State's approval will create 5-year master's degree in CIS

by JENNY WESLEY
Staff Writer

Marist has designed a five year master's program to accommodate the growing number of students interested in computer information systems.

According to Jerry McBride, associate professor of computer science, the new five-year program has been approved by the appropriate committees at Marist but hasn't been approved by the state. "We haven't proposed the program to the state yet," McBride said. "But we don't expect any difficulty from them." Greg Dodd, a freshman with an undecided major, said this may be an option for him. "I haven't decided what to major in," Dodd said. "This gives me another option. Like the idea of having a master's degree in five years.

Under the present program at Marist, students must remain at least three additional semesters in order to obtain the 30 credits needed for a master's. By the accelerated five-year program, students need only an extra year to obtain 23 additional credits.

McBride said although other computer science programs exist in the area, there is no direct competition at the undergraduate or graduate level. "This is a unique program that meets a growing need," he said. "There is a demand for it among existing Marist students and the program will hopefully attract new students."

The program is intended to start next spring and the first graduating class is expected in 1999.

No new faculty will be hired and no new classes will be installed. Students who enter the program will be integrated with the existing graduate students.

MCTV airing first news show on Monday

by CRAIG MURRAY
Staff Writer

Marist students may soon join the ranks of Peter Jennings and Dan Rather, when they produce and anchor their own news show next week.

This Sunday at 8:00 pm, Marist College Television (MCTV) will begin their first broadcast news show in the club's history.

The show will be formatted much like a daily network news show, with segments on International, National, Local, and Marist News, along with Sports and Weather.

MCTV President, Chris Berinato, said this is a big step for the station's news department. "When we came back from summer break we had three empty rooms," he said. "Now we were able to build a functioning news studio."

After being plagued with many technical problems, MCTV News set up with Merrill Engler said she is excited about what she considers a big hurdle.

"I'm really looking forward to the airing of this show," Engler said. "When I first came to Marist I was told that doing a broadcast news show would be impossible. But look, we're now doing what we were told was impossible."

The technical problems Engler spoke of included making a teleprompter, finding a way to play back the packages during the newscast and building the set donated by WRNN News in Kingston, NY. Please see News, page 3...

Resident Assistant saves choking student

by MICHAEL Goot
Staff Writer

Watching someone choke is a situation nobody hopes to face, but as Bill Artz, resident assistant, found out, it is best to be prepared.

On Nov. 28, at about 11:30 pm, Artz said he was in his room in Leo Hall when Andy Walsh, freshman, ran across the hall and into Artz's room. "His face was red and I discovered he was choking," Artz said. "I told Susan Hudak, an RA, to call security."

Artz said he then administered the Heimlich maneuver to Walsh, repeating it for three or four minutes.

"Finally, I was able to get the object out of Walsh's breathing passage," he said.

Walsh was choking on a Tylenol pill he had taken for a cold. The pill got stuck and he was choking on the saliva that he was unable to swallow.

Walsh was taken to St. Francis Hospital and was a little shaken, but otherwise all right, Artz said.

Wilma Stanatis, a certified emergency nurse at the hospital, said the proper procedure when someone is choking is to first ask them if they can speak.

"If they can, then they are still taking air through their passageway," she said. "In this case, the Heimlich maneuver should not be performed."

If the person is unable to speak, and someone knows the Heimlich maneuver, it can be attempted, Stanatis said. If not, assistance should be sought from emergency medical services.

People can find out where to learn life-saving techniques by calling the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, Stanatis said.

"The techniques, including the Heimlich maneuver, aren't difficult to learn-they teach kids in elementary school how to do it," she said. "But it's not always very easy to do because of the size of the individual."

Artz said, after this experience he believes all resident assistants should be trained in life-saving techniques.

"I think we should all have to take a CPR course and get certified," he said. "Somebody like that can come out of the blue and you should be prepared for that kind of situation."
Marist graduate finds opportunities in Russian job market

By DAVID KELOW
Staff Writer

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By Shannon Kellogg
Staff Writer
While most recent graduates are looking for their big break in the job market, a Marist graduate is nailing international Fortune 500 calls from his office in Russia and doing business across

Stuart Gallager, a Russian tra-

ce major and former Class of

1993, is living and working in Russia. In a recent letter, he de-

scribed his occupation and his love for the country in a way that

many college graduates would envy.

