"Sometimes people like to have their nose or their cheek pierced," said Pryor, who began planning to pierce on her neck.

Assefi said naval piercings were the most popular, but also the most dangerous, form of body piercing.

But although there is a risk of infection, many students say they are more interested in body piercing than in the potential risks.

According to Hawk, her tongue piercing has never been infected, despite having had a lisp before her operation.

"I'm not one of those people who sticks their tongues out in public," Hawk said.

According to Gina*, BiGayLA is an umbrella organization has been chartered for men and women called First BiGayLA. It is provide a safe and open forum for people to talk about a variety of sexual issues. "We have a personal level. We are a way to access visibility and promote acceptance as opposed to mere tolerance.

Gina's last name was not printed for privacy.
S.A.D. provides explanation for students' winter blues

by Janet Brinson Feature Editor

Many people are feeling the winter blues. You may think it's because of the snow and cold temperatures, but it may not be wrong. What you could be suffering from is a condition known as S.A.D., or seasonal affective disorder. About 12 million Americans, both men and women, are affected by this form of depression.

S.A.D.'s condition results from a lack of sunlight. Jennie Kristof Poglia said, "I think that some sort of depression happens to everyone about once a year, more so in the cold, and darkness of winter is enough to cause me to feel low for a few days."

S.A.D. was first recognized about 30 years ago, and it was demonstrated that a large percentage of people suffering from this form of depression. Because it affects both men and women, S.A.D. sufferers are more likely to experience depression during the colder months of fall and winter.

One possible treatment consists of staying up late at night, and waking up late in the morning. However, this treatment is not one of the options due to employment and educational constraints.

Another treatment for S.A.D. involves prescribed therapeutic doses of high intensity light in the morning. It provides a solution for those suffering from S.A.D.

But, possibly the most interesting treatment involves exposing S.A.D. patients to an artificial light during their workday. About 1 to 4 New York suffer from the winter blues. Unfortunately, only an estimated millions of adults and women are affected by this disorder. In order to feel better on winter days, it is important to keep the sun shining.

"The victims of S.A.D. and winter blues often feel a gray,信息发布。 said Contessa. "It's hard to feel good in the winter when you know that summer is still far away."
Letters to the Editor
February 29, 1996

Stop Ignite, open new feature

Editor

Off all the vast literary works in the Marist College Library, we find ourselves pondering "Degrassi, D.T." the only one to do this. The igniter of the spark is that one igniter spark for, in our case, an "X". It is that one ignite, that one spark on the road that starts the fire which ignites a spark for the new, better, safer Marist College. It is not a question of one action making a difference. It is a question of a spark igniting an ongoing spark. This might sound trivial, but to those of us who spend our time fighting to make a better world, it is our spark and our ignite.

Not only are these individuals defining property, but they are defining themselves. Marist students are not just "alumni". They are active members of the Marist community who are trying to promote their own development.

The world is changing, and with it, so are we. It is not surprising that a large percentage of the students at Marist College are affected by the changes brought about by this new era. The world is changing, and with it, so are we.

The problem with the government is that we are not only Ignorant, but we are also Ignorant. We are not Ignorant of the facts, but we are Ignorant of the world. We are not Ignorant of the situation, but we are Ignorant of the world. We are not Ignorant of the problem, but we are Ignorant of the world.

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SGA NEWS

The Year of Response

SGA president reflects on election turnout

Dear Undergraduates,

At this point the election is over and the winner is decided, and although the official results are probably not out, you have made your choice. As I sit here first thing Monday morning, I wonder how many of you have actually voted. I guess only time will tell to see how much you actually care about life at Marist.

On another note, I was intrigued by the live MCTV Presidential Debate last Tuesday. I hope that the people reading this article watched, otherwise you may have no idea what I am talking about.

At the debate, there were two questions from the panelists that troubled me. The first had to do with the NOCCAR Disciplinary Matrix. The question pertained to the criticism some clubs have expressed about it as being too harsh and unfair. Just to clear things up - the Matrix is only an assembly of the sanctions that have been handed down in the past by the Vice-President for Clubs. The only differences between the Matrix and what we have been doing for years is the community service aspect, the $3/5 rule, and the fact that it is actually in writing.

