by CRAIG MURRAY
Staff Writer

Murray held an open forum Oct. 31, for faculty and students to discuss the upcoming $35 million changes to the college.

Murray talked about the building of the new student townhouses, the library and the riverfront refurbishment which will all begin within the next several months. He also announced the purchase of the Mid Hudson Business Park building across Route 9 and The Way property adjacent to the northern edge of campus.

Murray said the projects will help bring attention to the college.

"This is a very exciting time for Marist College," he said. "We've proven that we're a growing, viable institution. These projects just serve to prove that." Murray said the library will be the most significant change.

"The new library especially is going to change the face of Marist as we know it," Murray said. "It is going to be a wonderful place that is only going to serve to enrich the education experience here at the College."

Anthony Campilli, vice president of business/financial affairs, spoke on the expense associated with the planned construction.

"We plan on floating a $15 million bond to pay for the student townhouses," he said. "As for the new library, $10 million is being fundraised for the project, and an additional $10 million will come from another bond action."

Campilli said in order to pay for the construction, he foresaw a $225 per semester raise in tuition for the Fall, 1999.

Murray, however, said he thought stating an exact tuition increase at this stage is premature.

"We haven't done the final cost analysis of the new library yet," he said. "While I'm sure there will be some additional expense associated with the library, we will definitely try to minimize the cost we pass on to the students."

Sophomore Keri Dixon said the cost of the new library would be worth the tuition hike.

"I'm not happy about having to pay more money, but I think we really need a new library," she said. "The possibility of such a small raise doesn't really concern me."

But, sophomore David Arutti said he does not support an increase in tuition.

"I'm already paying close to $20,000 a year to go to school here," he said. "I have a single mother who's putting me through college, and any increase in tuition just puts more financial strain on my family."

The Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), the governing body for Marist's faculty, has also raised a concern over financing for the upcoming projects.

Thomas Goldap, assistant professor of English and Humanities and representative to the FAC, said the faculty has concerns with the projects.

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The Marist Community
November 6, 1997

Barbados course in danger of failing
by THEA CINMIMO Staff Writer

Marist wants students to get a chance to travel to Barbados for the spring semester, but this opportunity may be in danger of failure. Barbados has offered a psychology course in Barbados for the past 15 years, but it has only run once a year, most recently in the spring of 1994.

The course is designed for students interested in psychology and offers the opportunity to study the culture of Barbados while also earning academic credits. However, due to low enrollment in recent years, the course has been threatened with cancellation.

Students interested in taking the course should contact the Marist Psychology Department for more information and to express their interest in participating. The course is important for students pursuing a degree in psychology, as it provides a unique opportunity to study the culture and society of Barbados in a practical setting.

Hunger Awareness Week
by CHRIS GROGAN Staff Writer

Hunger Awareness Week is an annual event that raises awareness about the issue of hunger and encourages individuals to take action to help those in need. This year, the event will be held from November 17 to 22, with a variety of activities and initiatives planned to promote awareness and support.

The week will feature various events and activities such as food drives, food banks, and other events focused on raising awareness about the issue of hunger. These events will take place on the Marist College campus and in the local community, with the goal of raising awareness and encouraging action to address the issue of hunger.

Hunger Awareness Week is an important opportunity to learn about the issue of hunger and take action to make a difference in the lives of those in need. By participating in these events and initiatives, you can make a positive impact in your community and help to build a more just and equitable society.
内饰 your opinion of the world.

"I don't like my job. I'm just doing what I have to," said one student.

"I'm not happy with my major. I'm not sure what path I'm going to take," said another.

"I'm med school, but I'm not sure I want to be a doctor," said a third.

"I'm undecided."
I just found out yesterday that my eighty-nine year old grandfather is in the hospital with pneumonia. Those that do not know my grandfather cannot possibly imagine how much he meant to me. As you can imagine, I feel like my world is ending. I mean, how many times my brother can jump out from behind a door and scare me half to death before I flip out at him. So I fall back into the mindset that my family would always be there, and I am pretty low, so I always have people there to be strong when I have a problem, or when I am having one of my weekly nervous breakdowns.