"This country is huge, with a
diverse culture and experience that is simply unattainable in the

US," said Gallager.

Gallager said that the job he

seeks to find isn’t just limited to

Russia, in fact, it is available in many different countries around the

world. He said that he has been

looking into opportunities in the

UK, China, and other countries

outside of Russia.

"I have been receiving

offers from companies in these
countries and am considering my options," said Gallager.

Gallager also described his
time in Russia as an opportunity to

meet new people and to learn about their culture.

"I have had the chance to

travel extensively in Russia and

meet people from all over the
country," said Gallager.

Gallager said that he is not

looking for a quick exit from Russia,

but rather a long-term commitment to the country and its people.

"I believe in the future of Russia

and the opportunities that it offers," said Gallager.

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Friday is payday for over 1,000 Marist students employed on-campus

by Noam Mouzouris

Students are paid $350 for working 14 weeks each as a member of the campus. It is money that can be used for clothes, books, or other necessities. One of the main reasons why students work is to be able to make ends meet, according to Marist students.

Despite the high cost of living, many students choose to work on-campus. Some students work to save money for future goals, such as travel or education. Others work to gain valuable work experience or to make new friends.

Marist student jobs are not just about making money. They are an opportunity for students to learn new skills, such as time management, teamwork, and responsibility. Many students also use their jobs as a chance to build their resumes and gain valuable work experience.

In addition to financial benefits, working on-campus can also have a positive impact on mental health. Students who work on-campus are less likely to experience financial stress, which can lead to higher levels of happiness and overall well-being.

However, working on-campus can also come with its own set of challenges. Students may have to balance their work schedule with their academic responsibilities, which can be a difficult task.

Despite these challenges, many students believe that working on-campus is a valuable part of their college experience. They feel that it provides them with a unique opportunity to learn and grow in ways that they may not have otherwise been able to.

**Featured article:**

"MCCTA’s ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ casts successful" by Kristen Richardson

During the Christmas season, shoppers pack the malls looking for gifts for friends and family.

The Giving Tree Project has been an integral part of Marist’s Christmas tradition for many years. It is a chance for students and faculty members to share the spirit of Christmas with local families who otherwise could not afford to buy gifts.

This year, the Giving Tree Project received a $2,000 donation from the Marist College Association, which is a sister organization of Marist College. The donation will be used to purchase gifts for local families in need.

The Giving Tree Project was started 15 years ago by the Marist College Association to provide Christmas gifts for children in need. The project has since grown to include families of all ages and has helped thousands of families in the local community.

The project works by collecting donations of gifts and then matching them with families in need. The families are then able to pick up the gifts and have a memorable holiday experience.

This year, the Giving Tree Project is in need of additional donations to purchase gifts for families in need. Those interested in donating can contact the Marist College Association at 315-220-7262.

"It made me realize how similar they are to us." - Karin Compura

Marist students volunteered over the Thanksgiving Holiday to help serve the less fortunate.

The weekend of Thanksgiving, the Marist College community came together to provide a warm meal and a festive atmosphere to those in need. The event was coordinated by the Marist College Association.

The event was open to all Marist students and faculty members, and a total of 1,000 people participated in the event. The meal included turkey, stuffing, and all the traditional sides.

The event was a success, with many students and faculty members volunteering to help with the event. The Marist College community came together to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

**Restaurant Review**

"Food Gay"

"The wedding was one of the most important events of my life. It was a beautiful day, filled with love and happiness. The food was the best thing about the whole day. It was delicious, and we had a great time together." - Peter Hamilton

"I was so happy to see that everyone had such a great time. The food was amazing, and it was the perfect way to celebrate our special day." - Lisa Richardson

"The food was the best part of the entire wedding. It was delicious, and we had a great time together. I would definitely recommend this restaurant to anyone looking for a great meal." - Sarah Johnson

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Friday is payday for over 1,000 Marist students employed on-campus

by Noura Mozumder

Students are responsible for everything from parking, cleaning, and moving furniture to working in the Dining Center, teaching students how to utilize the computer, and providing "student services" at the Information Center. Over 1,000 students provide a wide array of services to everyone in the Marist community, from on-campus students to employers and visitors.

According to Carole Mozumder, assistant director of Financial Aid, more than 1,000 students work on campus, either through the work study program or on their own time.

"This year is slightly busier than last year," said Mozumder. "In the past, the students worked on a somewhat ad hoc basis. Now, there is a structured program, and the students are required to work on campus and earn their money."