Perhaps this has not been made clear to our student organizations, or perhaps it is too tough. Either way, the Matrix will be reviewed the next two weeks by the S.G.A., and I encourage all clubs finding the Matrix unfair to attend.

The second questioned pertained to the Circle non-scientific poll regarding how much students feel S.G.A. affects their life. The panelist had commented that the numbers were not very high. Well, yes they are not high. However, in a country where only 30% know Newt Gingrich and national elections yield a less than 50% turnout, those numbers were not all bad. And although they are not where we want them to be, they are an improvement over statistics in the past.

My congratulations on an excellent job by MCTV and to the winner of this year’s election.

Transition bound,

Mikael T. Carlson
Student Body President

The S.P.C. Board Needs YOU!

Just Because Elections are over doesn’t mean you can’t still get involved!

The S.P.C. Board is looking for students interested in joining our Executive Board. At this time we have two position available: Publicity Officer and Diversity Awareness Chair. Applications area available at the Student Government Office and if you have any additional questions please contact Lynn at ext. 2828.

Descriptions of S.P.C. Executive Board Positions:

+ **Publicity Officer** is responsible for the advertisement and promotion of all S.P.C. events. Often times professional posters are provided but supplemental publicity needs to be made. Utilization of all avenues for advertisement through the college mediums is anticipated and committees may be created to assist with these projects.

+ **Diversity Awareness Chair** is responsible for introducing diverse and multi-cultural programming to the Marist Community. This position requires an open mind and a fair assessment of the needs of all students on campus. This position includes evaluating all incoming performers on how diverse or multi-cultural they are.

This Sunday, March 3rd:

Student Programming Council will be having a GENERAL MEETING. All new and old members are welcome. Join us at 2:00 PM in the Student Government Office.

* We will be discussing upcoming events, assistance with publicity and ticket sales for the Carrot Top Comedy Club and handing out applications to anyone interested in joining our Executive Board.

So come on down and check it out!

T.G.I.F. comedy clubs are back!

This Friday, March 1st join us in the CABARET and laugh the night away with our double header comedy club featuring Leighann Lord and Robbie Pritze. Doors open at 8:00 PM with the show beginning at 8:30 PM. Admission is free with a valid Marist I.D. General Admission is $5.00. Free Food and Beverages will be provided.

Call x 4772 for more details
My award show has a first name...it's O-S-C-A-R

by Anne Leslie

As they do now, the closer the most cinematic celebration of the year gets, the more my vote is on the line. I'm one of the very few people who really can't stand the Academy Awards. As a woman, as a filmmaker, and especially as a woman filmmaker, I've always felt like the oscars are a bit of a joke. For all the talk about giving recognition and appreciation to other industries, the oscars seem to be the only thing that matters. And the fact is, the oscars are a bit of a joke. They're not even funny anymore. The only thing that matters is who wins the oscars. And the oscars are just a joke.

The nominations for Best Pic... oh, let's just call it Best Picture. While the store itself is not very large, the town has a lot of shops that are quite nice. Most of the shops in the town are quite nice. They have an unique collection of cherub figurines, wall hangings and other gifts. One of the other gift shops in the town is a store that sells magic tricks for all ages.

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Leaving Las Vegas combines the elements of a love story and a tragedy. The story of Ben and Sera is a sad one, as they are both struggling with their own issues and demons. Ben, a writer, is a heavy drinker, and Sera, a woman of the streets, is a drug addict. Despite their efforts to save each other, they are ultimately doomed to fail.

Nonetheless, the film is beautifully shot and directed, with excellent performances from the cast. Lisa Marie Presley, known for her singing career, delivers a powerful performance as Sera, showcasing her range as an actress. The chemistry between Ben and Sera is palpable, and their relationship is both heartwarming and heartbreaking.

The film explores themes of addiction, love, and loss, and it's a bittersweet love story that will leave audiences reflecting on the nature of life and the human condition. Overall, Leaving Las Vegas is a powerful and poignant film that is definitely worth watching.
Swimmers take the step for more respect

At first glance, the men's swim team appeared to prove me totally wrong in my conclusions three weeks ago about their competitive success by winning the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship meet last weekend. 

