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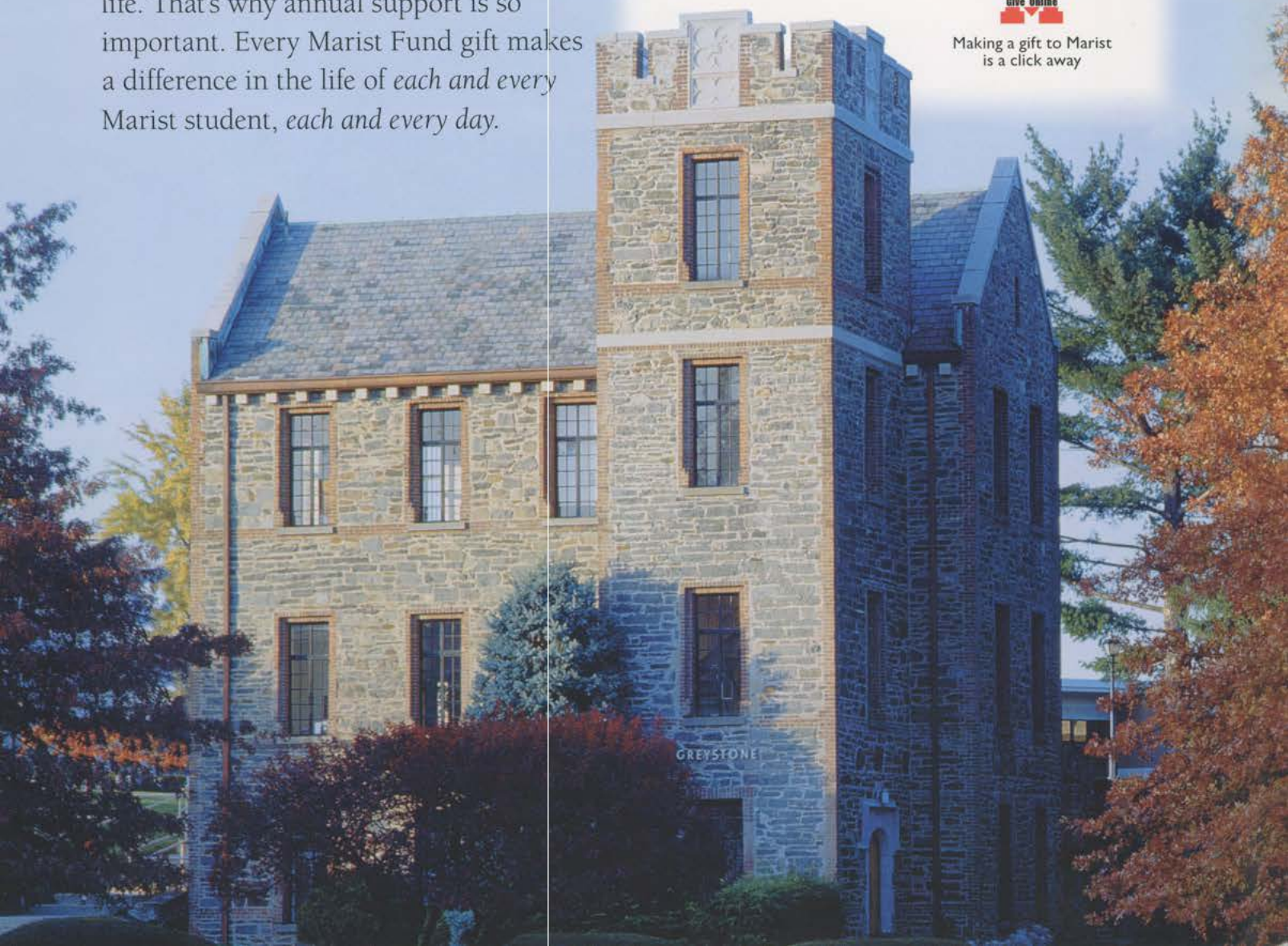
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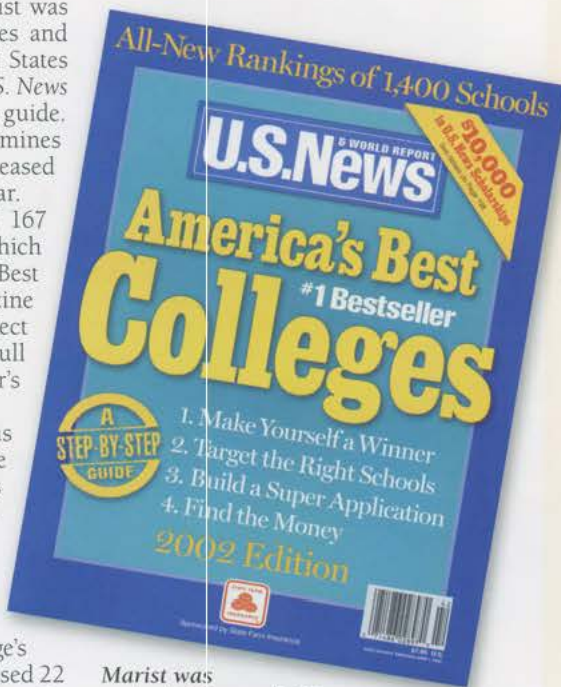
Marist Makes the Grade in U.S. News Rankings

For the eighth year in a row, Marist was ranked in the top tier of colleges and universities in the northern United States in the latest edition of the annual *U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges* guide. Marist's "overall score," which determines the college's numerical ranking, increased by three points over the previous year.

Marist was ranked 19th out of 167 northern schools in its category, which this year has been reclassified as "Best Universities—Master's." The magazine made the category change "to reflect the schools' mission: providing a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs."

"The U.S. News ranking confirms what our current and prospective students already know: Marist has enhanced its academic quality significantly over the past decade and a half," said President Dennis Murray.

The past year's freshman class was the most academically talented and geographically diverse in the college's history. The average SAT score increased 22 points, the highest SAT scores and class rankings of any Marist class.



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Deborah DiCaprio Appointed Vice President/Dean, Student Affairs

Deborah DiCaprio has been named vice president and dean for Student Affairs.

A member of the Student Affairs division since 1982, Dean DiCaprio had been interim vice president of Student Affairs for the five months prior to her appointment. She began her career at Marist in 1982 as a resident mentor and lived and worked on campus until 1985 when she was appointed assistant dean. As assistant dean she supervised a broad array of key operational areas including Counseling Services, Campus Ministry, Special Services, Health Services, freshman orientation and the mentor program as well as the Upward Bound and Liberty Partnership programs.



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She holds a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in education, both from St. Bonaventure University.

Lee Miringoff Named President of National Polling Group

Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, has been elected president of the National Council on Public Polls. The council is dedicated to advancing an understanding of how polls are conducted and interpreted by pollsters, politicians, the media and the general public.

"This selection reflects positively upon the survey work we have accomplished at Marist College," says Dr. Miringoff, who will continue to serve as the head of Marist's polling institute. "I look forward to furthering the values of accurate and fair research on elections and public officials that is supported by the National Council on Public Polls."

The National Council on Public Polls has 30 members in addition to Marist including ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, the Gallup Organization, Harris Interactive, the Los Angeles Times, The PEW Research Center and Princeton Survey Research Associates.



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Linux Research And Development



New York State Sen. Steve Saland (center) cuts the ribbon opening the Linux Research and Development Center, joined by Marist President Dennis Murray (left) and Ross Mauri, Marist trustee and vice president for e-server development and senior location executive at IBM.

Linux Research Center Now on Campus

Marist's Center for Linux Research and Development celebrates its one-year anniversary this fall.

Thanks to the leadership of New York State Sen. Steve Saland, major funding for the center came from a \$377,960 Strategic Investment Program grant.

A key objective of the center is to uncover and analyze S/390 Linux environments and to apply this information to the development

and use of new technologies. The center is providing New York businesses with a location to test their applications in a Linux environment.

Guest speakers at the opening were Sen. Saland and Ross Mauri, vice president, e-server development and senior location executive for the IBM Corp. and a Marist trustee. Sen. Saland has been a champion of technology-based business development in

Math Professor Joseph Kirtland Wins Book Prize

Dr. Joseph Kirtland, associate professor of mathematics, received the Beckenbach Book Prize from the Mathematical Association of America for his book *Identification Numbers and Check Digit Schemes*.



Dr. Joseph Kirtland

The Mathematical Association of America awards the \$1,000 prize to an author of a distinguished, innovative book published by the MAA. The award is not given regularly but only when a book appears that is judged to be "truly outstanding," says the MAA.

In its citation for the award, the MAA called the book interesting and accessible not only to those in college but also high school. "Finally," the citation reads, "the teacher who is confronted by the common question, 'What is math good for?' can answer by handing the questioner this book, for it can be easily read by students."

partnership with education and has been invaluable to Marist in advancing such projects that can benefit both the region and state. Ross Mauri has been instrumental in supporting Marist's joint study efforts with IBM.

Dr. Roger Norton, Dr. Thomas Wermuth Named Deans

Two of Marist's academic schools have new deans.

Dr. Thomas Wermuth was named dean of the School of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Roger Norton was appointed dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

Dr. Wermuth served as interim dean prior to his appointment. His activities included overseeing the review of five academic programs and assisting with the successful reaccreditation of Marist's paralegal program. One of the country's leading regional historians, he also led the founding of the Hudson River Valley Institute, an interdisciplinary study center focusing on the history, culture and natural resources of the region (please see feature on Page 18). He is the director of the institute. This past fall he received the Marist College Board of Trustees Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Dr. Wermuth earned a B.A. in history at Marist, an M.A. in history at SUNY Albany and a Ph.D. in U.S. history at SUNY Binghamton. He joined the Marist faculty in 1992. His book, *Rip Van Winkle's Neighbors: The Transformation of Rural Society in the Hud-*



Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics



Dr. Thomas Wermuth, dean of the School of Liberal Arts

son River Valley, 1720-1850, was published in October 2001 by the State University of New York Press.

He has chaired the History Department and published a number of refereed articles in professional journals. His distinctions include several grants and awards, including a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities and a \$150,000 grant for the Hudson River Valley Institute from the

federal National Heritage Area program to create a digital library.

As interim dean for the five months prior to his appointment, Dr. Norton led the design and implementation of the new undergraduate major in information technology. He is also leading an innovative project, part of Marist's joint study with the IBM Corporation, that allows students to create and work in their own networked environments by giving them their own virtual servers (please see feature on Page 22). Previously, as director of the Marist College Center for Mental Health Information Systems, he designed and maintained a statewide network system that has become a model in New York.

Dr. Norton received a B.S. in mathematics from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, an M.A. in mathematics from Brandeis University and a doctorate in computer science from Syracuse University. He began his teaching career at Marist in 1980. He also worked as a consultant for 10 years, helping companies such as Arco, Coors, Johnson & Johnson and Hess manage their enterprises.



Veteran White House correspondent Helen Thomas poses with Marist students with whom she met prior to receiving the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award in Manhattan.

Helen Thomas Given Marist College Lowell Thomas Award

Helen Thomas, the veteran White House correspondent who has covered every president since John F. Kennedy, received the 17th Marist College Lowell Thomas Award in the Union League Club in Manhattan.

Now a columnist for Hearst newspapers, she is best known for her association with United Press International; before joining Hearst she spent 57 years covering the White House for UPI. Her career gave her a front-row seat at most of the historic events of the past four decades, including the assassination of a president, men walking on the moon, the Vietnam War, campaigns for civil rights and women's rights, the resignation of

a president, the Berlin Wall coming down, and the Gulf War.

Ms. Thomas blazed a number of trails in an industry dominated by men for most of her career. She was the only woman print journalist traveling with President Richard Nixon to China during his breakthrough trip in January 1972. She was the first woman officer of the National Press Club after it opened its doors to women following a 90-year period of all-male membership. She became the first woman officer of the 50-year-old White House Correspondents Association and its first woman president

in 1975. In 1975 she was the first woman member of the Gridiron Club, made up of reporters and editors, in its 90-year history, becoming its president in 1993.

She has won dozens of professional awards including the International Women's Media Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998, the Society of Professional Journalists Lifetime Achievement Award and the National Press Foundation's Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award in 2001. The White House Correspondents Association established the Helen Thomas Lifetime Achievement Award and presented it to Ms. Thomas in 1998. She has written two books: *Dateline: White House*, published in 1974, and her 1999 autobiography, *Front Row at the White House: My Life and Times*.

The Lowell Thomas Award is presented to a broadcast journalist who reflects the imagination, humanity and pioneering spirit of the late Lowell Thomas, the famous broadcaster. He lived in Dutchess County and received an honorary doctorate from Marist in 1981.

Past winners include Eric Sevareid, Walter Cronkite, Howard K. Smith, Douglas Edwards, David Brinkley, Harry Reasoner, John Chancellor, Barbara Walters, Charles Kuralt, Diane Sawyer, Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather, Mike Wallace, Charles Osgood and Cokie Roberts. Special awards were presented in 1993 to Fred Friendly, Don Hewitt, Dallas Townsend and Thomas Watson, Jr. to mark the centennial of Lowell Thomas's birth.

Marist Honors Community Leaders

For the 34th year, Marist has recognized outstanding community service with awards presented to three individuals.

Marist President Dennis Murray presented the awards to Michael Duffy, Ira Effron and Fredrica Simon Goodman at the college's annual President's Community Breakfast in the Student Center Cabaret. More than 200 of the area's business and community leaders attended.

Michael Duffy retired from IBM in 1995 and was instrumental in founding the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie. He is active with Family Services, Inc.; chairs the board of Health Quest, the parent organization of Vassar Brothers, Northern Dutchess and Putnam hospitals; and is a Marist trustee.

Ira Effron is president of EFCO Products and serves as president of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County. He has been active with the Poughkeepsie Jaycees, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County and Temple Beth-El. He is also a trustee of Vassar Brothers Hospital and a founder and member of the



President Dennis Murray (far left) presented the Marist College President's Award for Community Service to (left to right) Fredrica Simon Goodman, Michael Duffy and Ira Effron at the 34th annual President's Community Breakfast in the Cabaret on campus.

board of Riverside Bank.

Fredrica Simon Goodman is a founding member and a vice president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute in Hyde Park. She spearheaded the New York State celebration of the centennial of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birth and was executive director of the U.S. Congressional Eleanor Roosevelt Centennial Commission. She was

the first director of the New York State Office of Special Projects and Protocol and has held numerous other leadership positions.

Nearly 80 local residents have received the Marist College President's Award for Community Service since its inception in 1968. The award recognizes people who have improved the quality of life in the Hudson River Valley region.

Silver Needle Fashion Show Draws Largest Crowds Ever

Record crowds enjoyed the 16th annual Silver Needle Fashion Show in April at Casperkill Country Club in Poughkeepsie. The event, presented by the Marist Fashion Program under the leadership of director Heather Osgood, drew 600 to the afternoon show and 700 to the evening show.

In the highlight of the program, 11 seniors each presented six of their designs on student models. Award winners were seniors Kelly Lynn DePascale for Outstanding Garment, Nicole Rae Horn for Outstanding Collection, Melanie Bou for Outstanding Fashion Student and junior Kellyn Leveton, who received the Amazing Threads Scholarship award.

Designer-critic Ginny Hilfiger of the Tommy Hilfiger Collection worked with the students this past October. She helped the seniors narrow their portfolios, which contained as many as 70 illustrations, to six outfits they would create and present in the fashion show.

The theme of the show, "Celebrating the Hudson River," inspired garments created by the junior fashion design majors. The event program featured river landscapes by Sue DeSanna, a painter and member of the Fashion Program faculty. During the show she received a Silver Needle Award for her 15 years of service as a Fashion Program faculty member. A special guest at the evening show was Marist Trustee Franny Reese, who has played a key role in preserving the beauty of the Hudson River Valley through her work

with the organization Scenic Hudson.

In keeping with the Hudson River Valley theme, the Fashion Program raffled off a Hudson River Valley getaway complete with bed-and-breakfast lodging, meals and locally made wine. The raffle raised \$350 that the Fashion Program donated to Marist's Hudson River Valley Institute.

Some 120 students were involved in the show's production.



Top left, Erin Covell '03 models a design by Clarisse Ruby '03; center, Barbara Wonica '02 models an outfit by Kelly Lynn DePascale '02; top right, Melonie Torres '04 models a garment by Ruofang Zhang '02.

Realizing That Words Can Hurt and Heal



Sadie Effron '79 (center) is shown with her family outside the Nelly Goletti Theatre at Marist following the 25th annual William and Sadie Effron Lecture in Jewish Studies. Mrs. Effron holds a gift presented by President Dennis Murray in appreciation for establishing the lecture series in 1976 with her husband, Bill.

Can people go 24 hours without saying a hurtful thing to or about someone?

That was the challenge issued by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin at the close of his talk, "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal: The Ethics of Speech," in Marist's Nelly Goletti Theatre during the fall semester. The speech before an audience of about 300 was the 25th installment of the annual William and Sadie Effron Lecture Series in Jewish Studies.

The rabbi, a scholar and author, drew on the Old Testament, Jewish law and amusing anecdotes to make his point that people who don't control their anger greatly damage their relationships as well as the people with whom they interact. "Tens of thousands of couples have divorced because of things people said to each other," he said.

The rabbi has written several novels, one of which, *An Eye for An Eye*, became several episodes of the TV drama "The Practice." He co-wrote the 1991 film "The Quarrel."

Sadie Effron '79 and her husband, Bill, established the lecture series in 1976 to increase awareness of Jewish history, culture and current affairs.