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X-Files Season Premiere: The Truth is Still Out There

by CARLITO StuFF Writer

For the last few years, Chris Carter has been promising us an X-Files Season Premiere: The Truth is Still Out There. For some, it is not truly necessary any more, because we all know that there was a "truth" segment in the movie that ended the series. But others, every Sunday night at 10:00 p.m., are eagerly awaiting this incomparable show. A show that will allow us to develop our own theories about the existence of the paranormal.

The show that will reveal if the universe is populated by aliens or not. A show that will explore the possibility of consciousness beyond the physical body.

The show that will allow us to discover if Mulder and Scully are indeed a couple.

The show that will make us question our beliefs and our reality.

Thus, it is with great anticipation that we welcome the X-Files Season Premiere: The Truth is Still Out There. A show that will make us question our existence and our place in the universe.

The show that will make us wonder if we are indeed alone in the universe.

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Steve on Sports—
I'm mad about Midnight, baby...

Midnight Madness is basically a huge party—organized practices until a specific time. With that said, I would like to describe the first Midnight Madness of the season. I'm mad about Midnight—baby.

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Circle Classifieds

by Mark J. Wells

Swimming and divers jump off the blocks against Seton Hall

by Jeff Dalke

Women come up empty at MAAC soccer championships

Some New York teams are seething about the exclusion of their favorite players. Christine Huang, head coach of the women’s soccer team, has been especially critical of the NCAA’s decision. "It’s a shame," she said. "We’ve been struggling all year, trying to get to the championship, but now we’re not there."

Three days before the match, Huang was asked about the controversy. "I’m not going to comment on that," she said. "We’ve got a game to play on Friday, and that’s what I’m focusing on." But she did add: "We’re not going to take anything for granted. We have to play our best and hope for the best."
Football rushes in the rain

by THOMAS RYAN

As the rain fell harder and harder, and the sky got darker and darker in Loretto, Pennsylvania, the Marist College football team realized something. Despite the lack of visibility and bad field conditions, it was a perfect day.

Running the ball on 53 of their 63 plays and holding St. Francis to minus five yards rushing, Marist (2-4, 4-4) took advantage of its strengths-- and the weather-- to beat the Red Flash 26-10 Saturday.

As coach Jim Purdy noted, the bad conditions seemed to mesh with the Red Foxes' style of play.

"We definitely like to run the ball a lot more than they do," Purdy said. "The bad weather suited just fine."

Junior tailback J.J. Allen ran for two touchdowns and caught a third, and quarterback Jim Daley ran for a score in the fourth quarter to help Marist jump out to a 7-0 lead when Buchak on a 2-yard touchdown pass on the Red Flash's first possession of the game.

Marist did have some problems in the secondary, as has been the trend the last few games, allowing 252 yards through the air. However, in what may have been a changing of the guard in the defensive backfield, freshman safety Patrick Jean grabbed his first career interception, while senior safety Mario Wilson notched his 17th career interception to set the all-time Marist record.

Parady was obviously delighted with Wilson's record setting performance.

"We all wanted this for Marori," Parady said. "He's been a great player for us, and he deserves it."

Wilson eclipsed the mark previously held by Red Foxes Bruce Morris and Franklin Davis.

Before Marist's defense could settle in, though, St. Francis jumped out to a 7-0 lead when Swords found tight end Matt Buchak on a 2-yard touchdown pass on the Red Flash's first possession of the game.

Marist responded early in the second quarter as Allen carried into the endzone from the 4-yard line. The Red Foxes go basically scored the after a 1-yard punt and a personal foul against St. Francis gave Marist possession at the Red Flash's 34-yard line. Jeff DeVito missed his first extra point since missing his initial attempt of the year, keeping the score at 7-6.