Well, they did prove that they are a special team but was never a question. The question was why didn't they lose any as a row 12 straight win? Everyone knows some of my opinions already, such as traveling, less competition within the conference, good coaching, good experience, and overall success.

They don't really make my vote more since the team can now call themselves MAAC champions this year and conference champs for the second season in a row. I thought that those losses might have some sort of psychological impact on the team going into the championships, but my guess was that maybe the team to many is too focused especially at the end of the winning streak.

The team can now be focused on this accomplishment. VanWagner said, "I don't think the losses did have some sort of impact on the team, it was probably for this team that we have to move on. The losses may only be focused especially at the end of the winning streak.

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VanWagner also said very well that they will have Colgate in the ECAC meet. "Our 1500 yard team," VanWagner said, "we will prove that the ECAC meet is not to be taken for granted."

As they take this step up, they are going to be bracketed and no more the super underdog. The team can now enjoy the sunny weather on campus

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Women's basketball continues up and down season

The Red Foxes seem to be in the middle of a victory cycle. For every good game the Marist women's basketball team has played, that was a good game that included a victory. For every bad game, the Marist women's basketball team has played, that was a bad game and included a loss. Their recent history has produced a supplementary grain of Marie-Lee Lesko into the mix of the team's success.

Tara Walsh and Dengler were the lone bright spots for the Red Foxes in this game. Dengler tossed in 16 and pulled down 12 boards. Walsh and Jill Heller added eight points apiece. With moving into a more rigorous schedule, there was other schools changing "Alan."
Men's basketball secures second with win over Monmouth

Head into NEC playoffs on Friday with home-court advantage

Kearns Hill drives past Manhattan's Gordinia Aikin in Marist's Monday night win.

by Chris Smith
Sports Editor

This is when the men's bas­ketball team (12-1) shore up the season, this coming Monday night against Monmouth University (16-6). With this, the Red Foxes improved their regular season record to 21-1 overall and 14-4 in Northeast Conference, capturing second place.

Already, the Red Foxes have broken the old record for wins, overall in an entire season. -playoffs haven't even begun yet.

"With this win, indie final regular, and Southeast are the four from four divisions.

Sixteen teams are entered in the Men's Basketball Tournament from four divisions.

Imagine this scenario if you want to win it all."

‘I didn't really know what to expect. Our attitude is that we want to win it all."

by Marty Sicinola
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe it, but we made it. We are one game away from the semifinals. This is what we've worked for all season. This is the moment we've been waiting for.

Our team is built for this. We have the talent, the experience, and the determination to get to the top.

We have a chance to be the best team this year. We have a chance to make history. We have a chance to win it all.

We have a chance to bring home national championships. We have a chance to make our mark on the basketball world. We have a chance to be remembered.

We have a chance to do something special. We have a chance to do something extraordinary. We have a chance to do something unforgettable.

We have a chance to be the best. We have a chance to be the champions. We have a chance to be the winners.

We have a chance to make our dreams come true. We have a chance to make our aspirations a reality. We have a chance to make history.

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**SPORTS**

**Men repeat as conference champs; capture first MAAC title**

by MIKE GENTILE JR.

Going into the championships they didn’t look like winners, losing their last three dual meets of the season. Coming out of the big weekend they not only looked like winners, but like champions. Their first year in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) as an associate member; the men’s swimming and diving team started first place and are now champions once again.

For the first time in the men’s swimming program, the Red Foxes own back-to-back championships, and this is their third championship in seven years.

The Red Foxes beat their opponents by more than 60 points finishing with 911, while their MAAC rival Rider obtained 920 ending up in second place, on the weekend of February 16-18.

Sophomore Chris Blackwell came away from the event with the most outstanding male diver award, finishing first in the three meter and the one meter diving events.

Winning this award is what diving coach Melanie Bolstad wanted to do.

“We wanted to go in and dominate and win the outstanding diver of the MAAC conference championships,” Bolstad said.

Blackwell won the one meter diving event with a score of 409.68, beating last year’s winner, as did Blackwell, and finished third in the one meter, once again ahead of last year’s winner.

Of the eight schools in the conference Marist was the best conditioned at the meet, according to Bolstad.

“Conference Championships are determined by depth and not individuals,” Van Wagner said.