NSF Awards Marist \$150,000 Grant for High-Performance Network Connection

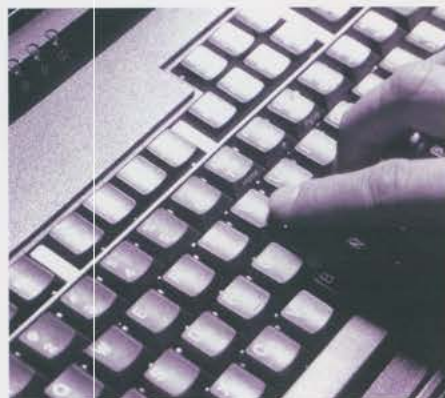
With a \$150,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), Marist has joined top research institutions in a program designed to facilitate collaborative research.

Since 1995 the NSF High Performance Network Connections (HPNC) program has given scientists and engineers better access to research facilities across the United States. The purpose of the program is to encourage U.S. colleges and universities to establish high performance Internet connections where such a connection is needed to advance a line of scientific research.

The award allows Marist to connect to a national grid of research networks that operate at speeds up to 2.4 billion bits per second. Marist is one of 221 institutions now assisted through such grants. They include New York City's American Museum of Natural History and Massachusetts's Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, institutions at the forefront of research in the fields of genomics and oceanography, according to HPNC program director Greg Monaco.

Awardees may use the funds to connect with the vBNS (very high performance Backbone Network System) or the Internet2 consortium's advanced backbone network, Abilene.

Internet2 is a nonprofit consortium led by more than 180 universities working with



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industry and government to develop and deploy advanced network applications and technologies, accelerating the creation of the Internet of the future. Internet2 is recreating the partnership among academia, industry and government that fostered today's Internet in its infancy.

Kamran Khan, vice president, information technology, spearheaded the HPNC

proposal initiative along with Marist faculty members Harold Anderson, associate professor of computer science, Sherry Dingman, assistant professor of psychology, and Raymond Kepner, assistant professor of biology. Key project personnel are John Morrison Galbraith, assistant professor of chemistry, Pau San Haruta, assistant professor of English, and Joseph Kirtland, associate professor of mathematics. The Office of Academic Grants coordinated the grant proposal.

Marist faculty projects that can make use of the high-performance connection span a range of disciplines, including the natural, social, behavioral and computer sciences, mathematics and communications. They include:

- remote microscopic visualization in support of polar microbial research;
- an MRI vertebrate development atlas;
- a collaboratory—an online laboratory where users who are geographically separated use the Internet to run scientific equipment and collaborate—for advanced brain imaging;
- streaming media;
- a computational study of chemical bonding across the periodic table;
- finite and infinite group theory research; and
- pedagogical applications in mathematics and writing.

The campus network upgrade is expected to be complete, and faculty and students to have access to other vBNS colleges and universities across the country, by August 2002.



A Crew Shell is Dedicated to Eileen Hickey '94

The Marist College Athletics Department dedicated a crew shell this past winter in memory of Eileen Hickey. A former New York State legislator, Mrs. Hickey was a longtime supporter of crew in the Hudson River Valley and a 1994 alumna of Marist. The Vespoli Millennium

Eight, called "Spirit of Eileen Hickey," was dedicated during halftime at a men's basketball game in January. Above, the men's and women's crew teams join the Hickey family, including Dan Hickey '66 and son Dan Jr. (center), at the dedication.

Bob Hatfield '69 Elected Alumni Association President

The Marist College Alumni Association Executive Board has elected Robert E. Hatfield, Jr. '69 president for a two-year term beginning in September. He succeeds Maria Gordon Shydlo '87, who served from September 2000 to August 2002.

Bob is vice president and director of community relations for M&T Bank and director of the M&T Bank Charitable Foundation. He works in the bank's divisional headquarters in Fishkill, N.Y.

An alumni volunteer since his graduation from Marist, Bob has been a phonathon

caller, reunion committee member and active member of his class. He was appointed an at-large member of the Alumni Executive Board in 1997 and just recently completed a two-year term as its vice president. Active with the College's fund-raising efforts, Bob served as national alumni chair for the successful 1997 and 1998 Marist Fund campaigns.

He and his wife, Barbara, are also longtime members of the Marist College President's Club.



Bob Hatfield '69

"Bob Hatfield has been exceptionally dedicated to the college, both as a volunteer and supporter," says Marist President Dennis Murray. "He is an excellent choice to continue the strong leadership tradition

that has marked the Marist College Alumni Association."

As Alumni Association president, Bob also serves as alumni representative to the Board of Trustees.

Pat Gallagher '57 Endows Fund to Support M.P.A. Student Research

Dr. G. Patrick Gallagher '57 has endowed an academic fund at Marist to help law enforcement officers studying in Marist College's M.P.A. program to enrich their knowledge of policing and serve as agents of change.

The Gallagher Fund provides financial assistance to M.P.A./criminal justice students to support on-site research at police agencies as part of their capping course work. The purpose of the fund is to encourage police managers to study innovative approaches toward improving their organization's climate and performance.

"Endowed funds make an important statement about a commitment to academic excellence at Marist," says Shaileen Kopeck, vice president for college advancement at Marist. "We are very grateful to Pat Gallagher, who is preeminent in his field, for his vision and generosity in establishing this award."

Recipients of the \$1,000 award so far have been John J. Flynn '02 and Lt. Peter L. Frisoni, Jr. '02. Both earned the M.P.A. through Marist's programs at police academies. Marist offers its M.P.A. degree program to the public at a number of police academy facilities including the New York City Police Academy, New York State Police Academy in Albany, New York State Police Headquarters in Middletown, Onondaga Sheriff's Training Center in Syracuse and Westchester County Police Academy in Valhalla.

Pat Gallagher is president of the Gallagher-Westfall Group, Inc. and a nationally recognized lecturer, author and consultant on governmental liability. He has conducted hundreds of training sessions with law enforcement agencies on leadership development, management and supervisory training and the use of force



Pat Gallagher '57



Gordon Badovick (right), then dean of Marist's School of Management, presents a Gallagher Fund stipend to John J. Flynn (center) to support research for his M.P.A. capping course this past academic year. John graduated in 2002 with a 3.869 average. At left is Alexander F. Contini, who coordinates Marist's off-campus M.P.A. programs. John pursued the M.P.A. through Marist's program at the New York City Police Academy.

and pursuit. He has also been an international consultant.

For the past 30 years Pat has been active in law enforcement. He served as director of the police and fire departments and their 600 personnel in South Bend, Ind. He was director of the Police Executive Institute for the Police Foundation in Washington, D.C., providing courses for leaders of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies. In 1980 Florida Gov. Bob Graham appointed him director of Police Standards and Training for the state of Florida, where he monitored statewide standards of employment, training and certification for Florida's police and corrections officers. In

addition, he developed standards for 46 law enforcement training centers, their curricula and their instructors. He also was responsible for the decertification of officers involved in serious or criminal offenses. He has taught police administration at Indiana University and George Washington University. He earned an M.A. at New York University and a Ph.D. at Purdue University.

For the first 17 years of his career, Pat was a Marist Brother. He was part of the Marist Brothers crew who constructed many buildings on the Poughkeepsie campus during the 1950s and 1960s.

The Gallagher-Westfall Group is located in Indian Valley, Va., in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Pat and his wife, Mary, also own a bed and breakfast there called the Wild Geese Inn.

MICHAEL NELSON



At commencement Marist paid tribute to law enforcement, fire and medical professionals who served at Ground Zero after Sept. 11, represented by (left to right) Lt. Theresa Tobin '83, Deputy Fire Chief Peter Hayden '69 and Dr. Patricia Casey '91.



The valedictorian was summa cum laude graduate Julie Anne Valente.

2002 Commencement

1,221 degrees conferred this year

Mother Nature grabbed center stage at Marist College's May 18 commencement, pounding the campus with snow, rain, sleet, and high winds that forced the school to move its ceremony into the shelter of the McCann Center. Although the conditions were not what anyone had hoped for, the ceremony went on as Marist President Dennis Murray conferred 924 bachelor's degrees and 297 master's degrees.

Prior to conferring the degrees, President Murray acknowledged the five Marist alumni and one student killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. He added that Marist would award a bachelor's degree posthumously to Carmen Rivera, a young mother who received a paralegal certificate from Marist in 2000 and had been working on a bachelor's in integrative studies.

Dr. Murray also paid tribute to the law enforcement, fire, and medical professionals throughout the metropolitan area who served at Ground Zero following Sept. 11. He introduced three Marist alumni who themselves responded to the Twin Towers tragedy: Police Lt. Theresa Tobin, Class of 1983, who despite severe injuries sustained in the attacks helped rescue three people and evacuate many others; Deputy Fire Chief Peter Hayden, Class of 1969, who was in charge of the North Tower command post on Sept. 11; and Dr. Patricia Casey, Class of 1991, a podiatrist who volunteered for weeks caring for rescue workers at Ground Zero after the attack. The trio accepted the Marist College President's Award on behalf of their colleagues.

The valedictory address also referred to heroes of Sept. 11. Julie Anne Valente, a summa cum laude graduate who achieved a 3.97 grade point average while pursuing a

"New York is resilient and so is America." The country "needs all of you, and you need each other."

—Gabe Pressman
2002 commencement speaker

degree in psychology and a dual teaching certificate in elementary education and special education, said that during her time at Marist, "I've been shown how to be selfless. One of the greatest examples of this behavior was seen on September 11, 2001, when so many people in selfless service to others tragically lost their lives. Here on campus, students, faculty and administrators worked together to help in any way they could."

"We graduates have been given so much," she said. "The ability to live in the greatest of all countries, to be free, to have the opportunity to be educated and to better ourselves and others are priceless gifts. Let us make a firm resolve to use these gifts well to help make the world a better place in which to live."

In his keynote speech, Gabe Pressman noted the fortitude of New Yorkers following Sept. 11. A pioneer in local broadcast journalism whose career has spanned five decades, he said in generation after generation, New York City has faced crises and emerged stronger than ever. "New York is resilient and so is America." The country "needs all of you," he said, "and you need each other. There are many challenges ahead for America and the world. The important thing is to stay in there and keep punching. Never give up."

Gabe Pressman has been credited with almost inventing the craft of street reporting, leaving the studio to take his camera and microphone to New York City's streets to cover breaking news. He has covered every major New York State and New York City political race. He was also one of the first local broadcast journalists to be assigned to national and international stories. He expanded his reportage into award-winning documentaries and was one of the first local reporters in the nation to host a public affairs program.

Mr. Pressman, who holds a B.A. from New York University and an M.A. from the Columbia School of Journalism, began his career in print journalism at the *New York World Telegram and Sun* in 1949. He then moved to radio before joining WRCA—later WNBC—in 1956. He has been with NBC4 for 38 of his 46 years in broadcast journalism.

Over the years he has given 32 Marist students career-shaping experiences as interns. During the commencement ceremony President Murray recognized Mr. Pressman for his distinguished career, awarding him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, read the citation.



New York broadcast journalism pioneer Gabe Pressman gave the keynote speech.



Caneil McDonald '02 and her father, Cornelius, after the ceremony.



Marist's 56th commencement was dedicated to four retiring faculty members: Kevin Carolan (center), associate professor of mathematics, retiring after 40 years of service; Dr. Robert Lewis (right), associate professor of English, 39 years; Dr. Stuart Greenfield (not pictured), assistant professor of computer science, 17 years; and Dr. Ronald Gauch (left), associate professor of public administration, 12 years.



Honoring Those Who Answered the Call

Three Marist alumni were among the dedicated law enforcement, firefighting and medical professionals who summoned their experience and their courage to help at Ground Zero.

"I thought they had started bombing but it was the gas tanks on the police cars, ambulances and fire trucks buried in the rubble."

—Lt. Theresa C. Tobin '83

Hundreds of Marist alumni work in military, law enforcement, firefighting and medical professions. Many are in the New York City and Washington, D.C., metropolitan areas. A number of them were called upon following terrorist attacks Sept. 11 on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington. Here are the stories of three Marist graduates who took part in the rescue efforts.

Assigned to the New York Police Department's Manhattan press office, police officer **Theresa "Terri" C. Tobin**, a member of Marist's class of 1983, raced to the World Trade Center after the first hijacked plane hit. She was ordered to don a heavy-duty helmet. Debris was falling. The helmet saved Tobin's life minutes later when the first tower came down.

The force of the collapse and the resulting compression of air and building fragments

blew Tobin out of her shoes and tossed her like a rag doll across a street.

"When you go on a cave tour and they shut off the lights they tell you it's 'true darkness,' and that's what it was like," she recalls, slipping from the past tense to present and back. "It was hard to breathe. My eyes were watering. I was on the ground being pelted with stuff when I was smacked on the back of the head. The ballistic helmet splits and comes sliding off my head in two pieces. I can feel blood running down the back of my neck. I reached up and there was a chunk of cement embedded in the back of my skull."

Then the explosions started. "I thought they had started bombing but it was the gas tanks on the police cars, ambulances and fire trucks buried in the rubble," Lt. Tobin recalls. "The smoke turned from a dark blackness

to a grayish-white ash. Peering through the opening around me I could make out the silhouette of a firefighter. He told me to keep down and cleared my mouth and nose."

Despite her head wound and a broken ankle she teamed with the firefighter and two EMS workers who treated her head wound to pull three survivors from the rubble.

"Then people were running towards us screaming and waving their hands—the second tower was coming down," she says.

Lt. Tobin joined the exodus and was knocked to the ground by a shard of glass that penetrated her back. She made it to the river, where she was evacuated to a medical center established at Ellis Island. She was there three hours.

Six months later, Lt. Tobin is back on limited duty. She still experiences foot and back problems and a partial hearing loss.

She had been in the early stages of recovering, emotionally and physically, when United Flight 587 crashed Nov. 12 on take-

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Lt. Theresa C. Tobin '83



Deputy Fire Chief Peter Hayden '69



Dr. Patricia A. Casey '91

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off in her Queens neighborhood, killing 255 passengers and crew.

"I'm two blocks from the crash site," she says. "The house across from me got one of the engines."

Peter Hayden, deputy fire chief for the New York City Fire Department's Division 1 and a 1969 Marist graduate, has experienced an emotional roller-coaster ride over his 33 years with the NYFD. But nothing could have prepared him for Sept. 11, when more than 80 firefighters assigned directly to him died.

Among them were fellow Marist graduate and firefighter Kevin Pfeifer. "I never realized he was also a Marist graduate," says Deputy Chief Hayden. "I worked closely with his brother. I was in the lobby of the (north) tower that morning with (Battalion Chief) Joe (Pfeifer)."

Deputy Chief Hayden left Marist with a B.A. in business administration. After graduation he attended law school for a

year before finding his niche with the Fire Department.

"It's a great job, wonderful, very rewarding; an enjoyable life," he says from his Rockaway, Queens home. "I've made tremendous friends over the years. The tragedy has only served to strengthen the bonds. There are unspoken words and feelings. We don't have to say anything. It's in the eyes."

Since day one, Deputy Chief Hayden has been in charge of ground zero recovery operations for the Fire Department. "The events of that day are ever-present; they are on my mind every day," he says. "I can't rationalize or in any way make sense of so evil an act, such a cowardly act. I don't see how anybody can rationalize it."

There are times he has to walk away from the TV as another 9/11 report airs. "Sometimes it's like I've just seen too much of it. There are always emotions involved when you're looking at the film, tapes and pictures.

You just have to move away from it."

But he's not moving away from the Fire Department. "I have two sons working for the EMS, waiting to go on (the Fire Department)," he says. "I'm 55 but I have no thoughts about retiring. I couldn't. Not until we get the Fire Department back up to strength. I can't leave now."

He takes pride in the job that is being done and the job that was done. "When the analysis is done," he says, "we handled the emergency."

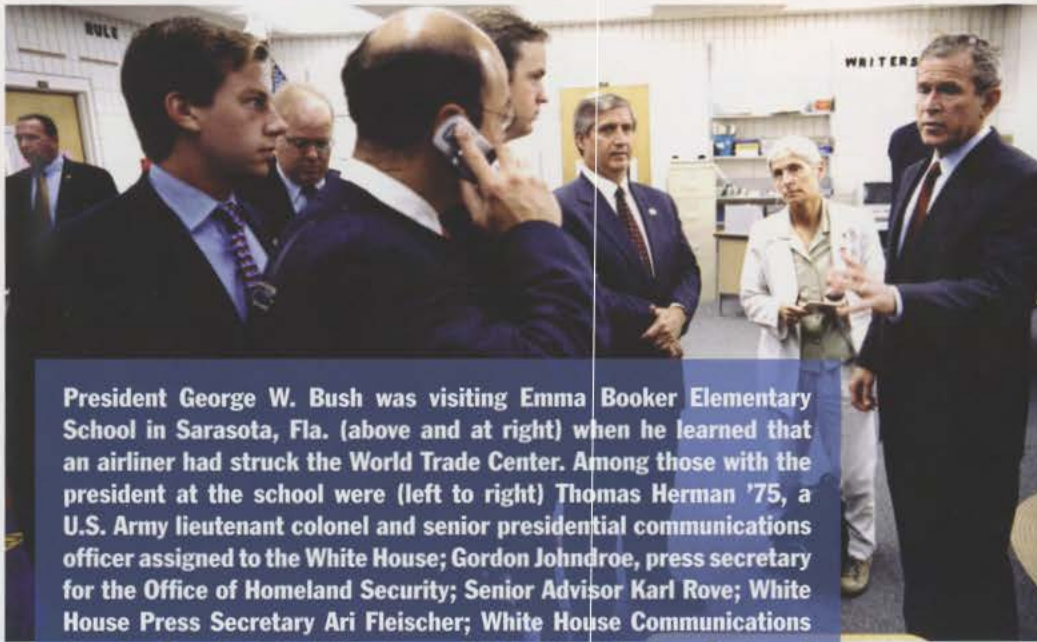
Patricia A. Casey graduated from Marist in 1991 with a degree in political science. In 1997 she earned another degree—in medicine. Specializing in podiatry, Dr. Casey, a Long Island native, helped keep Ground Zero rescue workers on their feet. Literally.