"Many of the students work during the school year and the summer months, and they have different hours," she added. "The students are required to work a certain number of hours each week, and they are paid based on the number of hours they work."

"We want to make sure our students are able to earn their money and to be able to support themselves," Mozumder said. "We want to provide them with the necessary tools to succeed in their academic and professional careers, and we believe that working on campus is an important part of that process."

The work study program is designed to help students gain experience in various areas, such as office management, computer skills, and customer service. The program also provides students with an opportunity to learn more about the operations of the university and to meet new people.

"The work study program is an excellent way for students to gain valuable experience and to develop important job skills," Mozumder said. "We encourage all of our students to participate in the program and to take advantage of the opportunities that it offers."

Are you a Marist student working on campus? How is the program helping you? Let us know in the comments below!
Letters to the Editor

Grimm

Stacy Wynn is The Circle's former columnist.

The night of Rabin's murder I cried not tears of mourning...but of fear and anguish and dread.

On Sunday, November 5th, I stood on the steps of the Tel Aviv University to watch the Israeli Prime Minister assassinated in broad daylight. I was caught up in the joy of Rabin's victory and in the hope of peace in the Middle East. But as I watched the bullet strike Rabin, I felt a sense of terror that I had never experienced before. I knew that this was not just the end of a political career, but the end of an era. The chill of fear spread across the country, and I felt that my safety was in danger.

My Turn

Valerie A. Shulman

Talking about the case of the big Braille controversy.

Magnanimity, P.I. and the case of the big Braille controversy

One of my co-workers, ah...my test was bought something to try to interest the other day, and it was something I should not have been nervous. The test was on the end of the table, and he began to ask me if I was interested in the questions on the test. So I began to talk to him about the questions, and he started to explain them to me.

Senator Bob Dole attacks media violence

Bob Dole could not be happier about a suspenseful act of violence. "I'm really glad they did it," he said earlier this week, "I've been waiting for a good murder to happen." Dole was watching the driving campaign of the Senate Minority Leader.

Clarification over Communication Capping course

I would like to clarify some of the wording on the Communication Capping course, as there was some disagreement presented about the purpose of the course that I taught. One of your writers was expected as saying that "Barnes & Noble" was working on a solution to communication problems related to media. The course was instead supposed to address issues such as "elements that are heard from" and "elements that are not heard from" during the implementation of communication policies. This is incorrect. In the sections of the manual where your criticisms appear, students are actually discussing the implementation and analysis of communication policies that are currently in place.

My Turn

Isobel Beale

Dole ready for more in his first go on national stage...and in the hope of peace in the Middle East.

"I was really excited to see how the Braille controversy was going to play out," said Dole. "I've been waiting for a good murder to happen for a long time."

But he also expressed concerns about the impact of the controversy on the community, saying, "I understand that people are concerned about the implications of this, but I think it's important to remember that we are all part of the same community and that we need to work together to address these issues."
Editorial

Giving Tree Project reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas

By Mark Armitage

Senator Bob Dole 'attacks' media violence

Bob Dole could not be happier about a. seamless act of violence.

Dole is a Republican senator from Kansas, and he is one of the most vocal critics of the media for its role in glorifying violence.

The Washington Post is one of the few mainstream media outlets that have been consistent in their criticism of violent media.

Letters to the Editor

Student disputes anddishonestyover rumor of fraternity hazing

This is the last chance to express your views on campus issues before we break for a month - Christmas vacation!

Letters can be submitted by E-mailing The Circle at HZ@BYU or dropping them in campus mail addresses.

Letters should be kept to a maximum of 500 words.

Letters will be published for the December 10 issue; any sent after this date will not be considered.

The Circle reserves the right to edit any letters to special reasons or otherwise. Please include your name and class.

Letters will be published anonymously.
Kenny Rogers requests encore from Mariist singers for Christmas concert

When the Mariist College Singers performed in a red-carpet set for two sold-out shows at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie on November 26, they received a standing ovation. "Gussie" seat approval.

"We used to welcome different groups for our Christmas show over the past ten seasons," said Marist College President Rev. Charles J. Lawler. "This was not an exception. What started as an annual performance by Kenny Rogers has now become a tradition for our community."