Seven minutes later, Daley connected with Allen on a 10-yard touchdown pass to complete a 10-play, 44-yard drive to put Marist ahead 12-7.

The point conversion attempt failed, and the lead remained at five.

It was cut to two before the end of the half, when Frank Bacco converted a 27-yard field goal attempt with less than four minutes to go in the second quarter. That was as close as St. Francis would get the rest of the day.

Marist again enjoyed great field position in the third quarter when Chris Meyer blocked a St. Francis punt and recovered it himself at the Red Flash 6-yard line.

Three plays later Allen scored his third touchdown of the day on a 1-yard run to increase the lead to 19-10.

Early in the fourth, Daley, who only completed four passes on the day but managed to avoid any interceptions, ran eight yards for his second touch­ down of the season to create the final margin of victory.

Marist travels to Buffalo on Saturday to take on the Canisius Golden Griffins at 1:30 p.m.

Runners win mini-meet at home and head to Boston for regionals

by HEATHER SOTE

The Marist cross country team placed first in a meet the Red Foxes hosted at Bowdoin Park in Wappinger Falls on Oct. 25; it was the first outdoor meet won this season.

Despite the inclement weather, freshman Kerri Cleland received her best time, 21:11, for the 3.1 mile course at Bowdoin. Sophomore Steve Palmer also came through with a good race, placing fourth out of seventy five runners.

This meet was small compared to the National Catholic Championships at the University of Notre Dame, held the previous week, when Marist placed twelfth out of sixty teams.

At Bowdoin, the teams competing with Marist included Siena, St. Peter's, Niagara, and Fairfield.

Fairfield University has been a chief rival for the Red Foxes this season. Fairfield competed at Fairfield on October 5. The Red Foxes had won this meet for four consecutive years, but lost this season by six points.

"After winning the meet for the past four years, and losing the way we did, as a team we are disappointed. We've been down before and we soon won't forget about it," junior Chuck Williams acknowledged after the Fairfield meet.

However, the Red Foxes redeemed themselves at the Inter-collegiate Amateur Association meet on Oct. 17, and at North Fairford by forty-three points on a course at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Leading runners for the men included junior Ben Heffron and freshmen Greg Salamone and Anthony Nero. For the women, sopho­ more Liz Glover placed first and freshman Heather Perrine was second for the team.

Heffron placed seventeenth, Glover fortieth, and Perrine fifty-fifth, out of over two hundred runners. According to junior Mike Melfi, these are impressive results for a young team.

"Our young runners have shown that they are capable of competing at a high level," Melfi said.

"As a team we are doing well and are hoping to continue our success in our future meets,"

freshman Megan Bruno commented.

In the Red Foxes' most recent race, on Oct. 17, they returned to Van Cortland Park to compete in the MAAC Championships. The weather was overcast and gloomy, mirroring the mood of the Red Foxes by the end of the day.

The men's team finished a dis­ appointing sixth place out of ten teams. The women fared a little better, finishing in fourth place. The men and women both held realistic hopes for more success.

"The whole meet was disap­ Pointing," Williams admitted. "Almost everything that could go wrong, did go wrong."

The bright spots of the day were freshman Ben Heffron and Kristen Russo, who both earned all-league honors.

The cross country team will hold its last meet on Nov. 15 at the Armory in New York City.

The Red Foxes' overall record dropped to 5-17 (1-8 MAAC). They amassed 250 digs in 173 games during her varsity career, which ranks her among the school's all time leaders.

"I thought I was the team's floor general. As co-captain I provided leadership for this young team. She is the school's all time assist leader, and has recorded 519 kills in 299 games.

"It was an emotional experi­ ence playing the last home game of my career," Schaefer acknowledged. "It was upsetting that the team did not win, but I felt that we played very well and have nothing to be ashamed of."

The graduating players are al­ ways a big part of any team.

Next week seniors will be the best lunch that I have ever had because of what they have done both on and off of the court," Ahlquist said. "I know that I will miss these seniors, but un­ til next fall I will not know ex­ actly how much."