"Whether it was getting them new shoes, insoles for work boots or cortisone shots, we did whatever it took," she says from her office on Long Island. "They wanted to get their feet fixed and go right back. Most of them were working around the clock."

Every time she went home she had difficulty breathing for a day or two. But if she could make one person's day just a little better, she found, it really helped her. A volunteer, she was assigned to St. Paul's Church, where George Washington once had a pew.

"The church received relatively little damage," she says. "When I first started working there they'd have the doors open. There was this little cemetery out back. It was the midnight shift and one night I was standing out back. It was very weird. It was so quiet and peaceful, but everywhere you looked there was destruction." ■

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President George W. Bush was visiting Emma Booker Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla. (above and at right) when he learned that an airliner had struck the World Trade Center. Among those with the president at the school were (left to right) Thomas Herman '75, a U.S. Army lieutenant colonel and senior presidential communications officer assigned to the White House; Gordon Johndroe, press secretary for the Office of Homeland Security; Senior Advisor Karl Rove; White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer; White House Communications Director Dan Bartlett; White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card; and Capt. Deborah Loewer, USN, director of the White House Situation Room, National Security Agency.



Left to right: Chief of Staff Andrew Card; the Honorable Mark V. Rosenker, deputy assistant to the president and director, White House Military Office, an appointed civilian serving as the principal advisor to the White House for all military support; LTC Thomas Herman '75; Paul Montanus, military aide to the president; and President Bush.

Securing the

When terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Herman, Marist Class of '75, was at the side of the president of the United States in Sarasota, Fla. A senior presidential communications officer assigned to the White House, LTC Herman was responsible for establishing communications between the U.S. commander in chief and his top officials and assisting with his evacuation during one of the most critical moments in the history of the American presidency.

The senior military officer on the president's advance team to Sarasota, LTC Herman recalls the day clearly. President Bush had arrived in Sarasota in the late afternoon of Sept. 10 to speak about education initiatives the following day at Emma Booker Elementary School. After dinner, the president retired in lodgings on Longboat Key. The next morning LTC Herman went running with the president at a golf course not far from the president's hotel. The presidential motorcade left the hotel around 8 a.m.

The presidential communications officer, part of the White House Military Office, is always with the president and commands and controls his communications infrastructure.

"Just as we were arriving at the school, I received a notification from our operations center that an airliner had struck one of the towers of the World Trade Center," says LTC Herman, "and that Dr. [Condoleezza] Rice, the national security advisor, was requesting the president on the telephone.

"The motorcade stopped then and there at Emma Booker Elementary School and we got out of the vehicles." LTC Herman, Maj. Paul Montanus, the military aide to the president, and the Secret Service moved the president into a "presidential hold," an office that has "both secure and nonsecure communications," he says.

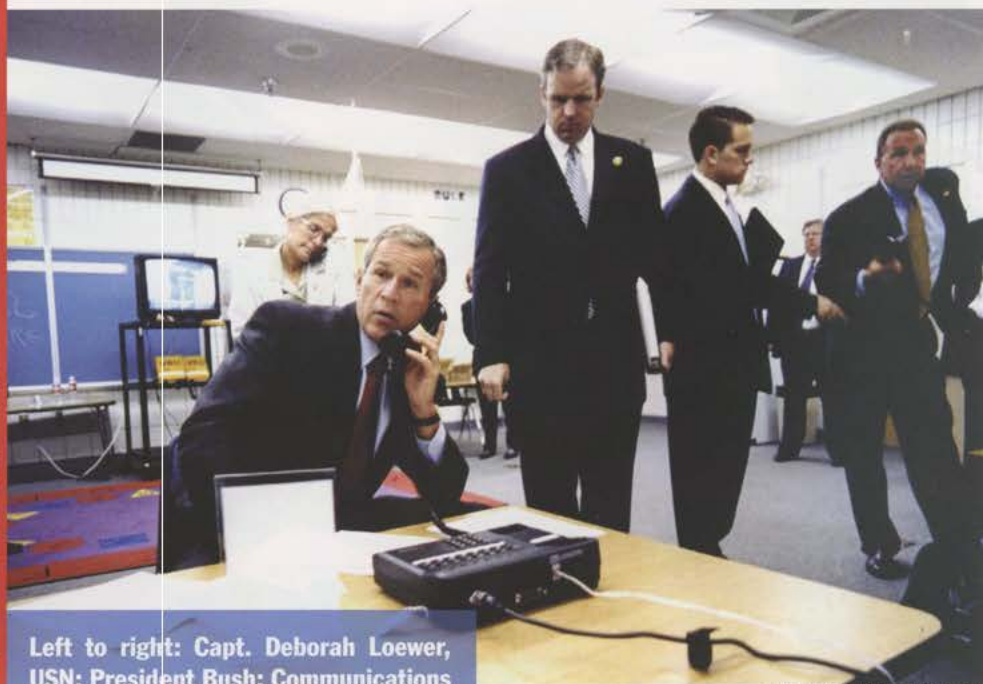
"We got the president to a telephone, a secure telephone. He spoke to Dr. Rice. Dr. Rice obviously informed him of what had

transpired. At that time we didn't know that it was a terrorist attack. There was some question as to what did happen. In other words, we were aware that the tower had been struck but we didn't know it was a concerted action.

"We were notified again that the second tower had been struck," LTC Herman remembers. "When the president became aware that this appeared that it was a concerted effort and there was some question about the security of the homeland, he made a series of phone calls." LTC Herman and the White House Military Office set up calls to Vice President Richard Cheney, FBI Director Robert Mueller, Dr. Rice and Attorney General John Ashcroft, among others. Then "there was a notification, obviously, that yes, it was a terrorist attack. He [the president] made a statement to the press and we departed."

As the motorcade was leaving the school, an airliner crashed into the Pentagon. "We made the decision to evacuate the president,"

BY LESLIE BATES



Left to right: Capt. Deborah Loewer, USN; President Bush; Communications Director Dan Bartlett; Blake Gottisman, personal aide to the president; and LTC Thomas Herman '75.

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Nation

United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Herman '75 was one of a handful of people who were with President

George W. Bush when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11. A senior presidential communications officer, he is one of an elite—and highly secretive—team trained to protect the commander in chief and his ability to govern.

LTC Herman says. "There was some question at the time that Air Force One and the president were a target as well. Therefore we evacuated the president back to the airport, where he departed immediately in Air Force One."

The White House Military Office is the agency responsible for securing the president's ability to function as America's chief executive and commander in chief. The WHMO provides the president's communications capability, transportation, medical care, and even his food. While the Secret Service is charged with protecting the president's actual body, it is the president's military aide, part of the WHMO, who directs any evacuation and the WHMO that executes his safe passage. The presidential communications officer, also part of the WHMO, is always with the president and is responsible for the command and control

of the communications infrastructure surrounding the commander in chief.

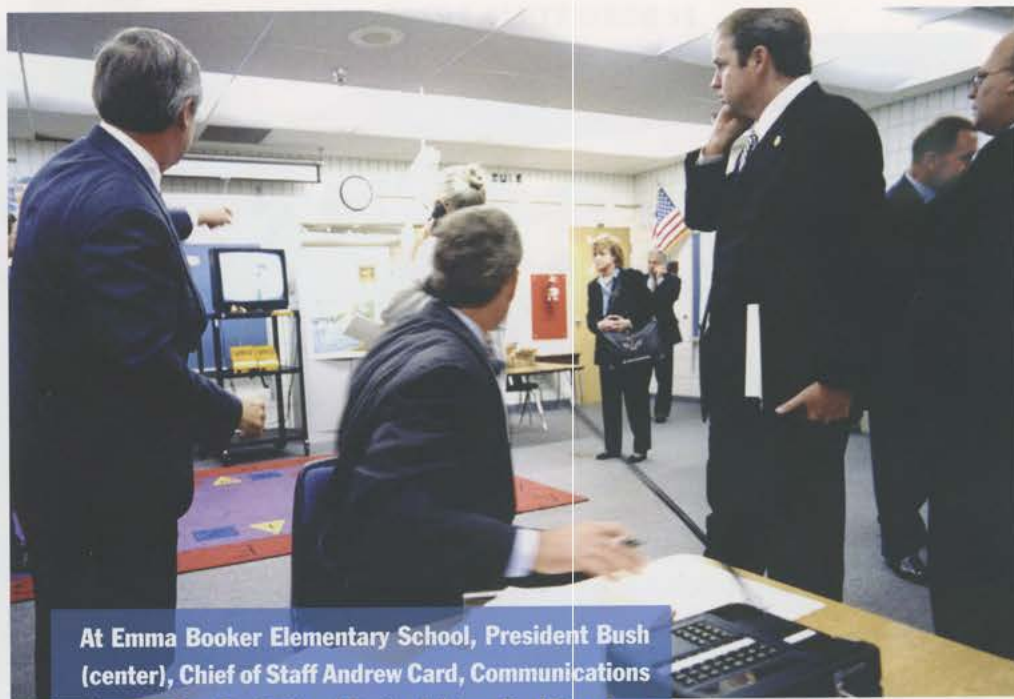
Of the 25 current presidential communications officers, or PCOs, assigned to the WHMO, LTC Herman is one of only 10 who are "fully qualified." A fully qualified PCO has completed several years' worth of specific work assignments and scenario-driven exercises and passed a series of rigorous written and oral examinations.

"We got him on the aircraft, I remained in Sarasota and we loaded another aircraft with all of the presidential limousines," says LTC Herman. He and other staff members loaded vehicles and other items on the second aircraft, a plane that normally would have been used only to carry people back to Washington. "We took all of the remaining members of the Secret Service, the limousines, another military aide and a bunch of equipment we had which I can't really

discuss. Suffice to say I had a number of devices with me that we took on the aircraft, and basically we got airborne not too long after the president got airborne."

After almost four years as a PCO, LTC Herman is practiced at saying, "I can't talk about that." He will not even reveal the name of the security clearance that he holds although he admits it is the highest, "above top secret." Describing what he does in only the vaguest terms comes effortlessly to him. He has to get permission from the WHMO to be interviewed about Sept. 11 and to release photos of himself and the president that were taken that morning at the height of the crisis.

LTC Herman will not talk about where the second aircraft went, or why. "At the end of the day we wound up arriving at Andrews Air Force Base about 15 minutes after the president. Obviously we were in the air for a reason, for any contingency," he says. "Basically we could have gone to any city or county or location in the United States and landed and supported the president at that location. 'Obviously it became



At Emma Booker Elementary School, President Bush (center), Chief of Staff Andrew Card, Communications Director Dan Bartlett and Senior Advisor Karl Rove turn to watch a TV showing the World Trade Center burning. In background at right is LTC Thomas Herman '75.

"We were concerned with the safety and security of the president of the United States. We were also desirous to make sure that all our communications systems were optimized and that he had multiple means by which to communicate to whomever he wanted, instantaneously."

Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and was assigned to the 63rd Signal Battalion at Fort Gordon. Over his 20-year career he has been involved in a number of special operations overseas but won't discuss them.

Overseas assignments again became part of his job when he joined the WHMO. From August 1998 to February 2002 he traveled with the president for a total of 412 days on 51 trips, to Rabat, Geneva, New Delhi, Okinawa, Beijing, Warsaw, Ljubljana, Lima and dozens of other cities across the United States and abroad. He has been present at meetings between the American president and other heads of state, including the summit of President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat at Camp David in July 2000. While on duty he has slept in the White House, at Camp David and at the second White Houses of presidents Clinton and Bush.

Although he himself is a member of an elite military team, LTC Herman has high praise for those with whom he serves. "The best part of my job is that I get to deal with the very best men and women that you could ever work with," he says. "There are some fabulously talented people whom I work with—really, really dedicated, unquestioned integrity. It's a great mission, it's a great agency, with the best people."

LTC Tom Herman was among those serving with dedication on Sept. 11. "I wasn't worried about what the overall national threat assessment was, what the international political atmosphere was," he says. "I was just focused on what my mission was, and what my job was, and leading my team, and that we as an organization would be successful in providing the services to the president that we provide—especially at a time when the president is in communication with the highest levels of officials in our country. The president literally can't function in his constitutional role unless he can communicate, so it's absolutely critical." ■

a special mission."

The procedures by which the White House military team executes emergency action are well-established, he notes. "We do this stuff for a living. We're prepared for it."

Despite the unprecedented situation, his team remained focused on its mission. "Everybody wanted to do their respective jobs. ... We were concerned with the safety and security of the president of the United States. We were also desirous to make sure that all our communications systems were optimized and that he had multiple means by which to communicate to whomever he wanted, instantaneously."

There was concern about the "follow-on missions" as well, he says. "Knowing we were eventually going back to Washington, D.C., we were thinking about how we were going to have to reconfigure our individual agencies to support the president if it was a wartime scenario. You know, when you're going from a peacetime scenario to a wartime scenario, things change radically. When I came back, I wound up going to work with two other lieutenant colonels in the operations center of our agency and worked 12 hours on and 24 off for about two weeks. We were basically working around the clock."

When the airliner hit the Pentagon, LTC Herman became concerned about his wife, who worked two miles from the Pentagon, and his children. At first he and his wife were unable to reach each other because

phone lines were overwhelmed. Eventually each got word of the other's safety through third parties.

Sept. 11 wasn't the first time LTC Herman had evacuated a president. In February 2000 fire broke out in the laundry room of a Washington, D.C., hotel beneath the room where President Bill Clinton was speaking. "At that point, you don't know if it's just a mishap, or if it's a diversion, or if that's a threat to the president," LTC Herman says. "But clearly we were concerned, [and] the Secret Service was concerned. We were all concerned that the safety of the president of the United States was at risk, and the decision was made to evacuate him and bring him immediately back to the White House. And that's exactly what we did."

LTC Herman was chosen for the White House assignment in 1998 while serving at Fort Gordon, Ga., with the 63rd Signal Battalion. He began his military career in 1982 after a friend suggested he would be good material for the armed forces. An airborne infantryman commissioned as an infantry lieutenant, he went to airborne and special weapons training schools. By 1987 he was a communications officer and served with the 32nd Army Air Defense Command in Germany. In 1990 the Army sent him to graduate school at American University, where he earned a master's in TV production engineering. He later worked for the chief of staff of the Army in the Pentagon, went to



They Sparkled Like Diamonds



CARMEN A. RIVERA '02

Carmen A. Rivera received a paralegal certificate from Marist in 2000 and was working on a bachelor's in integrative studies from Marist's Goshen site. She balanced an academic schedule with her marriage to Luis, raising their three children and commuting between their Orange County home and her job as an assistant vice president for Fiduciary Trust Company International. At the World Trade Center.

What was and what could have been for the dynamic 33-year-old New York City native ended Sept. 11. She and five other Marist alumni died in the terrorist attacks that day. The following brief profiles are remembrances of husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers and friends, all members of the Marist family.



Anita Tejeda, an adjunct professor and friend, had lunch with Carmen and another student on Sunday, Sept. 9. She has warm memories of that spring-like afternoon at a restaurant on the Newburgh waterfront.

"It was a long lunch and could have lasted until supper," recalls Anita, whose friendship with Carmen Rivera developed over two years and three classes. "The river sparkled like diamonds. I don't know why we had lunch that Sunday. We'd never done that before. All the students were invited but only two came; Sunday is family day and we all have obligations. But the semester had just ended and there we were. I'm so glad." She describes Carmen as loving, open, warm,

Six members of the Marist family were lost in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City. Their light shines on in the hearts of those who knew them.

emotionally honest, inspirational, sharing and having deep integrity.

"My wife was a remarkable woman," says Luis Rivera, a circulation department manager for *The New York Times*. "She kept setting goals and surpassing them. Marist was extremely important to her."

She saw education as the key that opens doors to dreams, a message Luis, who plans to pursue a master's degree, passes on to their children, a boy, 14, and girls 16 and 8. Carmen planned to switch to part-time work. She had a law degree in her sights.

Carmen and Luis married three times. "We were married at City Hall, had a church wedding and renewed our vows," he recalls. "I would marry her another hundred times if I could."

He still lives in the same house with the children. "I will never leave this house, never sell it," he says emphatically. "I always promised her, 'When you're 25 I'll get you a house' and I did just that."

His bitterness over her loss fades. The memories of their life together come into sharper focus. Like the five years they shared teaching Saturday morning Bible lessons to children at a church near their home.

Carmen called that morning from the World Trade Center. "She told me, 'I'm okay, it's the other building.' She had a flashlight on her desk on the 90th floor and used it to help everybody get to the stairs," he says. "She's a real hero who stayed behind and gave up her life for others."

He attended a memorial service after which many of his wife's former co-workers approached him. "They came up to me and said my name; people I didn't know," he says. "But they knew me from the portrait of our family on my wife's desk. They told me, 'Because of her, I made it out of there.'"

BY LARRY HUGHES



THOMAS G. CROTTY '81

Thomas G. Crotty was a 1981 Marist graduate who played four years after receiving a basketball scholarship. Married, the father of two young daughters and a managing director at Sandler O'Neill & Partners, he too died in the collapse of the World Trade towers.

"We were introduced by a mutual friend," recalls Joanne, his wife of 16 years. "I'd gone to high school with her and she went on to Marist while I went to SUNY Brockport. I met Tom in the Hamptons. He had college friends he kept in touch with, most based on the basketball experience."

She says Marist taught her husband that something positive comes out of hard work. "He worked really hard because everything didn't come easy for Tommy and that was one of his best qualities," she says. "He did fairly well academically at Marist, but basketball was his driving force."

The oldest of four brothers, he was not the most gifted athlete. He grew up a basketball gym rat, recalls brother Jim.