The Poppins and Excel: British vocals and good ol' American th rashing

by Scott Wyman

Staff Writer

I've recently had the privilege of interviewing one of my pop idols. (Yes, it's true. I'm a huge fan of Kenny Rogers). He recently released his U.S. debut, entitled "Love Songs," and I was fortunate enough to have him on the line for a quick chat. For Kenny, this is his first album since his recent Rounder Records deal. The album features a mix of both country and pop music, with standout tracks including "Love Hurts," "Through the Years," and "The Gambler."

"It's been a long time coming," Rogers said. "I've been working on this project for a few years now, and I'm really excited to finally release it." Rogers has been a popular figure in both the country and pop music scenes, with hits spanning decades. His most recent album, "The Gambler," was released in 2012 and peaked at number 28 on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Rogers is known for his smooth, rich vocals and his ability to connect with audiences through his music.

"I've always loved writing and performing music," Rogers added. "I think that's what makes it all worthwhile. To see people enjoy my music and sing along with it is truly a blessing." Rogers' music has a timeless quality to it, and he continues to tour and perform to this day, keeping his fans engaged and entertained. His latest album, "Love Songs," is sure to be a hit with fans of all ages.

Movie Review

The Godfather, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, is a classic film that continues to captivate audiences today. Set in the 1940s and 1950s, the movie tells the story of the Corleone family, a powerful crime family in New York City. The film follows Vito Corleone, played by Marlon Brando, as he rises to power in the world of organized crime.

The Godfather is known for its raw and realistic portrayal of organized crime, as well as its powerful performances and memorable dialogue. The film was directed by Francis Ford Coppola and stars an all-star cast, including Al Pacino, James Caan, and Sofia Coppola. It has become a cultural icon and is considered one of the greatest films ever made.

The film has a 94% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, and fans continue to watch it year after year. It has won numerous awards, including Best Picture at the Academy Awards and Golden Globes. The Godfather is a must-see for anyone interested in the world of gangsters, crime, and power. So grab your popcorn and join the Corleones as they take over the marché. This is a film that truly stands the test of time.

Scorsese hits the jackpot with Casino: Deniro and Pesci team up again

The film "Casino" is a classic in the world of gangsters and crime. Directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, it tells the story of a group of mobsters who become involved in the world of gambling.

"Casino" is set in Las Vegas during the 70s and 80s, a time when the casino industry was rising. The film follows the story of Sam Rothstein, played by De Niro, as he rises to power in the world of gambling and crime. Along the way, he becomes friends with Meyer (Al Pacino) andinnacle (Joe Pesci), and they all work together to build a casino empire.

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When the Mariist College Singers performed for the 11th time in 10 years, Kenny Rogers for two solo songs at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie on November 29, 1995. They received a standing ovation from "the Garnet" seat of approval.

"We were excited to perform with some of the Kenny Rogers..." - Mariist Singers

Half of the 100-voice choir of high-school students and adults of the 73 guests as Kenny Rogers and Mariist College Singers for two shows in one night. The concert was at the New York State Capitol auditorium. The event was a composite of the Marii singers as advertised on the Marii website.

Mariist Singers recently sang with Kenny Rogers at the Civic Center. We were not going to sing with him again.

"The students work really hard and they sound fabulous," said Larry. "It's tremendous." - Mariist Singers

The couples have plenty of cash to spend.

"Please see page 14." - Mariist Singers

Movie Review

The film was set in Los Angeles during the 1940s. It's a story about an aspiring actress who takes the stage name of "Cassie". Her friends struggle to make ends meet in the business of show business.

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"Cassino" raises the stakes

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Hockey slides past Binghamton, 7-6

by MARTY SINGHALA
Staff Writer

The hockey team traveled to Binghamton on Saturday and squeaked out a 7-6 win. After a bit of a rough first period, the Gaels rebounded and used the momentum to go on and win.

The Hockey team, coming off a couple of losses this past week, were looking to bounce back and end their season strong. Head coach Marty Singhalala said, "We are going to be offensive tonight and take a lot of shots." He also added that they will be playing both games in the coming week.

"We are ready to go," he said. "We just need to make sure we keep it up." The Gaels are currently ranked 16th in the nation.

Hockey ranked No. 6 in nation

The American College Hockey Association (AHA) released the national rankings which showed that the hockey team is ranked No. 6 nationally. The team has a record of 13-3-1 overall, and 8-2 in conference.

The Gaels have been on a roll, winning their last six games. The team is currently ranked 16th in the nation.