Rider won nine of the individual events while Marist won only six.

Rider won four of the five relay events while Marist swept the 400 yard individual medley and the 1650 yard freestyle events.

Freshman Craig Chelton also broke a pool record during the weekend.

In the 200 backstroke, Chelton posted a time of 1:54.06 narrowly breaking the record by .91 tenths of a second on Sunday February 18th, the final day of the championships.

Chelton also came in third place in the 400 individual medley, an event that the Red Foxes swept, finishing behind sophomore Greg Christman and freshman Griffin McNeese.

Also, on the first day of competition, sophomore Chris O’Connor came in first place in the 500 freestyle, the same day Blackwell captured the one meter diving event.

The Red Foxes, after capturing first place early, never relinquished their lead in the standings all weekend.

After day one, the Red Foxes led second place Rider by three points, and after the second day Marist increased their lead to 31 points, 647-616.

Bolstad and Van Wagner were impressed with the way the meet was held.

“This was the swim team’s first year competing in the MAAC, after being members of the Metropolitan Conference since 1978.

“The MAAC conference is more professionally run,” Van Wagner said. “In the Metro Atlantic Conference the coaches did everything, but now the conference (officials and coaches) was responsible for doing the things we used to do.”

Bolstad also said the conference was run professionally and that other teams accepted Marist from the beginning of the championships.

“People came up to me and said it was a lot different that you (Marist), upped the level of diving,” Bolstad said.

Van Wagner also recalled how the Loyola and Niagara swimmers were cheering for Marist when they were receiving their awards at the end of the meet.

“I think that is a great stamp of approval from the rest of the conference,” Van Wagner said.

Although the Red Foxes are champions once again, their training is not completed yet. Eight members of the team have qualified for the ECACs. This is where the top swimmers from every Division I school, except the Ivy League, compete against each other for a bid to go to the nationals.

All three divers have qualified for the ECACs, this weekend March 1 and 2, and with five swimmers. Of the eight males, six are freshmen and four are sophomores.

And since diving events are scored by point totals, the winning events are scored by times, by the diver, after the ECACs, the go to the NCAA Zone Qualifier where just divers who qualify participate.

**Women’s track finishes 6th at Fairleigh Dickinson**

by STEVE WACZUK

**Women capture second place in MAAC Lose championship to Loyola by 1.5 points**

by PAT REYNOLDS

One and a half points.

That’s all that prevented the women’s swimming and diving team from capturing the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship.

It seemed like an unfair outcome to a team that had lead the standings until they gave it to Loyola in the last leg of the three day meet held at Iona College.

But according to head swimming coach Lloyd Goldstein, a thought we weren’t going to have to work cut out for them.

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The opportunity opened, however, with an unexpected and outstanding performance by the Marist women divers.

If the diver or the key to giving Marist a chance, the diver most responsible was senior co-captain, Ian Martin.

Martin, who was named the meet’s most outstanding female diver, took control of not only the three meter board, but the one meter as well.

Women’s swimming coach Melanie Bolstad said she was most impressed with Martin’s performance on the one meter.

“Her’s won three meters but she’s never even placed higher than third on the one meter,” she said, “It was the biggest performance she’s ever had.”

But, unfortunately to Marist, the meet could not be won by divers alone.

Goldstein said although his troops remained confident after the strong showing on the spring boards, they knew they had their work cut out for them.

“People came up to me and said ‘I think that is a great stamp of approval from the rest of the conference,’” Bolstad said.

“If you were a coach or a senior leader, they could look back on,” he said.

“We had a couple of events where we looked a little bit of a position a little and we just didn’t do it.”

Regardless of the team’s outcome their were many outstanding performances that shined through the cloud of defeat.

Jaeger set two MAAC records with her performances in the 500 and the 200 backstroke and qualified herself into the NCAA meet held in a week.

In the butterfly, juniors Stephanie Raider and Becky Talum took first and second, respectively.

The relay, which has almost become an automatic win for Marist during the regular season, did not change at the championships.

The team of Raider, junior Allison Morillo, sophomore Danielle Mitchell, and freshman Jennifer Jaeger, shattered the pool record by almost four seconds, to get their first place finish.

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