"When it was cold or raining, he always found gyms that were open and I'd often go with him to rebound his shooting," he says. "At Marist he was a hard-working ballplayer who knew the game better than most. He was like a floor captain who ran the offense and was a tremendous defender."

The brothers were very competitive growing up. Fortunately all played different sports, says Jim. "Our brother, John, who ran track, tells the story of how they'd go for a run and Tommy would not stop until John did. Even



if it was by two feet. Tommy enjoyed excelling and worked hard at things."

Tom Crotty remained competitive in a variety of sports through his life. He ran in marathons and was to participate in a triathlon the weekend after Sept. 11.

"He was a great brother who did a lot for the family," says Jim. "No, I don't mind talking about him. It keeps him alive."



**DANIEL M. COFFEY '69
AND HIS SON, JASON**

Few families lost more in the attacks on the World Trade towers than the Coffeys of Newburgh. A father and son died.

Daniel M. Coffey, a 1969 Marist graduate, was senior vice president at Guy Carpenter and Company, a subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies. Jason, who did not attend Marist, was a senior accountant at Marsh & McLennan. The father worked on the 94th floor of 2 World Trade Center. His son, four floors above him.

"I don't wish anything like this on anyone. It should never have happened," says Kevin, the younger of three sons and the only one to follow his father to Marist. Kevin graduated in 2000 after transferring from the University of Maine. "My mother, brother and myself are handling it as well as we can. Taking it one day at a time. That's all you can really do."

While a graduate student at SUNY Albany, Kevin worked part-time at the Marist library.

"The biggest honor for me was having my father hand me my diploma at graduation," he says. "It was one of the best gestures I've seen at any school. They gave us a videotape of that and the college also took a family portrait. Marist has always been good to me and my father, as well."



JACQUELINE K. SAYEGH DUGGAN '89

His father discussed Marist but never really pushed him to attend. Then, after deciding to transfer, he spoke with several of his father's friends who were teaching at Marist. "It just seemed like the place to be," says Kevin. "We would talk and my father could relate to my experiences at Marist. I also heard some stories from his friends. We had similar experiences. Marist has always had a community atmosphere, a great sense of unifying students, faculty and staff."

Jacqueline K. Sayegh Duggan graduated in 1989 with a B.A. in fashion and went on to a culinary management career. She booked banquets and parties at Windows on the World on the 107th floor of 1 World Trade Center and was at work Sept. 11.

She had married Mitchell Duggan, a former colleague, the previous March. The two planned to hold the reception in March of 2002 when the family could gather in Manhattan from all corners of the world.

There were relatives in the Poughkeepsie area and her family had heard of the Dutchess County college. She always liked fashion and Marist's program brought her to Poughkeepsie.

"She had a dyslexic learning problem and had private tutoring in high school," says her father, George. "Marist had a program for her allowing her to record classes and they had someone to work with her. After two years she didn't need that counselor/advisor. She graduated with excellent grades. Marist was a good time for her, an excellent learning experience."

After graduation she went to work doing fashion layouts for the jewelry division of Bulova Watch and then opened a restaurant with her brother in their native Brooklyn.

"After they built that up, she moved to Hilton as a sales manager," says her father, pausing to compose himself during a phone conversation from his office. "After that she moved to Windows on the World. She had a management personality. Not cooking but decor and presentation. They loved her at Windows."

Although she established a career in restaurant management, fashion remained her first love. "A priest friend of ours did her eulogy," says her father, pausing again. "Jackie was always impeccably dressed and he said because she was in heaven now, if the Blessed Mother were ever to reappear she would be more stylishly dressed."

Two Marist graduates were among the New York City firefighters who perished on Sept. 11. They knew each other, having spent summers with their families in bungalows a few doors apart on Breezy Point, Long Island.

Vincent D. Kane graduated in 1986 with a B.S. in business. He was a member of Engine Company 22. **Kevin J. Pfeifer** earned a B.A. in psychology and graduated in 1983. He was a member of Engine Company 33.

Vinnie came to Marist at the urging of his parents. "We sent him there," Vincent Kane, his father and a retired firefighter, says of his son's college choice. "We'd heard about it and seemed to think it would be for him. And it was. He loved Marist, the Hudson Valley and that whole scene and got back there a few times after he graduated. He kept in touch with quite a few people. He said some of the best times of his life were at Marist."

Music was his son's passion. Vinnie was a founding member of the college band Funhole. During Marist's Homecoming/Reunion Weekend less than two months after the at-



VINCENT D. KANE '86



KEVIN J. PFEIFER '83

They knew each other, having spent summers with their families in bungalows a few doors apart on Breezy Point, Long Island.

tacks, the band held a reunion concert at a Poughkeepsie pub in honor of Vinnie with the proceeds going to the World Trade Center Relief Fund.

"He had a small place on the East Side near the firehouse," says his father. "He took advantage of everything—the East Side, Central Park and museums."

He also attended performances of the New York Philharmonic and was a devoted environmentalist. He kept a guitar in his firehouse locker and on breaks would sometimes play in the park.

Vinnie Kane, who had become a volunteer firefighter in Breezy Point at the age of 17, did not have to be at the World Trade Center the day it became Ground Zero.

"He had finished his shift and his company wasn't called in until later," says his father. "Technically he was off-duty. He did not have to go. But he did."

Vincent and Joan Kane live year-round at Breezy Point where William and Helen Pfeifer still have a summer bungalow.

"I really don't know why he picked Marist College," says Helen, Kevin's mother. "He started at St. John's and was not that happy there so he started looking around. I went with him to Marist. He told me not to get out of the car. He walked around awhile, came back and said 'Come on in.'"

Kevin enjoyed the four years at Marist, and some of the friendships he made there

lasted his lifetime. Friends from his college years attended his memorial and funeral. The Pfeifers live in Middle Village where their son was buried on Feb. 9, a week after his remains were recovered from the ruins. It was New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's first firefighter's funeral since taking office.

"On behalf of all the people in New York City, of the quarter-of-a-million people I've the privilege to work with, all I can say is thank you for giving us Kevin," he told the family.

Kevin is also survived by a sister and brother. "Life goes on, it has to, and we have to think about our other two children," Mrs. Pfeifer says. "We worry about Joseph because he doesn't talk about it, trying to save us. We pray to God everything will be all right with him."

Battalion Chief Joseph Pfeifer was the first chief on the scene of the north tower. He was at the command post when his brother arrived with his company. They spoke briefly and then Kevin went up into the building. When Kevin's body was found his big brother helped carry it out of the rubble and accompanied it in an ambulance to the coroner's office.



All of the almost 3,000 people who died in the attack on the World Trade towers were members of a family. These six belonged to a second family—the Marist College family. ■

Marist College launches the Hudson River Valley Institute, a regional studies center focused on one of America's

On a fall day in the Hudson River Valley, Continental soldiers and their British adversaries were spread out in the grass in disarray.

A colonel outfitted in a black tri-corner hat, brown regimental coat, red waistcoat, white canvas haversack, white breeches and black shoes with buckles was trying to organize the American Patriots. In 1777, moving infantrymen could be a difficult task. But on this day in 2001, the colonel had only to pick them up and rearrange them: they were toy soldiers, conscripted to help an American history class understand the Battle of Saratoga.

"If you want to understand the American Revolution, you come to the Hudson

River Valley," says Dr. James M. Johnson, professor of history and the executive director of the new Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist. "This is the place to understand that war." Which is why Dr. Johnson, a retired U.S. Army colonel, wore period clothing and took his class outdoors to command the miniature Continentals and militiamen that day.

"The turning point of the American Revolution was the campaign for the Hudson River Valley," Dr. Johnson says. Control of the valley was a key goal for both sides. Gen. George Washington personally spent one-third of the eight-year American Revolution defending the valley, knowing, as did the British, its importance as a food producer and transportation system to the middle colonies. He and his Continentals spent over a year camped at New Wind-

sor, where he issued the ceasefire orders ending the War of Independence on April 19, 1783.

Studying the American Revolution is a primary focus of the Hudson River Valley Institute. Both Dr. Johnson and the director of the institute, Dr. Thomas Wermuth, specialize in the Revolutionary period. However, the institute, modeled after academic entities such as the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, will carry out research and disseminate information about the Hudson River Valley's culture and natural resources as well as its history.

The heart of the institute is the Hudson River Valley Digital Library and Portal Site, a Web site at www.hudsonrivervalley.net that aims to define the River Valley's distinct cultural history and identity. The digital

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Celebrating the Hudson

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America's richest historic, scenic and cultural regions—the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

library contains resources and records useful not only to students, historians, and academic institutions but also to regional planners, local government agencies, environmental organizations, tourists, businesses and the general public.

"We hope to use the digital library to expand exponentially the reach of this institute, not only to the Hudson River Valley but beyond," says Dr. Johnson.

One section of the digital library serves elementary and secondary school teachers and students, offering lesson plans, primary sources and other educational materials about Hudson River Valley history. "The digital library is to help educators give definition to the region, to characterize and give identity to the Hudson River Valley," says Dr. Wermuth, founder and director of the institute and dean of Marist's School of


Liberal Arts. "The digital library is there not only to supply educational materials but to provide information for someone who lives in the region or who wants to visit the valley to learn more about the different aspects of its culture, its history, its art."

The digital library offers a comprehensive guide to historic and cultural sites in the valley, illuminating their history and significance as well as providing directions and hours of operation. An initial goal will be the promotion of the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution. The institute, in partnership with the National Park Service and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, is leading the effort in New York to recognize the occasion.

Beginning this year, the institute is sponsoring annual lectures and biennial conferences. Historian and author Richard

Brookhiser spoke about George Washington in a June lecture at Marist. "Patriot's Weekend: The 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley" will be held Oct. 4–Oct. 6, 2002, at three locations: Marist College, the United States Military Academy at West Point and Fort Montgomery State Historic Site.

Currently Dr. Wermuth and Dr. Johnson are developing a series of interdisciplinary undergraduate classes about the Hudson River Valley for an institute certificate program at Marist focused on local and regional studies. All five of Marist's classes in Hudson Valley history were filled to capacity this academic year, only partly because the course fulfills a requirement for elementary education majors. In addition to the new undergraduate curriculum, Dr. Wermuth says, through the conferences, through the



Mohonk Mountain House is one of the many spectacular sites in the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

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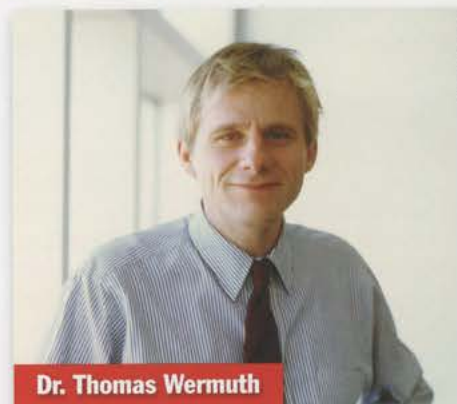
digital library, we are encouraging the idea of interdisciplinary study—the study of history, art and literature of the valley and how they all intermix.” Marist students already have been involved in a number of institute projects including compiling information for the guide to Revolutionary War sites.

More than a dozen historical and cultural groups have sought the institute’s expertise since it was formed a year ago. Currently the institute is working with the Brigade of the American Revolution to plan a reenactment and grand encampment this fall related to the 225th anniversary celebration. The organization Friends of the Hudson Valley sought advice on exhibits for Stewart International Airport and New York Thruway stops to help visitors understand the area’s important historical sites. Dr. Johnson met with a town supervisor in Putnam Valley to discuss interpretation of a site on the Appalachian Trail where American soldiers camped and were inoculated against smallpox. And the New York State Lottery sought the institute’s

review of its brochure about New York’s role in the Revolution.

“I truly believe the institute will be a great success because we are offering a valuable service,” says Dr. Wermuth. “There are literally hundreds of historical and cultural groups in the region, but there is relatively little focus or organization. Perhaps most important is the fact that we are bringing these disparate groups together and strengthening communication and collaboration among them.”

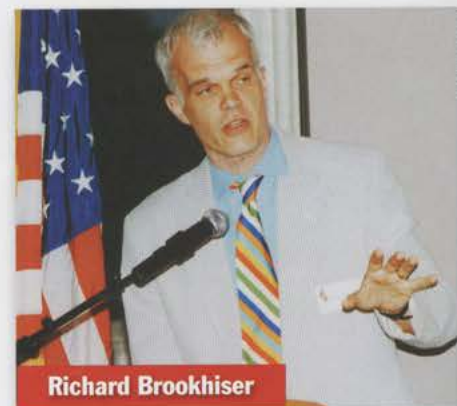
The institute is also developing resources to support its activities. In addition to Marist College’s significant commitment, funding comes from private historical and cultural foundations. The federal Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area (HRVNHA) program has awarded the institute \$150,000 over five years for the development of the digital library. The U.S. government designated the Hudson River Valley as a National Heritage Area in 1996 to recognize the importance of the valley’s history and resources



Dr. Thomas Wermuth
Dean of Liberal Arts

to the nation, to help New York and valley communities preserve, protect and interpret their resources for the nation’s benefit and to authorize federal financial and technical assistance. NHA funding and programs are managed by the Hudson River Valley Greenway, a state-sponsored agency created in 1991 to spearhead the development of a voluntary regional strategy for preserving the valley’s natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources while encouraging compatible economic development. To support the launch of the digital library in June, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History co-sponsored the lecture by Richard Brookhiser. The Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust has generously endowed an annual lecture series on subjects relating to the Hudson River Valley.

Dr. Wermuth originally came up with the idea of the institute as a result of his research specialty, the social and economic history of the Hudson River Valley. One of the country’s leading regional scholars, he is the editor of the book series *The Hudson River Valley: An American Region* from the State University of New York Press, an associate editor of *The Encyclopedia of New York State* from Syracuse University Press, and the author of *Rip Van Winkle’s Neighbors: The Transformation of Rural Society in the Hudson River Valley*, published last fall by the State University of New York Press.



Richard Brookhiser
First distinguished lecturer

A Gift to Marist Will Support Study of the Hudson Valley

In honor of Thomas W. Casey, a distinguished and popular member of the Marist College philosophy faculty for 38 years, his family has established an endowed fund to support faculty research on the Hudson River Valley.

The Thomas W. Casey Faculty Stipend for Hudson River Valley Studies will be awarded to one or more Marist faculty members each year who conduct research on the region. Preference will be given to proposals that enhance and promote the mission of the Hudson River Valley Institute. A major gift was provided by Tom’s wife, Irma Blanco Casey, and his children, Karen Casey Hines ’87 and Robert Casey ’89.

One of Professor Casey’s greatest passions was the Hudson River Valley and he often wrote for local and regional publications about the history and culture of the region. He introduced the first course in Hudson River Valley history at Marist and, during the 1990s, developed a proposal for a center devoted to the history and culture of the region.

Tom Casey joined the Philosophy Department at Marist in 1963. He served at various points in his career as president and vice president of the New York State American Studies Association; chaired two national conferences held at Eleanor Roosevelt’s home at Val-Kill that had major impacts on higher education; and initiated the American Studies program at Marist, serving as its director from 1968 to 1985.

On Oct. 27, 2001 during Marist’s Homecoming/Reunion Weekend, the School of Liberal Arts dedicated a classroom in Fontaine Hall in memory of Professor Casey. Dean Thomas Wermuth spoke to the large crowd of friends, faculty, staff members and alumni on behalf

of Professor Casey’s colleagues. Paul Browne ’71, deputy commissioner for administration for the New York City Police Department, became a longtime friend of Professor Casey’s and spoke of his unique ability to inspire. “As Tom’s students, we learned to appreciate philosophy. To respect the power of thought. To respect nature and understand our place in history. And if we were paying attention, we noticed how he loved his family above all else. In other words, Tom taught us how to make a life worth living.”

Dean Wermuth read remarks from another of Tom Casey’s former students, Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (ret.) of the Class of ’68, who received an honorary degree from Marist College in 1989 for heroic actions in the Persian Gulf. “Tom Casey had the magical ability to inspire men and women to perform at levels well above what they ever dreamed they could achieve,” Capt. Rinn wrote. “His vision of the world was filled with compassion, love and keen intuition that allowed him to understand problems and put them in proper perspective. His appreciation for the beauty of the Hudson Valley awakened many to the treasures of the region they had not realized existed. He deeply affected my life and the road I chose to take as I am sure he did for countless others. He will always be with us.”

Family, friends and colleagues of Tom Casey gathered again on Arbor Day, April 26, in front of Fontaine Hall to dedicate a tree in memory of Tom. A plaque beneath the sugar maple tree reads:

In memory of Professor Thomas W. Casey, who loved the beauty of the Marist College campus and the Hudson River Valley.



Tom Casey with students



Dr. James M. Johnson

HRVI Executive Director

Dr. Johnson is the HRVNHA's military historian and is nationally recognized for his expertise in American Revolutionary military history. He headed the military history program at the United States Military Academy at West Point before retiring at the rank of colonel after three decades in the Army. He is the author of *Militia, Rangers, and Redcoats*, published by Mercer University Press, and of numerous scholarly and popular essays and

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pieces. He is responsible for developing the American Revolutionary interpretive theme for the HRVNHA.

Although the initial focus of the institute is the American Revolution, it is offering its expertise and developing programs in all aspects of the region's history and culture. The area gave birth to significant developments in American art and architecture and played a central role in the recognition of the aesthetic value of the landscape through the work of the painters known as the Hudson River School. Dutch and Huguenot settlements, the Knickerbocker writers, early labor cooperatives and the first women's secondary school are all products of the Hudson River Valley. Marist faculty experts specialize in additional subjects such as the region's economy, natural environment, politics and World War II history.

Dr. Wermuth believes interest in the institute will continue to grow. With the launch of the Hudson River Valley digital library, the institute will develop a national presence.