Track team is running for the record books

by PETE REEVES
Staff Writer

The track team is running for the record books. Senior captain Dominique Price and two other members of the team have set new personal bests in the 55-meter hurdles.

"I am very proud of them," said head coach Marty Singhalala. "They have been working hard and it shows.

The team plans to continue their success in the upcoming season.

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Hockey slides past Binghamton, 7-6

by MARY SINGULTA Staff Writer

The hockey team traveled to Binghamton and swept the hosts, 7-6, to spend its fourth straight weekend on the ice. After a brief break, the Red Foxes will host the third-seeded Robert Morris in the quarterfinals.

The Red Foxes are looking to keep their streak up and coming and got the second period off to a good start. The team scored the first two goals of the game within the first 15 minutes, giving them a lead they would hold the rest of the game.

With the win, the Red Foxes move to 16-18-4 overall and take their record to 10-7-6 in the Hockey East Conference.

The Red Foxes move on to the quarterfinals, where they will face the third-seeded Robert Morris. The Red Foxes are looking to keep their momentum going and finish off the season strong.

**Hockey ranked No. 6 in nation**

The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) released the national rankings on Saturday, while the Blue Devil College Hockey Team is ranked No. 6 in the nation.

The 72 teams are ranked with three points awarded for a win, two for a tie, and one for a loss. The ranking is based on points earned and games played.

**Diving team blushing after loss to Scarlet Knights**

by PET RECOMES

The diving team was defeated by the Scarlet Knights in a close match, losing 11-16. The team's performance was praised by the coaches, but they were disappointed with the outcome.

The diving team is looking forward to their next meet and is focused on improving their skills and techniques.
Men's basketball captures Pepsi-Marist Classic with close win

Red Foxes inch by Brown to remain undefeated at 3-0

by CHRIS SMITH
Association Sports Editor

The men's basketball team battled the Brown University Bears Saturday at the McCann Athletic Center in the championship game of the Pepsi-Marist Classic and came out victorious. The game was a close three points with the final score ending up 79-76.

Trotman said, "They will probably win the Ivy League so this is a major accomplishment for us."

This could be seen in the final score of Saturday's game. This was a close game since some of the all-star didn't have the best game of their career.

Senior guard Danita Basile went 4-13 from the field while only hitting 1 out of 3 three-pointers. Said, "I feel bad; Kamer Hill only went 3-9 from the field but made it up on the boards with eleven rebounds."

There were other players such as junior guard Tamer Karmi and Junior swingman Chris Grill who had big games.

"I think the true test of a good team is that when Danny's not having a good game, the rest of the team comes through," Magarity said.

Grill went 7 for 7 from the field and had two steals while Karmi went 4-4 from the foul line and had three steals.

At times however, the score was still too close for the Red Foxes. The half time score was tied at 23 a piece.

At the 12:30 mark, however, junior guard Randy Encarnacion bit a three point jumper to increase Marist's lead to the biggest of the night at 11 points. Brown's Brian Lloyd cut the difference to 1 point by hitting a three pointer at 53-52. This was the closest Brown came to winning the game.

"I never saw an eleven point disappear that quick," Magarity added. "Our team made some big shots that weren't reflected in the statistics."

The Red Foxes defeated Hampden- University on Friday night by a score of 87-69.

This win increased Marist's record to 2-0 and placed them in the championship game on Saturday. The game was tough.

The men played Stena last night in Albany but the results were not available by press time.

The team had a positive outlook for this game.

"Since we've been doing well but are one of our biggest rivals," Hill said. "We're going to be in the second period. It's going to be a dog fight."

by GAIANA PINO

Track team sets 3 school records at West Point Open

by MARC LEISTEN
Staff Writer

Only three weeks after the men's and women's cross- country seasons ended, runners are literally back on "track" for the indoor season.

The women's team finished their season second in the North American Conference and their highest placing ever.

Head coach Phil Kelly, who was named Coach of the Year, said the team's defense to an injury plagued season was remarkable.

"The pack won. Somebody would always step up, there was a lot of good running from our first to our eighth runner."

Kelly said, "The women ended the season with a 13th place finish at the ECAC University Race in Boston's Franklin Park."

The team was led by seniors Melissa Zobell, Colleen Carson, Junior Goodale, Alexis Requiey and Theresa Hickey.