"By the time we're done, we



A prominent advisory board is supporting the institute's mission throughout the region. Peter A. Bienstock (left) and H. Todd Brinckerhoff are helping lead the effort.

hope that the Hudson River Valley will be the final destination that people will choose to understand the American Revolution," says Dr. Johnson. "We can help people throughout the valley understand their own heritage and then share that heritage with the world." ■

The Hudson River Valley Institute

Modeled after academic institutes such as the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College is fostering an interdisciplinary approach to research and generating new scholarly interest in the region. In a departure from regional study centers for a solely academic audience, however, the Hudson River Valley Institute serves scholars, elementary and secondary school educators, environmental organizations and the general public. While conducting its own research, the institute is also an information hub facilitating and disseminating information and research on the Hudson River Valley. To help accomplish this, the institute is taking advantage of Marist's recognized leadership in applying information technology to teaching and learning. Marist College is fully committed to having the Hudson River Valley Institute bring a new level of scholarship and public awareness to bear on the scenic, cultural, economic and historic resources of the Valley.



Educational programs will promote understanding of the Hudson River Valley's culture, history and environment among elementary school students.

Institute Projects

The 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution

In partnership with the National Park Service and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the institute is leading the effort in New York to promote the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution (2002–2008). The motto is "Lighting Freedom's Flame." The Hudson River Valley Institute Digital Library and Portal Site will serve as the hub for the celebration and promote the region as a destination for heritage tourists. In the fall of each year, the institute will spotlight an important event in New York that year of the American Revolution with a Patriots Weekend, which will include a lecture.

The Revolutionary War Interpretive Guide

An interpretive, electronic guide will include an inventory of the several hundred Revolutionary sites and battlefields in the Hudson River Valley, with information regarding their historical significance and public access.

Hudson River Valley Institute Digital Library and Portal Site, www.hudsonrivervalley.net

The backbone of the institute is the Hudson River Valley Institute Digital Library and Portal Site on the Web at www.hudsonrivervalley.net, an interactive, electronic repository of information related to the River Valley's cultural, historical, economic and natural environment that will help define the valley's distinct cultural history and identity. The digital library contains resources and records of use to educators, historians, students, regional officials and the general public. The interactive nature of the digital library enables it to serve as a regional information exchange among academic institutions, government agencies and environmental organizations. In addition to the above audiences, the digital library is available to

cultural and historical tourists from all over the world as they make plans to visit the valley.

Hudson River Valley Educational Institute

The goal of this program is to promote a broader and more compelling understanding of the Hudson River Valley's unique culture, history and environment among elementary and high school teachers and their students. Programs will make use of both traditional and virtual learning environments, in particular the electronic repository contained within the institute's Digital Library and Portal Site.

Lecture in Hudson River Valley History

The Hudson River Valley Institute sponsors an annual Lecture in Hudson River Valley History. Lecturers are prominent scholars of the River Valley's rich heritage and recorded on both videotape and audiotape. The recordings, along with the original transcripts, will be stored in the Cunneen-Hackett Special Collections Reading Room in Marist's James A. Cannavino Library and will be available via the institute's Digital Library and Portal Site.

Biennial Conference on Hudson River Valley Heritage

This major conference will bring together scholars, students and all those with an interest in the rich history of the Hudson River Valley. The first conference, "The Campaign for the Hudson Valley: The Turning Point of the American Revolution," will be held at Marist College in fall 2002 as a part of Patriots Weekend and the nationwide celebration of the 225th anniversary of the War for Independence.



Gardens at the Samuel B. Morse Home in the Hudson River Valley.

A New Toy in the Sandbox

Almost every college in the country offers courses in building Web sites. But no other college except Marist has students doing it on their own virtual servers.

The latest project in an ongoing partnership between Marist and the IBM Corporation involves giving Marist College information technology majors their own virtual servers. Students are able to practice installing, configuring and servicing applications without endangering the functioning of the college's networked servers.

A server is a powerful kind of computer that generally has much more memory and storage capacity than the average PC. It has more processing power, a different operating system than a PC, and more elaborate and dependable backup systems. Servers carry out a variety of functions including storing and delivering Web pages, e-mail and translating the domain name you type into your Web browser into the numbers that will connect you to your destination.

The concept of virtual servers is not new. It was pioneered with IBM's VM (Virtual Machine) operating system originally developed in the late 1960s and early 1970s. VM is the operating system that Marist runs on its mainframe, an S/390 G5 Enterprise Server, the same way PC users run Windows on their machines. The software that makes up the VM operating system simulates hardware architecture, making it seem as though the user has a real hardware machine. Because of the simulation capability of VM, other operating systems can run on top of VM, making it possible to run multiple copies of an operating system on one physical machine. Marist runs several of these "guest" operating systems, the primary one of which is OS/390.

What is new is the capability to run the Linux operating system as a "guest" on top of VM. This is what is called a Linux virtual server. A computer science student at the University of Helsinki named Linus Torvalds originally developed Linux in the early 1990s. He made his operating system available for free to software developers all over the world. In 1999 developers in IBM's Germany lab developed code that allowed Linux to run on mainframe hardware and also as a guest operating system on top of VM. Soon after, Marist created a Web site from which developers around the world could download this Linux/390 code.

Linux now runs on all of the IBM eServer platforms. Over the past two years IBM has strongly embraced Linux and has been developing software, hardware and services to strengthen its Linux offerings.

Linux is becoming attractive to corporations due to its low cost, and large corporations have started to implement Linux in their production environments. The popularity of Linux has grown over the years compared to other operating systems and the trend is continuing, says Kamran Khan, vice president of information technology at Marist. "For our students to be in the forefront of Linux and large scale computing

Virtual servers are giving Marist information technology majors a unique opportunity to experiment and practice.



Above, Sireesha Rudraraju M '02 (center) helps Christopher McCloskey '03 (left) and Michael Cring '03 in Web Programming I, where students work with their own virtual servers. Upper right, Dr. Roger Norton works with a student.

environments provides them a definite edge in the marketplace after graduation."

Within the college's G5, Marist can run hundreds of virtual servers. Each has its own Internet Protocol (IP) address, the 32-bit numeric code that identifies every computer on the Internet. These Linux systems function just as though they were each running on a stand-alone server. Students can access their server from anywhere on or off-campus.

The benefits of the virtual server experiment are numerous. Students can practice installing, configuring and servicing applications without threatening the college's technology infrastructure.

"Virtual servers are software that give you the feel of conventional systems," says computer science major Hardeep Kaur, who along with 24 other sophomores received virtual servers this past fall in the class Web Programming I. "It is a good thing because it makes a person comfortable to work in a UNIX environment and also on other servers."

"It provides students exposure to Linux running in an environment that they most likely have never seen before," says Howard Baker, the project manager of IBM's joint studies with Marist. "As their interest and skill with Linux grows they will also become interested in the underlying technology—the VM operating system, and the S/390 and zSeries architecture," he says. "There is a growing need to provide students with these 'mainframe' skills to replace the current population of S/390 experts within IBM and across its customer set, which has been shrinking over the past several years."

"In addition to using Linux and the joint study project to teach and prepare students for future jobs in the IT industry, IBM also benefits by utilizing some of the Marist excess computing power as a 'sandbox' for testing leading-edge technologies," Baker says.

The students who received virtual servers in Web Programming I will continue to use their virtual servers for the next three years. This past spring for the first time the Distributed Systems course, which included 30 IT or computer science majors, provided two virtual servers to each student. The concept will expand to include Web Programming II this fall. Ultimately Marist will run 400 virtual Linux servers on one physical mainframe machine.

Another advantage of using virtual servers in Web site-building classes is that student Web sites are live and available 24 hours a day. In conventional classes, students create sites that must be stored

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on disks for the professor to grade. Having their own Linux environments makes students more excited about their work, says Dr. Roger Norton, dean of Marist's School of Computer Science and Mathematics. Dr. Norton instructs the sections of the Marist courses that use virtual servers and leads the Marist team in the virtual server experiment. "Most every student has done much more than their homework required. Students get very much involved."

Dr. Norton encourages the students to give their parents the address of their Web sites. "They seem to work harder on their projects knowing that they have told their parents and friends about their sites and that they are visiting the sites regularly."

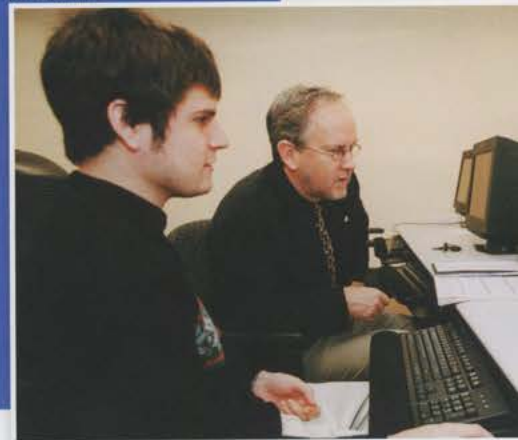
"As they learn new things, they immediately incorporate them into their Web sites. They have gone beyond what I've asked them to do. They want impressive sites. They all have stuff in them they added simply because they want their sites to look good." The course also spreads positive public relations about Marist as parents become enthusiastic about the project.

Students' assignments in Web Programming I included creating a table for their Web sites that displayed their class schedules. The students reported that their parents used the schedules to keep track of them. The students also created a Web site message center where others could communicate with them. And they developed an e-commerce site for mock sales of products.

"They add numerous applications that they have written just to make their sites more interesting," says Dr. Norton.

Visitors can interact with the student sites. After looking at the student's photo in a game called "Guess My Age," the visitor can input a guess and get a response on how close he or she came. Another feature called "Countdown" calculates the days, hours, min-

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utes and seconds to go until any future date designated. On his Web site, computer science major Joseph Buscarino offered "Inside your Personal Computer," which allowed the viewer to click anywhere in a photo of the inside of a central processing unit and read a description of the selected component.

The students have the opportunity to work in a complete environment, not merely develop applications on a floppy disk, test them in the computer lab and turn them in. In addition, Dr. Norton can view their work 24 hours a day, from anywhere, to see how they are doing. "When they are working on a database application, I do not need to make certain everything is set properly on my machine to make certain it will run properly," he notes. "The students have done that ahead of time on their own servers."

As for a downside, there isn't much of one. If a student alters the server's configuration or adds a component incompatible with the system, it can bring down his or her entire server—but not the college's networked servers. Marist information systems staffers then have to reinstall a new server for the student, but it's a simple process. It's not until the upperclass Distributed Systems course that students gain access to the system configuration, so these kinds of problems rarely occur.

The initial experimentation has been very successful, says Dr. Norton. Now, he says, "we are investigating what needs to be done to allow all information technology students to be given their own virtual Linux environment."

Students have found the experiment fruitful as well. "Working on a virtual machine makes it easier to work on a conventional server," says Hardeep Kaur. "It is a good thing to learn if one wants to make a career in computers." ■

A New Leader for the Marist Brothers



Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS '70 is the first American to be elected head of the Marist Brothers worldwide.

Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS '70 (right), now Superior General of the Marist Brothers worldwide, joined Marist President Emeritus Bro. Paul Ambrose, FMS (left) and President Dennis Murray at the canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, pictured on the wall behind them, in Rome in April 1999.

Founded by Saint Marcellin Champagnat in 1817 in France, the Brothers serve in apostolates in 76 countries.

For the first time, an American has been named the leader of the international congregation of Marist Brothers.

He is Marist College graduate Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS '70, who was elected Superior General of the 5,000-member order of Marist Brothers in October 2001. He will lead the order for the next eight years.

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Brother Sean was born on Nov. 26, 1947, in New York City, one of three children of an Irish father and English mother who both emigrated to the United States. The oldest child, Henry, is also a Marist Brother. Brother Sean studied at St. Agnes High School in

New York and afterwards at the Juniorate in Esopus, New York, a high school for Brothers-in-training that the Brothers have since phased out. He completed the required two years of intensive religious studies in Tyngsboro, Mass., before pronouncing his first vows in 1967.

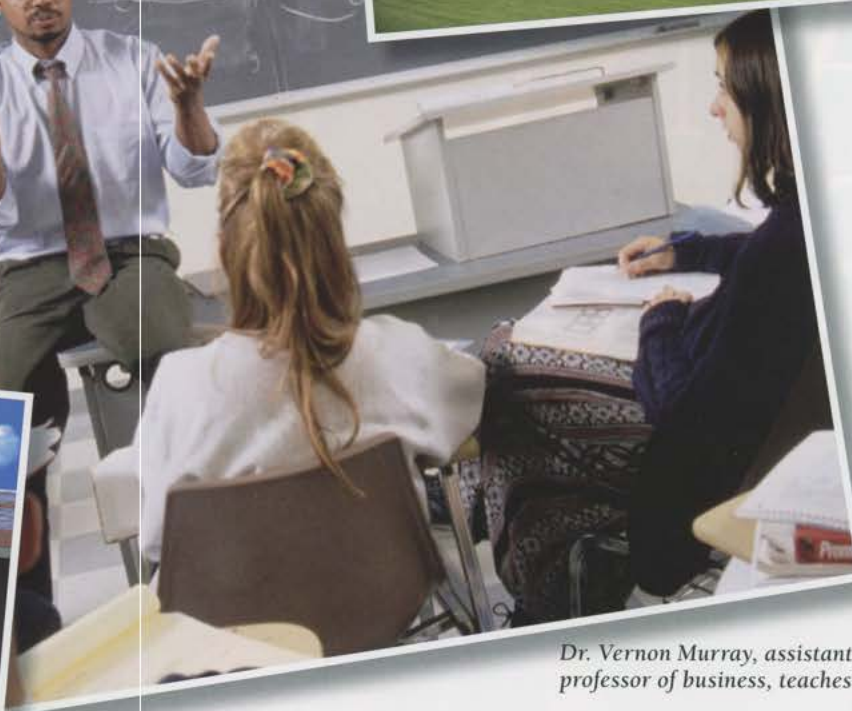
After graduating from Marist College in 1970, Brother Sean taught at St. Agnes while studying at the New School for Social Research, where he earned a master's degree in 1973. In 1978 he was invited to join the staff at the House of Affirmation, a rehabilitation center for alcoholic clergymen, in Massachusetts and was named the organization's international clinical director in 1982. He was awarded a doctorate in clinical

psychology from Fordham University in 1982 and has gone on to write 10 books and numerous articles about psychology and religious life.

In 1987 he was named Provincial, the local representative of the Superior General, of the Poughkeepsie Province, one of two American administrative sections of the Marist Brothers. During that term, he was elected president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men of the United States, a group comprised of leaders of many religious male communities. Brother Sean was the first non-priest to be elected head of the conference. In 1993 he became Vicar General of the Marist Brothers, the second in command of the Marist Brothers. ■



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Dr. Vernon Murray, assistant professor of business, teaches a class.

Accrediting Business

Marist's School of Management earns prestigious AACSB accreditation for its undergraduate and graduate programs in business administration.

Marist's School of Management has achieved the highest distinction offered to business schools nationally and internationally. In January the college won accreditation of its undergraduate and graduation programs in business administration by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

AACSB is the premier accrediting agency for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in business administration. The accreditation places Marist's business programs among the top 30 percent in the country. As of January 2002, AACSB International had accredited only 411 colleges, universities and institutions of higher education worldwide.

The School of Management went through a six-year process of self-study, continuous improvement and peer review to earn the

distinction. AACSB commended Marist on its "1) evolving and continuously improving mission review process that involves key stakeholders; 2) enthusiastic and collegial stakeholders including students, faculty, School of Management administrators, Advisory Board members, Board of Trustees members and college officials; 3) strong financial and managerial support for faculty development; 4) student satisfaction with the programs; 5) exceptional information technology that is easily accessible to faculty and students; 6) strong student support services, including library services, internship programs, study abroad opportunities, advising and career services; 7) strong representation

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of women on the full-time tenured and tenure track faculty and 8) noteworthy number of contributions in the faculty's portfolio of intellectual contributions."

"Achieving AACSB International accreditation is a significant external validation of the quality of Marist's academic program," says Marist President Dennis Murray. "It is a major step in Marist's continuing efforts to be recognized among the top colleges and universities in America."

"Our graduates will have an added advantage in the job market because employers recognize the value of a business degree that adheres to the highest international standards for business education while reflecting the latest changes in the business world," said Gordon Badovick, dean of the School of Management at the time. "Marist undergraduate business majors will now have an added advantage when applying to other top M.B.A. programs, and our alumni can be proud to have earned their degrees from a business program that is a recognized quality leader in management education." ■

A New York State of Mind



Popular writer and broadcaster Ed Lowe '67 tells the stories of ordinary Long Islanders and the things that make them who they are.

It is often said that if something is meant to be, then it will be. For Ed Lowe, Class of '67, writing was that something.

"He was very hard-driven," says Bob Johnson, class of '67, who was student body president when he asked Ed to start the student newspaper *The Circle*. "Ed was a great writer and very creative. And he played a mean guitar."

While his guitar-playing skills did not lead Ed toward a career, his writing and creativity did. Wherever he went, writing and journalism always seemed to find him. "By the time I had gotten out of Marist, this craft had been pursuing me," Ed says. "Ultimately, I turned around and pursued it."

His pursuit led him to *Newsday* in 1969, and he has never left. Along the way, the Press Club of Long Island named him "Journalist of the Year" in 2000. He has seen success in radio and television and authored several books.

Not bad for a former junior high school English teacher who now ranks among the most popular writers at the nation's seventh-largest metropolitan newspaper. "I'm a storyteller by trade. Whatever talents I had from wherever in the genetic universe I got them, I applied them to storytelling," he says. "My ambition is to have the respect and affection of the audience."

Ed became a featured columnist with *Newsday* in 1976, a position he enjoyed so much that he continues in it today. He also serves as an associate editor at *Newsday*. He writes three times a week for the paper, telling the stories of ordinary Long Islanders and the things that make them who they are.

"These are stories that people tell each other when they are getting their hair cut or when they are in a restaurant or a tavern. These are the things that we are moved or amused or enlightened or angered by," he says. "I just don't know that there's a better way to do it, outside of winning the lottery."

"I really like being Ed Lowe. In fact, there are mornings when I look in the mirror and say ... if you weren't Ed Lowe, you'd wish you were."

Growing up in Amityville, where he still resides, Ed always had a fascination with writing. But while he dreamed of making a living of it, his Depression-era parents tried to guide him toward a more reliable profession.

Eventually he found himself in the seminary, but he soon realized that was not the life for him. "Poverty, chastity and obedience were important to the trade," he says. "I had poverty and chastity down pretty good, but obedience and I didn't get along."

He did get his start in journalism while there, however, when he was asked to start writing a newspaper column call "Lowe Lingo." And so the pursuit by the craft began.

Ed Lowe likes to say that he "pleaded his way into Marist," having graduated 56th in a class of 58. But once he was in, he did



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very well for himself, and by his junior year Johnson had asked him to start *The Circle*.

After securing his roommate as the new sports editor, he then rounded up friends from around campus to fill the other positions. "(I told Bob to) give me a half-hour and I would meet him in the Rathskeller of the then brand-new Champagnat Hall," he says. "And I met him in a half-hour and had a Budweiser and said, 'OK, give me the five grand and an office.' And we cranked out a newspaper for the next two years."

After a brief stint as a teacher, Ed eventually became a reporter at *The Suffolk Sun* in 1969. Less than three months later, the paper folded, but his dream of becoming a writer did not. Soon after, he started at *Newsday*. "I got noticed for being able to elicit truth in people in circumstances that would otherwise be difficult or emotional, or as somebody who could go someplace and find a story where nobody else could," he says.

The father of four and grandfather of four found himself in the unique position of having a close, personal relationship with his readers. He learned this when he lost a grandchild and thousands of letters of sup-

port poured in. He learned it again after Sept. 11, when some families of the victims of the terrorist attacks said they would speak to the media only if they could speak to Ed Lowe.

Such things are what cause him to consider himself part of families throughout Long Island. "I have this relationship with this audience that is somewhere between affectionate and actually intimate," he says. "I'm a reflection of an audience."

That audience now sees him serve as a regular panelist on "Father Tom and Friends," a weekly Cablevision show produced by Msgr. Tom Hartman of Long Island's TeLL-care Channel. They also listen to him host "Lowecally Speaking with Ed Lowe," a daily radio talk show that airs from 7 to 8 a.m. on WLUX 540 AM.

He has teamed up with New York psychotherapist Stanley Siegel for two books: *The Patient Who Cured His Therapist* and *Uncharted Lives*. Ed Lowe's *Long Island* and *Not As I Do—A Father's Report* are two published collections of his stories and essays.

Throughout it all, Ed still looks back on his Marist days with fondness. He realized just how important those years of his life were when he attended his 10th-year reunion. "I'm looking around at these guys and it occurred to me that these are good guys. These are guys you could trust. These are guys for whom you would work. If you were an employer, you would want them," he says. "Then it occurred to me... This is a good place. I was really impressed."

It's a safe bet that Ed Lowe will stay put at *Newsday*. He also wants to continue public speaking, something he does quite often; he has keynoted staff conferences for more than 60 school districts. He may even find himself onstage at a few more comedy clubs, where he sometimes performs.

But mostly he is going to continue his role as storyteller for a large portion of Long Island.

"I discovered about 25 years ago that if you want to be the best in the world at what you do, do something no one else does," he says. "I'm out to be the best Ed Lowe on the block." ■

BY JEFFREY DAHNCKE '01

On the Right Track

Scholarship winner Jen Stewart '02 has devoted four years to pre-med studies, running track, volunteering, working part-time and figuring out her future. She also had a little fun.

The road to Mohonk Mountain House, a resort in New York's Shawangunk Mountains, can strike apprehension in many a driver even in the friendliest of weather. Made up of switchbacks up a mountainside, in places it's just one car wide with only small rocks for a guardrail. Covered with snow, it can intimidate the heartiest winter traveler.

It didn't faze Jennifer Stewart one bit. On her way to her part-time job at Mohonk during her winter holiday break from Marist College, she stopped for some breakfast at a bagel shop in New Paltz, N.Y. State troopers there told her the road to Mohonk was so bad that even her Subaru might not make it.

She tried it anyway, and was doing OK ("My car is good in the snow," she maintains, even as she notes it's a model without all-wheel drive) until the vehicle slowed and finally came to a stop in the mounting snow. She tried to back up, to no avail; as soon as she would clear her back window and get behind the wheel, the falling snow would cover the rear windshield again. Finally she called a coworker on her cell

phone. Mohonk security guards moved her car and took her up the mountain, where after her shift she bunked with fellow snowed-in staffers in a Mohonk guest room.

This winter, after the area's first snowfall, Jen claimed to be afraid of getting stuck on Mohonk again on her way to work. But she still didn't take a snow day. She just packed extra clothes.

To say Jennifer Stewart takes everything in stride would be too simple, besides being a bad pun: the 5'10" biology major was one of the captains of the track team and holds the school records in indoor triple jump, outdoor triple jump and indoor shotput. Yet it's true that she seemed remarkably



Jennifer Stewart '02

serene, quietly confident and even happy despite the pressure she was under during her senior year—maintaining high grades in her pre-med major, practicing daily for track meets and facing the uncertainty of life after graduation.

Despite a class schedule during fall 2001 that included vertebrate physiology, physics and biotechnology plus their associated lab courses, Jen Stewart, 21, achieved an overall grade point average of 3.758 with a GPA of 3.588 in her major. On the Dean's List for the past four semesters, she was inducted

in the Sigma Zeta National Science and Math Honor Society and during fall 2000 was one of only ten Marist student-athletes to achieve a 4.0 GPA. She recently received the Fredrica Simon Goodman Senior Award, a scholarship given for leadership and academic excellence. She was always one of the top students in class, says her faculty advisor and professor, Dr. Joe Bettencourt. "She is a very involved student."

She was also a careful, thoughtful, questioning student. Dr. Bettencourt says Jen came into his office often to talk about career choices—that is, except for those times she and her classmates came in for the candy he keeps on his desk.

"I change my mind a lot," Jen smiles. But her exploration of a number of career fields is the result of meticulousness, not indecision. She is methodically trying out each field that interests her.

Jen says she has always wanted to go into a health profession. At first she wanted to be a doctor, but by her freshman year of college she was considering veterinary school.

During her junior year she put it to the test, volunteering with a vet in Millbrook a few hours each week. The experience told her she wanted horses to be her recreation, not her job.

"I have always enjoyed the thought of helping people, but I am really fascinated with all aspects of medicine: the details of the diseases, how the body reacts, and how it recovers, and to be a part of that is the most amazing thing I can think of," she says. Once she began taking pre-med courses, she fell more in love with the field, "especially the courses that everyone hates, like organic chemistry"—her favorite class—and comparative anatomy. A member of the American

BY LESLIE BATES



Jen Stewart '02 broke her outdoor triple jump record at a meet at West Point in spring of 2001.

Chemical Society, she chose electives exclusively in biology or psychology throughout her college years.

To explore her interest in medicine, in fall 2001 she took on an internship with a pediatrician at Saint Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie. After a semester shadowing the doctor for several hours each week, she realized pediatrics was not for her. This past spring, she volunteered in an optometrist's office in nearby Hyde Park. She loved it. At the same time, Stewart took another demanding course schedule of classes and labs from 9:30 to 6:30 p.m. every day consisting of comparative anatomy, physics, a religion course and a capping course blending science, medicine and ethics.

She showed the same range of interests, and the same desire to pursue them all, in her athletic activities. A gymnast since kindergarten, she added track and field hockey in high school. New Paltz High School, in her hometown of New Paltz, N.Y., named her the top field hockey player of the decade.

A passion for horseback riding had similar stellar results. As a girl, she spent weekends and summers on horseback. "My mom would drop me off at the barn at 7:30 in the morning and pick me up at 8:30 at night."

When she was nine years old she bugged her mother about getting a horse and pored over the classifieds, hoping somehow to make the dream come true. One day, it did.

"I looked in the paper and said, 'Oh, free horse, Mom!'" The seller turned out to someone she knew. "I called, and it was my teacher. And she said, 'She's yours if you want her.'"

Jen got her horse and went on to become the Ulster County barrel-racing champion in 1996 and 1997, winning a number of championships in Dutchess and Orange counties as well. It turns out that balancing athletics and academics is what she has always done: even in high school, while competing in field hockey, gymnastics and five track events, she took a rigorous course load that included Advanced Placement courses through SUNY-Albany in biology, chemistry, calculus, French and American history.

It was track that Jen pursued in college. A walk-on to the Marist women's track team, during spring 2001 she received a Coaches Award for her outstanding outdoor season despite the fact that she injured her hamstring two weeks before the MAAC championships and could not compete. She placed third in the triple jump and seventh in the long jump at the most recent indoor Metro Atlantic Ath-

"You reach inside yourself when you're that tired ... it's fun," says Jen Stewart '02. "We were all exhausted but that's when you feel the best. You gave it everything."

letic Conference championships. And at the spring 2002 outdoor MAAC championships, she placed fifth in triple jump, seventh in long jump and eighth in shotput. The team placed third overall with the highest point total in school history.

Juggling academics and athletics has not always been easy. This past fall Jen often had to run and work out alone because her three science labs took place during the team's practice time. "It's hard to get yourself motivated to get there if you know no one's there. ... I love practicing with the team."

Even after a particularly grueling practice full of sprints with the team, she says she would like to do it again. "You reach inside yourself when you're that tired ... it's fun. We were all exhausted, but that's when you feel the best. You gave it everything."

While in college Jen also made time to help others. For years she has helped teach horseback riding to handicapped as well as SUNY-New Paltz students. Marist's Office of Special Services chose her, based on recommendations from her professors, to take notes to share with fellow students who were not able to take their own because of learning disabilities. She took notes for three courses, including biology. She was also involved in Campus Ministry, going on retreats and taking part in the annual Giving Tree project that provides gifts for needy families in the Poughkeepsie area.

Even during the summers, Jen stayed busy. She has worked in the gift shop at Mohonk Mountain House during not only winter holidays but also the past three summers. On days off, she found time to hike Mohonk's trails and take up yet two more sports, tennis and golf.

Stewart again will work at Mohonk Mountain House's gift shop for a year after graduation. "I need a break," she says simply. Then she will embark on the career path she has decided on: she will enter optometry school in New York City.

Dr. Bettencourt knows she will succeed. "She is one of the most capable people I have known. She can do anything she wants to do." ■



Jen Stewart (left) received the Fredrica Simon Goodman Senior Award, a scholarship given for leadership and academic excellence, named for community leader Fredrica Goodman.

Red Foxes Rule Again

Marist takes top honors in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference for the fourth consecutive year.

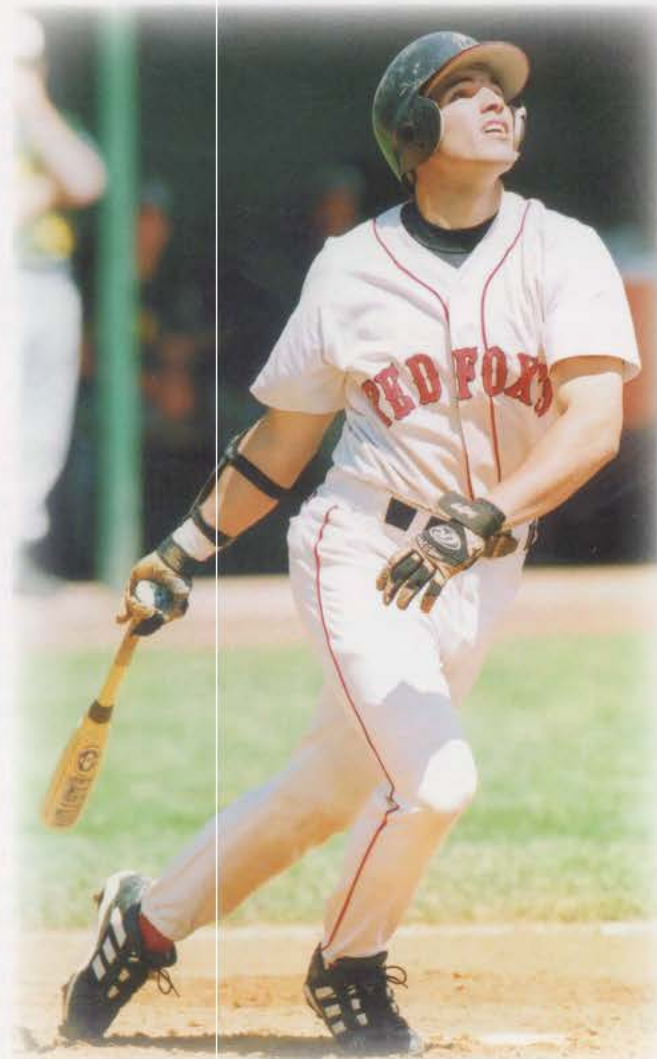


The Marist Athletics Department has captured a record-setting fourth consecutive GHI Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Commissioner's Cup trophy. Marist is the first school in the 21-year history of the MAAC to win four straight Commissioner's Cups.

The college tied current league member Loyola College and former member LaSalle University for the most overall awards won by a single school. The Red Foxes won the men's individual trophy for the second straight time and finished second on the women's side, behind Fairfield University.

"The Commissioner's Cup is a true testament to the effort and commitment to excellence put forth by the student-athletes, coaches and administrators here at Marist," says Director of Athletics Tim Murray. "The entire athletic program is extremely proud to be honored with the award for their athletic successes, not only this year, but also over the past four years. The support that our student-athletes receive throughout their careers from the entire Marist College community plays a large role in the capturing of the award year after year. I am proud of the fact that our student-athletes are not only champions on the field but in the classroom as well, where we had 89 athletes named to the MAAC All-Academic Team this past year." Student-athletes must maintain a 3.2 cumulative GPA, have completed a full academic year at Marist and be a starter or significant reserve to earn All-Academic Team honors.

The GHI MAAC Commissioner's Cup is awarded annually as a symbol of overall excellence in athletics in the 25 championship athletic events conducted within the MAAC.



Anthony Bocchino was named the MAAC Player of the Year and the first pick of the 11th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

This season marked the use of a new scoring system to determine the champion. Each institution is scored in all championships in which it fields a varsity team. However, only 14 of those sports are used to determine the champion. Each school uses the scores from men's and women's basketball plus the other top six men's and other top six women's championships. In past years points from

all championships were used in determining the winner.

Marist has been a member of the MAAC for five years, having joined the 10-team conference for the 1997-98 season.

Baseball Reaches NCAA Regional for 3rd Year

The 2002 season will be one that stays near the top of the page when telling the history of Marist College baseball for many years to come. Under the leadership of Coach John Szefc, the Red Foxes posted a school record 41 wins on the year, as compared to just 14 losses, for a winning percentage of .746. Along the way Marist posted a 22-5 record in MAAC play, winning its first-ever regular season title and advancing as the number one seed into the MAAC Tournament. The Red Foxes swept their way to the crown, stretching their tournament win streak to eight games. Marist also won a program-best 19 games in a row, going nearly the entire month of April without a loss.

Marist baseball earned its third consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament with its MAAC Tournament title and garnered a number-three seed in the regional at Lincoln, Neb. The three seed is the highest-ever regional ranking

for the Red Foxes and it set up Marist for a showdown with the second-seeded Bears of Southwest Missouri State. Junior Tim Allen provided Marist with late inning heroics, hammering the first pitch he saw in the top of the 11th inning over the left field fence for a 5-4 win. Marist dropped the winner's bracket game to No. 1 Nebraska, 9-1, and dropped the rematch with SMS 5-2 in the nightcap.

Anthony Bocchino was named the MAAC Player of the Year and was honored

BY CHRIS O'CONNOR '98

Senior Dave Dobbins led the Red Foxes, earning his fourth MAAC Outstanding Swimmer honor. Marist continued to dominate the MAAC in swimming and diving as the men won their seventh straight title and the women their fifth in seven years.

as a TPX Collegiate Baseball and ABCA Second Team All-American. He was named to the ECAC Division I All-Star First Team as well as being selected to the 2002 NCAA Tournament All-Regional Team, his second such selection. He finished his career with 334 base hits, nearly 100 more than Ryan Brady, the former record holder, and finished with a school record .410 career batting average. Of 20 major offensive school records, Anthony finished with 16 of them in his name. He capped his collegiate career by being chosen as the first pick of the 11th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Steve O'Sullivan became the second Red Fox drafted during the MLB draft, chosen by the Chicago Cubs in the 23rd round. The San Diego Padres took senior Chuck Bechtel two rounds later, in the 25th round. Along with Anthony Bocchino, the trio comprises the most Marist players taken in a single draft in the program's history.

Men's Tennis Returns to NCAA for 4th Year in a Row

The men's tennis team wrote a new chapter into its record book this season, winning its fourth consecutive MAAC title after going 9-0 in conference play. The Red Foxes, behind MAAC Coach of the Year Tim Smith, earned the number-three seed in the Harvard Regional of the NCAA Tournament. It was the team's fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. For the first time in program history the Red Foxes were invited to the prestigious 16-team ECAC Invitational, played at Harvard University during the fall portion of the schedule. The Red Foxes finished 19-8 on the year, and 12-0 against MAAC opponents.

Pat Dahnert became the first Marist men's tennis player to compete in four NCAA Tournaments, and played a role in all four of the Red Foxes MAAC titles. Pat Hofer, who played at number one singles for Marist this season, was awarded the Dr. Joseph Grassi Award for most outstanding player at the MAAC tournament for the second straight season.