Speaking about the seniors, Kelly said, "They're great people. We're going to miss them a lot, it doesn't have anything to do with running."

The men's cross country team endured a rehabilitation after losing their top three runners to graduation.

Head coach Pete Colazzo said: See Track, page 11...

Women's basketball wins home opener

by MARC LEISTEN
Staff Writer

What a difference a half has made.

The women's basketball team rallied back from an unexpected first half that saw them down 33-30 at the break to beat Bucknell 70-63 in their home opener last Wednesday night.

The game, in a sense, was like two different games being played by the same team.

The Red Foxes (2-1 overall) cruised through the first half, booting coach as they clanked their way to just a 24-35 deficit by the halfway point.

Head coach Ken Babulien said his team was rushing their shots early.

"In the first half we were shooting too quickly," the coach lead. "After a while, I think a little bit of it is set in and instead of being patient, we got impatient."

Senior captain Darrah Metz led Marist's lack of emotion was another big factor behind the troubles early on.

"I really didn't think we played with a lot of intensity," Metz said. "We seemed to get into our game balls before we did and got our boards before we did.

In the second period, Marist was a different team that is what they played like. Instead of shooting for three pointers on the ball, it was some work on the inside."

As Leiston was back on track from the outside, Metz was doing some work on the inside.

See Basketball, page 11...

They are the underdogs of the Northeast Conference, picked to finish sixth. And they like that way.

The Marist women's basketball team is going to try and steal some of the glory from the men this year. The women's team, Coaches said, that they too will use the hardwood.

And while they seem to be different in the sense of identity, the ticket prices for women's games have gone up from $3 to $5.

Looking for who they are on the court is going to be something different. Even though they are on the same team for a few years, that have yet to prove a form of value to man class with experience, a new team on the court.

For those who are on the court is going to be something different. Even though they are on the same team for a few years, that have yet to prove a form of value to man class with experience, a new team on the court.

Jean-Marie Lesko. Lesko is a potent scorer before a knee injury put her on the shelf for close to two seasons.

But now both are back healthy and both can give the Red Foxes a new complexion. There's not many more scoring punch, inside and outside, but balance as well. Balance, or rather the lack of, hurt them the past season.

Liz McDougall stepped up nicely as a freshman but it was too much to cobble her way to her joining the job consistently. With Lesko, the backcourt gets a little deeper. And with McDougall additions that seem like old ones were on the point guard slot.

Jill Heiler, who has had some injuries, backup was a freshman takes over as the starter. But her steady, consistent, no risk taking style should need a little flair, All-American Beth Shackley could take over.

In the backcourt, the point guard is usually not called upon to score. With Shackley, this could still be a reception. She is more offensive minded, more of a creator and the spot usually reserved for a shooting guard might take on a new look.

So, will this be a problem, this new team on the court? They still need a little time to mesh, to gel and come together at a team and learn to play with one another. Last year, the strength of the team lay with the departed players. Let's hope that with any given night, a different person can transform into the scorer.

It would be unfair to look at this team based on their performance last year. They are a different team and one of the few people. They will try and make a believer out of somebody. If not in Poughkeepsie, at least in the rest of the conference.

The pre-season coaches poll did not look to favorably upon the Red Foxes, placing them in the lower tier of the conference. Keep in mind that this is a tough conference.

St. Francis (Pa.) is picked to win it all and they are led by the impressive Colleen Joyce who was able to tally 33 in a 10 point loss to Penn State at Penn State earlier this year.

Not to be left out will be Mount St. Mary's. Even though the Mount lost a lot of players, you still have to contend with them on not only a physical level but a mental one. The stories that loom large over visitors thatupid down South are they have not lost a home conference game in four years.

And of course Rider must not be left out especially with the likes of Jessica Beck. The Broncs may possibly possess the toughest defender in the conference as she finished twelfth in rebounding and tenth in block shots in the nation.

If the women want to assert themselves, and make themselves known, it must come at the hands of these teams. They know who they are. They must show us who they are.

Whose house.

It may still be 'Reem's house but the land it is on belongs to center Alan Tomidy. Marist did its fans proud by winning the Pepsi Classic.

Hill and Tomidy both had an excellent weekend but it was Tomidy that garnered Most Valuable Player honors.

Danny Basile was also named to the All-Tournament team and the three, along with fellow senior Scott McCabe hoisted the trophies and kept it in Poughkeepsie.

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