Men's Swimming and Diving Wins 7th Straight MAAC Title, 8th Overall

The men's swimming and diving program, coached by Larry VanWagner and Melanie Bolstad, continued its dominance, winning its seventh consecutive MAAC title, eighth overall, placing second at the ECAC



Junior goalie Mellanie Nai had a spectacular season for the Red Foxes, finishing with a 1.27 goals-against-average and a save percentage of .860, earning MAAC Goalkeeper of the Year honors.

Championship and posting a 10-1 dual meet record. The Red Foxes are a perfect 39-0 in dual meet action against MAAC foes since joining the league in 1996.

Senior Dave Dobbins led the Red Foxes, earning his fourth MAAC Outstanding Swimmer honor, winning the 100-, 200- and 500-yard freestyle events and setting MAAC records in the 100 and 200 freestyle. He solidified his place in Marist history, lowering his school records in the 50-yard freestyle (20.93) and the 100-yard freestyle

(45.35), and concluded his career with five individual school records to his credit.

The Red Foxes also received strong performances from Matt Castillo, Trevor Charles, Ricky Kapusta and diver Mike Guman.

Women's Swimming and Diving Captures 5th MAAC Championship

The women's swimming and diving team returned to the pinnacle this season, capturing the MAAC Championship for the fifth time in seven years. The Red Foxes scored 838 points, well ahead of runner-up Loyola (671 points) and defending champion Rider (509 points). The dual meet season was also a success for the Red Foxes, posting a 7-5 overall record, going unbeaten against MAAC competition and finishing 15th at the ECAC Championship.

At the MAAC Championship, Marist won 10 events while setting eight school records and one conference record. Under the leadership of Head Coach Christine Honig, Kristen Schnitzer set new standards in the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.07) and 200-yard backstroke (2:09.65), placing first and second, respectively. Jennifer Gelsomino captured the 400-yard IM in record time (4:35.42) while also winning the 200-yard IM. Jennifer Meyer lowered her school records in the 50-yard freestyle (24.37) and the 100-yard backstroke (59.96), finishing first and second, respectively. She also captured the 100-yard freestyle title (53.57) and set a school record leading off the 200-yard medley relay, completing her 50-yard backstroke leg in a time of 28.13. Missy Gifford scored 222.95 points in the one-meter diving event to earn first-place honors for the Red Foxes. Marist set a new conference record in the 200-yard medley relay and set a school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay while capturing the gold in both the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays.



Marist College President Dennis Murray has been named chair of the council of presidents for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference for 2002-03. The council is the chief governing body of the MAAC.

Dr. Murray served as vice president of the council for 2000-01.

Founded in 1980, the MAAC includes members Canisius College, Fairfield University, Iona College, Loyola College (Md.), Manhattan College, Marist College, Niagara University, Rider University, St. Peter's College and Siena College. Member and associate member colleges compete in 25 sports.

Women's Soccer Wins MAAC Title

The women's soccer team, in its eighth year as a varsity sport, capped its most successful season with a MAAC regular season title. Megan McGonagle was named the MAAC Coach of the Year, leading Marist to a 10-10 overall record, an 8-1 league mark, and an appearance in the MAAC Tournament final. Junior goalie Mellanie Nai had a spectacular season for the Red Foxes, finishing with a 1.27 goals-against-average and a save percentage of .860, earning MAAC Goalkeeper of the Year honors. Senior Kasey Sibrinsz and junior Jenny Shanks were both selected to the All-MAAC First Team as well. Kasey Sibrinsz was second on the team with 10 points (four goals) while Jenny Shanks led Marist with six assists. Senior defender Erin Norton earned All-MAAC Second Team honors for the fourth time in her career. She started each game this year for the Red Foxes and played a key role in the team's five shutouts.

Men's Basketball Shares MAAC Regular-Season Championship

The men's basketball team had its most successful season since joining the MAAC, posting a 19-9 record and earning a share of the MAAC regular season championship. Led by Head Coach Dave Magarity, the NABC District II Coach of the Year, the Red Foxes posted a 13-5 mark in league play and earned the number-two seed, their highest ever, in the MAAC Tournament. For the first time since the 1998-99 season, Marist captured the Pepsi-Marist Classic, defeating Drexel and Columbia in the process.

Sean Kennedy had a career season for the Red Foxes, eclipsing the 1,000-point mark in his final game. He finished 20th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,007 points. Known for his unselfish play, Sean dished out a career-high 222 assists this season, which ranked him third in the nation in the category, averaging 7.9 a game. Sean was named to the All-MAAC First Team for the second consecutive season; he also was an NABC District II First Team selec-



Senior Sean Kennedy eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in his final game.

tion, was named the CollegeInsider.Com Mid-Major Most Valuable Player and was a Mid-Major All-America. While at Marist Sean distributed 670 assists to rank second all-time, including a single-game school-record 17 assists in his final home game. He also amassed 212 career steals, the third-highest total in program history.

Classmate Rick Smith also reached the 1,000-point barrier Feb. 6 at Iona, finishing with 1,075 career points, 16th all-time. Rick averaged 11.8 points per game this year and was a Pepsi-Marist Classic All-Tournament Team selection. He finished his career with 145 steals, good for fifth in program history, and also finished in the top 10 in career rebounds with 436 and in three-point field goals with 98 made. Matt Tullis, who spent two seasons with the Red Foxes, swatted 49 shots on the year and 77 for his career, ranking seventh all-time.

Women's, Men's X-Country 3rd at MAAC Championships

The women's cross-country and indoor track and field seasons, under Head Coach Phil Kelly, were successful with the Red Foxes placing third at both the MAAC Cross-Country and Indoor Track and Field Championships. A total of seven school records were broken during the indoor season by Nicole Thompson, Alison Keller, Liza Grudzinski, Susan Golden and Jen Stewart.

The 2001-02 Red Fox men's cross-country and indoor track and field teams, under

Head Coach Pete Colaizzo '86, saw success individually and as a unit. The cross-country team finished third at the 2001 MAAC Championship and the indoor track team, which set 12 school records, scored a program-best 58 points in finishing fifth. Chris McCloskey became the first Red Fox runner to win an individual indoor MAAC title as he captured the 800-meter run. Chris McCloskey, Eli Bisnett-Cobb, Adam Pakiela, Michael Nehr, Adam Waterbury, Pat Driscoll and Brian Parella all set new school records during the indoor season.

Women's Basketball Duo Tops 1,000 Points Each

Two seniors surpassed the 1,000-point barrier and moved into the top-five all-time in scoring during the 2001-02 women's basketball season. Diesa Seidel, the all-time blocks leader (162), finished with 1,248 career points, fourth all-time. Marie Fucsi finished as the program's fifth most prolific scorer with 1,219 career points, second in made three-pointers (241). The Red Foxes finished 11-17 and in sixth place in the MAAC. The sixth seed in the MAAC Tournament, Marist, coached by Kristin Lamb, advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time since joining the league during the 1997-98 season.



Diesa Seidel finished her Marist career with 1,248 points, fourth all-time.

A Stellar Crew Season Befits its Mentor, Scott Sanford

Tradition. Excellence. Passion. Family.

These are just some of the words that come to mind when an oarsman is asked to summarize his or her sport.

Add the words class, selfless dedication and winning and you have only begun to the scratch the surface of Marist College rowing which this year, more than any other, emulated its mentor, Scott Sanford.

This year, the men's varsity eight crew (seniors Phil McDowell, coxswain; Rob Chimchirian, captain; Dave Buckner, Andy French, Curt Kelly, Chris Kullak, junior Andrew Cox, and sophomores Will Copeland and John Snyder) again rowed Marist to national prominence.

After successfully defending its MAAC crown the team posted a first-place finish at the Avaya Collegiate Rowing Championship (formerly Champion Regatta). Racing on pure emotion, Marist headed to the Cooper River in Camden, N.J., and the IRA Championships, where the Red Foxes turned in a 15th-place performance.

Marist crew, a program that had now solidified its position among the rowing elite and in the midst of its greatest season ever, was dealt a crushing blow on June 9 when Coach Sanford, "The Rock," as he was dubbed by his men, lost his race against cancer at age 60.

Hudson Valley Rowing Becomes a Family Affair

The Sanford name has become synonymous with rowing. Scott Sanford began his rowing career alongside his brother Bill at Syracuse University. (This year, Bill retired as the Orangemen's head crew coach.)

Upon his graduation from Syracuse in 1964, Scott began his teaching career at Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) High School in Hyde Park, N.Y., and also brought his love of rowing to the Presidents, serving as the school's crew coach until 1978. While at FDR "Coach" met Judy Zimmerman and the two were married in 1966, she too, quickly, became hooked on rowing.

As the Sanfords welcomed their son, Tom, and daughter, Jody, into the world, there was little doubt that they would be heirs to the family business and both gladly picked up the oars at FDR. Tom went on to coxswain at the University of Pennsylvania and Jody to row at Cornell. Both would eventually coach the sport. Tom met his wife, Elna, while rowing on the Potomac and Jody's fiancée was a varsity oarsman at UPenn.

The claim was now staked—the Sanfords—the Hudson Valley's First Family of rowing.

Scott's passion for education, which included 38 years of service to Hudson Valley school districts, was rivaled only by his love of family and rowing.

In 1981 Scott brought his talents to the collegiate ranks, founding the crew program at Vassar College. He led the Brewers until 1993, when he moved up the east bank of the Hudson River to coach Marist.

Building a Tradition and Dynasty at Marist

A rowing power in the early and mid-1970s, Marist crew is steeped in tradition. Taking over the reins in 1994, Coach Sanford had many goals and one dream. The ultimate goal was to solidify Marist as one of the top rowing programs in the country.

Retiring as Spackenkill High School's principal

in 1995, Coach Sanford put in a full-time effort. Results were swift and the numbers grew. The men's and women's programs began to assert themselves reminding crews across New York State that if you can row the Hudson, the original home of the National Championship, everything else is glass.

A steady progression continued and Marist slowly, methodically, in vintage Sanford style, climbed the ranks. And then it happened. With the fall of 1997 came arguably the best freshman class in the history of the program and

the national stage was again on the horizon. The year 1999 brought a MAAC Championship, and a Grand Final performance at the Champion Regatta; 2001, the MAAC Championship, the bronze medal at the Dad Vail Regatta, the IRAs and a top 15 performance; and 2002, the culmination of effort—victories over Brown, Michigan, Georgetown, Virginia, Dowling and brother Bill at Syracuse, the MAAC Championship, the Avaya Championship and again a top 15 performance at the IRAs.

In his final year of coaching Scott was coaching with son Tom. In the fall of 2001, Tom returned home after coaching stints at Syracuse and Georgetown, to take over from his



Scott Sanford



The Marist men's varsity eight crew members savor their victory with Scott Sanford after posting a first-place finish at the Avaya Collegiate Rowing Championship at Mercer Lake in West Windsor, N.J., this past May.

ailing father and spend a season coaching right alongside "Dad." The New York State Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association named Scott Sanford Coach of the Year in June, a decision the coaches made before learning of Scott's death. The association also said it will rename the men's varsity eight trophy at the state championships the Scott Sanford Cup, and its Point Trophy the Sanford Trophy.

Scott Sanford's biggest dream did not go unfulfilled. On July 3-6, Tom Sanford took his father's Marist crew to the Royal Henley Regatta in Henley, England, the international showcase for the world's best rowers. Once again Marist stepped to the forefront and paid the greatest tribute to "The Rock." After winning the Reading Cup, a pre-Henley Regatta race, the Red Foxes set their sights on the Henley Regatta. Competing for the Temple Cup against perennial rowing powers Harvard and Oxford, the Red Foxes advanced to the semifinals of the 54-team bracket with victories over the England's Imperial "B" and Northern Ireland's Queensland University. Marist defeated Queensland in the quarterfinals by three feet. In the semifinals, Marist had its dream season come to a close with a loss to eventual Temple Cup Champion—Harvard. Throughout the week, Marist earned the respect of the rowing elite and represented the college with the class and distinction befitting its mentor—Scott Sanford.

—Sean Morrison

2002 Nationally Ranked Crews

Men's Varsity Eight

1. California—Berkeley
2. Wisconsin
3. Washington
4. Oregon State
5. Princeton
6. Navy
7. Dowling
8. Northeastern
9. Cornell
10. Temple
11. Michigan
12. Penn
13. Stanford
14. Dartmouth
15. Marist
16. Brown
17. Boston
18. Georgetown

Men's Second Varsity Eight

1. California
2. Cornell
3. Washington
4. Wisconsin
5. Princeton
6. Brown
7. Dartmouth
8. Oregon State
9. Michigan
10. Penn
11. Drexel
12. Syracuse
13. Marist
14. Ohio State
15. Navy
16. Purdue
17. Rutgers

Donations in Scott Sanford's memory may be made to Marist College Crew, care of the Office of College Advancement, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601-1387, or to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021.



1952

Francis J. Reilly has retired after 49 years teaching English: 45 years at Willimantic High School and four years at middle school. Frank lives in Willimantic, Conn., with his wife, Johanna, who teaches at Bernard Academy in Uncasville, Conn.

1955

A Mass for Jubilarians honoring Marist Brothers marking 50th anniversaries was celebrated on June 17, 2001, at Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston (Queens),

N.Y. Among those honored were: Gregory DelaNoy, FMS, Vincent Jerome Doughty, FMS, Declan Murray, FMS, Luke P. Reddington, FMS, Robert F. Ryan, FMS, Louis Richard Gaudreau, FMS, Vincent Xavier, FMS, Albert J. Phillipp, FMS '57 and Denis Caverley, FMS '67. Bro. Declan Murray also received the Stanner Achievement Award for 27 years of outstanding service as a religion teacher at Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens, N.Y.

1956

Professor James Friel's *Humanities/Aitla Magazine* is in its 30th year. He also speaks on the 9/11 disaster,

offers solutions to world crises and is publishing a book of poetry. His first poem was published at Marist in 1956.



1957

G. Patrick Gallagher, Ph.D. is still immersed in his police defense witness work, handling mainly shootings and uses of force and pursuits while he and his wife, Mary, live in their Blue Ridge Mountain home in southern Virginia and run a bed and breakfast called the Wild Geese Inn in Indian Valley, Va. ■ Joseph Strang (aka Bro. Joel Gilmary) has been named Teacher of the Year at

A Scholarship Honors Longtime Dean of Students and Theatre Mentor Jerry Cox

A scholarship honoring longtime Dean of Students, English professor and theatre mentor Gerard A. Cox '55 has been established at Marist College.

Jerry, who will forever be known to many as "Dean Cox," retired in 2001 from his post as Vice President and Dean for Student Affairs after a 34-year career at Marist. His service to the college encompassed teaching, serving as a senior executive of the college and sharing his talent and passion for the theatre through scores of student productions. He remains active as director of Marist's theatre program and an associate professor of English.

A former Marist Brother, Jerry graduated from Marist in 1955. His career at the college began in 1967 as a faculty member in the English Department. Named an assistant professor of English in 1970, he was granted tenure in 1974. In 1969 Jerry was appointed Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs and continued to teach. He worked in the Academic Dean's Office until 1979, when he was named Vice President and Dean of Students, a position he held for 22 years. Over the years, Jerry's love for the theatre has influenced several thousand students who benefited from his enthusiasm and guidance as the advisor for the Marist College Council on Theatre Arts (MCCTA). A published playwright, he helped establish the college's experimental theatre program in 1970. In 1976 he



Alumni who were involved in theatre at Marist gathered to celebrate with Jerry Cox '55 at a surprise party for him on the campus when he retired from his longtime position as Dean of Students. Joining Jerry were (left to right) Jerome Anderson '93, Nicole (Marino) Chapin '93 and John Chapin '93, Sarah (Taney) Humphreys '92 and Jim Joseph '91.

was instrumental in bringing about the unification of the Theatre Guild, Children's Theatre and Experimental Theatre into what is now known as MCCTA. The effort broadened interest in theatre at Marist by consolidating resources and planning and enabling students to see more possibilities for developing their own theatre skills. Currently MCCTA has 160 members and annually sponsors a comedy, an experimental play, a traditional drama, the annual V-Day theatrical celebration, a major musical, a children's theatre production and the Festival of Student Plays, which Jerry founded in 1980. The group produces a Shakespearean play and a musical revue in alternate years.

This past October, the Dutchess County Arts Council honored MCCTA, now entering its 26th season. Jerry, along with student members

of the council's executive board, accepted the award recognizing MCCTA for stimulating growth in the arts.

To honor Jerry's distinguished career, family, former students and colleagues have initiated the Gerard A. Cox Scholarship. The scholarship endowment will provide financial assistance to Marist students who have shown exceptional commitment to the theatre and MCCTA through writing, performing, designing or managing production units, or through some combination of achievements within these areas. Contributions continue to be welcome and may be sent in care of the Office of College Advancement, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601-1387. Please indicate that the gift is for the Gerard A. Cox Scholarship Fund.

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Heald Business College in Salinas, Calif., where he chairs the General Education Department. Joe teaches Word 2000, business communications skills and research writing.

1961

John R. Wilcox, Ph.D. has co-edited a book, *Enhancing Religious Identity, Best Practices from Catholic Campuses* (Georgetown University Press). John is chair and professor of religious studies at Manhattan College in Riverdale, N.Y.



1962

William Lenehan is eager to hear from athletes he coached in football and crew—especially graduates from 1964 to 1975. Contact Bill at wjlenehan@aol.com or by calling the Alumni Office. ■ **Dr. Gerald McKenna** is president of the Hawaii Medical Association. Jerry continues to practice in Kauai and Hawaii and is clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Hawaii Medical School. ■ **Dr. Frank J. Swetz** has written the book *Legacy of the Luoshu: the 4000-Year Search for the Meaning of the Magic Square of Order Three*. Frank says it's his best book to date. ■ **Francis P. Walsh** retired in 1998 from Morris Hills High School in Rockaway, N.J., after 25 years, for a total of 36 years teaching English/drama and directing school plays and musicals (a total of 85 productions).

1963

Bro. John Cherry, FMS has been a Catholic chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Elmhurst, (Queens) N.Y., for 17 years. Bro. John also serves as chairman of the Ethics Committee at the hospital.

1965

Frederick DiBerto has retired from IBM Global Services. He served the company as senior professional development manager. ■ **Robert Gould** is the owner of Bethlehem Art Gallery, located at 58 Orrs Mills Road, Salisbury Mills, N.Y. Bob also serves as chairman of the board of directors for the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross of Greater New York. ■ **James Mara** retired as assistant principal at Arlington High School, where he served as a teacher and an administrator for 36 years. ■ **John J.**

Meehan has retired from the Deer Park School in Deer Park, N.Y., after 35 years in education.

1966

Stanley Becchetti retired on March 1, 2002, from A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. after 24 years, completing a 35-year career in the securities industry. Stan was a vice president at A.G. Edwards in St. Louis, Mo.

■ **Joseph Garcia** is enjoying a happy retirement in Florida. ■ **Matthew Habinowski** recently retired as an acquisition manager at Compaq Computer Corp. His daughter, Susan, received a Ph.D. in molecular biology from Dartmouth, and his son, Matthew, is in Kazakhstan as a Peace Corps business advisor. ■ *The Josephinum Journal of Theology* has published an article by **John W. Hart, Ph.D.**, "Caring for Creation, Community and the Common Good," in its winter/spring 2002 issue. John presented "Sacred Cosmos, Sacred Commons" at the Oxford Seminars in Science and Christianity at the University of Oxford, England, on Aug. 17, 2001. ■ **Donald J. Haughey** retired from the Austin Independent School District in May 2001 after 26 years. Don has increased his teaching assignments at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, to three classes per semester. He has taught at St. Edward's for 17 years as an adjunct instructor of art. Don participated in the first Celtic Art Show in Austin in November and December of 2001.

■ **John T. McManus** writes that he and his wife, Cathy, enjoyed getting together with other members of the Class of '66 at their 35th class reunion at Marist in October 2001. Their son, John, and his wife, Liz, are attorneys in Albany, N.Y. His daughter, Cate, graduated in May 2002 with a V.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. ■ **Thomas Troland** has been named director of brand futures for Meredith Corporation (publisher of *Better Homes and Gardens* and other magazines and books). The new position is an internal consultancy focused on trends research, strategy, new products and brand licensing. ■ **Terry Youngs** writes that every so often, he sneaks up to the campus, visits the terrific library, bookstore and chapel, walks around taking in the sights and sounds and gets lost in the happy memories of years

gone by. It's his wish that today's students will come to relish and appreciate the opportunities for personal growth that the quality education at Marist has provided them—as he does!



1967

Dr. Ronald M. Anderson was elected president of the Microscopy Society of America. The 6,000-member scientific society serves the needs of physical and life scientists making use of light and electron microscopy in the United States and 37 other countries. Ron has written four books and published 186 scientific papers in the field. He is a senior physicist with IBM's Microelectronics Division in East Fishkill, N.Y. ■ **Thomas Crimmins** and his wife, Cathy, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in July 2001. Tom is a guidance counselor at Elmont Memorial High School in Elmont, N.Y. ■ **Michael Gilfeather** retired on Dec. 29, 2000, after 32 years with the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission in Albany, N.Y. He's currently enjoying retirement. ■ **Bob Johnson's** daughter, Jennifer, is story editor for NBC's hit drama "Providence" and his son, Paul, and his wife made Bob a grandfather for the fourth time with the birth of Luke Robert. After 25 years in banking, Bob started Kaffee Magnum Opus, Inc., a coffee roaster that now sells in 45 states to more than 1,000 retailers of specialty coffee. Bob traveled to Guatemala in fall 2001 to arrange supply contracts for green coffee. ■ **John F. Kenny** retired after 32 years as an educator in the Wappingers (N.Y.) Central School District. ■ **Tim Nagle** has been chosen "The Favorite Teacher in North Jersey" by his former students in the Pompton Lakes School District in Pompton Lakes, N.J. Tim left teaching a few years ago to become the supervisor of English and basic skills and coordinator of testing for the Pompton Lakes district. Tim says he misses the interaction with the students as well as the stimulation of answering their questions and helping them to communicate better. Tim says that over the years he enjoyed teaching early British literature and Greek drama courses the most. He loves the Greek tragedies. ■ **Fred Policastri** is enjoying retirement after working at IBM for 35 years.



MARRIAGES

Helene Ardila '85
to George Lenoir, Sept. 29, 2001

Karen Szklany '86
to Edward Gault, Sept. 28, 2001

Eileen Atkins '87
to Jay Valdes, Nov. 17, 2001

John "Skip" Benamati, Ph.D. '87 M
to Mandy Campbell, May 19, 2001

Maureen Melley '87
to Philip Angelastro, Sept. 22, 2001

Maureen Blake '89
to James Mercer, Dec. 11, 1999

Lydia Dougherty '89
to McBee Butcher, Jr., Dec. 29, 2000

Maria Fanelli '89
to Michael Giametta, Aug. 5, 2000

Christine Garvin '90
to Anthony DiAmbrosio, June 3, 2000

Kimberly Knox '90
to Bruce Beckius, Sept. 2, 2001

Andrew Scarano '90
to Natalie Rehkla, May 26, 2001

Ann M. Triant '90
to Charlie Cave, Sept. 22, 2001

Aimee Asaro '91 to
Kenneth P. O'Connor, Jr. '93,
March 10, 2001

Kym Eggers '91
to Jeffrey Sorbel, May 18, 2002

Denise Gormley '91
to Sean Brennan, Aug. 19, 2000

Dr. James J. Jozefowicz '91 to
Dr. Stephanie M. Brewer, July 28, 2001

Scott David Kunda '91 to
Jacquelyn Marie Stafford, Dec. 16, 2000

Amy Marble '91
to Scott Thompson, Sept. 16, 2000

Scott Rumsey '91
to Casey Hollister, May 26, 2001

Christopher A. Russell '91
to Nicole Drizos, Oct. 6, 2001

Denise James '92
to Michael Malario, Sept. 1, 2001

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MARRIAGES

Maura Leddy '92

to Derek Bradley, Oct. 20, 2001

Marie Lupone '92

to Kenneth Kantor, Aug. 4, 2001

Barbara Lydon '92

to Robert T. Fanning, Jr., May 19, 2001

Dean S. Mastrangelo, Esq. '92

to Nancy Kersich, March 23, 2002

Frank Mora, Esq. '92

to Sheri Provost, Sept. 8, 2001

Gina Pollio '92

to Richard Lugo, April 1, 2000

Paul Prims '92

to Dea Pitruzzello, Aug. 11, 2001

Joseph Santarelli '92 to

Johanna Marie Ammirato, June 24, 2000

Chris Arrigali '93

to Denise Godoy, April 7, 2001

Anne Ayotte '93

to Scott DeLomba, May 19, 2001

Robyn Berger '93 to **Jim Ulbrich '95**,
March 10, 2001

Nicole Conti '93

to Jack Tolnes, June 29, 2001

Christine Coughlin '93

to Anthony Collora, Aug. 25, 2001

Sara Cuozzo '93

to Philip Poska, June 30, 2000

Valerie Gajdzis '93

to Matthew P. Reyher, Oct. 21, 2001

Virginia Kosuda '93

to Peter Franco, Oct. 13, 2001

Jill McDonald '93

to Matthew Aronin, Oct. 20, 2001

Dr. Tanya M. Neuhaus '93

to Dr. David Wittig, Aug. 19, 2000

Colleen Russell, C.P.A. '93

to Mark A. Susko, June 3, 2000

Tara Camo '94 to **Daniel Hart '97**,
July 4, 2001

Michael Gearing '94

to Ami Annette Darrow, July 1, 2000

Beth Keenan '94

to Stephen J. Meyers, Nov. 10, 2001

1968

Robert G. Bailey, Esq. is chair of several committees for community organizations in Columbia, Mo., including the Family Health Center, the Central Missouri Fund Bank and Boone County Group Homes. He also chairs the University of Missouri Athletic Department's strategic planning committee and professional sports panel. Bob is a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators and the National Conference of Committees on Uniform State Laws. ■ **Dominick Bollella** retired after 35 years of teaching high school science. He will be working part-time for the next two years until his wife, Ruth, can retire. They plan to travel extensively in their new motorhome. ■ **Charles Dykas** is regional manager for Cisco Systems/Federal, responsible for U.S. Forces/Europe. He spends lots of time in Heidelberg, Germany. ■ **Dr. Patrick B. Forsyth** has been elected to a three-year term as vice president of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) at its Seattle convention. Pat joined the Oklahoma State University graduate faculty in 2000 and teaches school administration. ■ **William S. Gould** retired from teaching at Newburgh (N.Y.) Free Academy after 33 years in the Newburgh City School District. He now works part-time in the family business, Bethlehem Art Gallery. The gallery recently framed the works of more than 50 celebrities for Sesame Street's 30th anniversary. These items toured the country and were eventually sold at Sotheby's. ■ **Floyd Holt**, a former physics teacher at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, N.Y., has opened a



Dr. Patrick B. Forsyth '68



Capt. Paul Rinn, USN (Ret.) '68

prototype of his future Spaceship Discovery Science and Technology Museum. He and a volunteer crew renovated the former Burger King on Route 9 in Hyde Park to look somewhat like a cross between the bridge of the famous TV starship and his former classroom. He hopes this endeavor will spark interest in science by showing how robots, laser guns and such can nurture creativity and intellectual development. "Imagination is more important than knowledge," Floyd said at the opening. He eventually hopes to build a permanent museum that will draw visitors from around the world. ■ **William R. Howell** retired as an inspector of weights and measures for the Dutchess County (N.Y.) Department of Consumer Affairs. ■ **Richard Kirby** is a beverage specialist for Folgers and Millstone Coffees (Proctor & Gamble) in its food service division in Cincinnati, Ohio. ■ **William Kuffner** has left the banking industry after a 30-year career and has joined the YMCA of Greater Buffalo as executive director of the Southtown's branch. Bill writes that his daughter, Maggie, will attend Marist in fall 2002 as a member of the class of 2006. ■ **Kenneth Maass** is enjoying teaching American history and philosophy at St. Augustine High School in St. Augustine, Fla. He continues working on his novel. ■ **The Rev. Joseph G. O'Connell** is pastor of the oldest Baptist church in Virginia (est. Oct. 8, 1751), the Ketocin Church in Purcellville, Va. Pastor Joe invites Marist alumni to visit the church's Web site at www.ketocin.org. ■ **Dr. Peter Passero** is chairman of the board of Prizm Dental Partners. His daughter, Kimberly, is a general dentist in McLean, Va., and son, Kevin, is studying holistic medicine in Portland, Ore. Peter's wife, Maria, manages a woman's clothing store in Bethesda, Md. ■ **James Pucci** has

opened a new office for Advest, Inc. in Goshen, N.Y., called The Pucci Investment Group. ■ **Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (Ret.)** has been promoted to vice president for business development and marketing, international maritime operations for the Washington, D.C.-based consulting firm Whitney, Bradley & Brown. Since joining Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Paul has served as senior consultant for maritime operations and has directed the firm's successful effort to expand its business base in Europe, the Middle East and North America. ■ **Robert T. Scott** was presented with letters of affiliation to the DeLaSalle Brothers of the Christian Schools. Bob was named the first lay principal of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, N.Y. ■ **Philip Sheehan** retired from Lucent Technologies after 33 years and is now the general manager of worldwide sales for OFS Fitel, Inc. of Norcross, Ga. He continues to live in Floral Park, N.Y., with his wife, Nancy.

1969

Harry J. Carroll is happy traveling around the world. ■ **Richard A. Dickinson, D.D.S.** reports that his oldest daughter, Lindsey, passed the bar in Pennsylvania and is looking for a job in Washington, D.C. His second oldest daughter, Grace, is a senior dental student at Tufts University Dental School. Grace plans to return to St. Albans, Vt., to begin practicing dentistry with her dad. His son, Rich, Jr. graduated from Dartmouth in 2000 and is an electrical engineer. ■ The City of Oak Park, Mich., and its city manager, **Daniel W. Fitzpatrick**, have been named recipients of the 2001 International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Program Excellence Award for Innovations in Local Government Management. Dan and Oak Park were honored during the 87th ICMA Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dan was recognized for his success in improving the morale of city employees and enhancing service delivery. ■ **Gerard M. Gretzinger, Sr.** became the first teacher inducted into Coleman Catholic High School's Hall of Fame in May 2000. The Nov. 9, 2000, issue of *Catholic New York* featured an article showcasing Jerry's career in education and children's theater. He believes that a theater program brings a community together and

offers the joy of seeing small children in the audience overcome with wonder and delight as the play transports them into another world. Jerry is principal of Felix V. Festa Middle School in West Nyack, N.Y. Jerry's son, **Gerard M. Gretzinger, Jr.** and his wife, **Karen Landry Gretzinger**, are members of the classes of 1994 and 1997 respectively. ■ **Patrick J. Keilty, Jr.** and his wife, Anne, retired from the Howard County (Md.) Public School District in June 2001 after 25 years of teaching. Pat and Anne have moved to Bradenton, Fla., where they will teach for the Manatee County Public Schools at Braden River Middle School (Anne) and Lakewood Ranch High School (Pat). They expected construction on their new home to be completed by March 2002. Pat sends regards to his teachers and friends who were Marist Brothers. He is most grateful for his years at Marist and for his association with so many fine men. ■ **Vincent J. Mooney's** son, Chris, graduated from Union College in June 2001. ■ **John J. Nunziata, Jr.** represented Marist at the inauguration of Dr. John Joseph DeGioia as the 48th president of Georgetown University on Oct. 13, 2001. John is the immediate past president of Marist's Alumni Executive Board and is vice president for partner markets at Intermediate Communications in Upper Saddle River, N.J. ■ **Bro. Bishop Vianney Fernando** of Kandy, Sri Lanka, ordained **Clifford Perera** a priest on Sept. 29, 2001. ■ **Gaspere Perrello** is in his 33rd year of teaching at Tuxedo High School in Tuxedo, N.Y. ■ **William J. Rowley, Jr., Esq.** represented Marist at the inauguration of Dr. Stuart Rabinowitz as the eighth president of Hofstra University



Daniel W. Fitzpatrick '69

Another Best Seller for Bill O'Reilly '71

A second book of nonfiction by journalist and author Bill O'Reilly '71 has spent weeks at the No. 1 spot on *The New York Times* "Best Sellers" list.

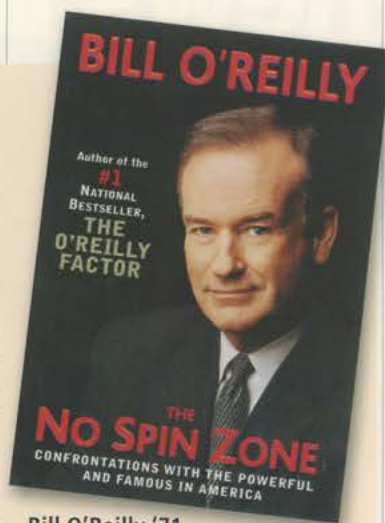
The No Spin Zone: Confrontations with the Powerful and Famous in America, published in October 2001, was on *The New York Times* "Best Sellers" list for 20 weeks, including eight weeks at No. 1. His first book, *The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous in American Life*, issued in 2000, was on the *Times* "Best Sellers" list for 32 weeks, including 11 weeks at No. 1.

Some 900,000 copies of *The No Spin Zone* are now in print. More than 1 million copies of *The O'Reilly Factor* are circulating.

on Oct. 19, 2001. Bill is vice president for employee benefits at Profile Coverage in Ronkonkoma, N.Y., and serves as treasurer of Marist's Alumni Executive Board. ■ **Thomas J. Ward** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Maidenform, Inc. Tom has also been asked to serve as a member of the board of directors of Maidenform. Previously, he was president of WestPoint Stevens following a 32-year career there.

1970

Inside Business has named **Robert L. Brown, Esq.** in the top one percent of Ohio attorneys. ■ **Phillip Crawford, D.D.S.** has opened a free clinic in Pahokee, Fla., providing medical and dental care to poor and migrant families. He and his wife, Elisa, welcomed their first grandchild, Jackson, into the family. ■ **Robert Farina** is a retired Air Force pilot, having flown the C-141 and KC-10 for over 20 years. He is now a USAirways pilot, flying as captain on three aircrafts: the B767, B757 and the AirBus. ■ **William Reuschle's** daughter, Kathleen, graduated from James Madison University in May 2001 and works at Fox News in New York, N.Y. ■ **Dr. Douglas Stuart** was appointed the first holder of the J. William and Helen D. Stuart Endowed Chair in International Studies, Business and Management at Dickinson College. Douglas is the director of the Clarke



Bill O'Reilly '71

Bill, anchor/host of Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" since 1996, is as popular on TV as he is in print. In 2000, "The Factor" passed "Larry King Live" to become the No. 1 cable news program in the United States.

Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Contemporary Issues at Dickinson.

1971

Edward C. Anderson represented Marist at the inauguration of Donna E. Shalala as the 5th president of the University of Miami on Nov. 2, 2001. ■ **Paul J. Browne** was appointed the New York City Police Department's deputy commissioner for administration, under police Commissioner Ray Kelly, in January. He previously served the department as assistant commissioner for programs and policy and as director of special projects. ■ **Edward G. Hallen, C.P.P.** has been elected to a three-year term on the American Society for Industrial Security board of directors. Ed has worked in the security industry field for 22 years, 18 of which have been in managerial roles. He is the manager of security and safety services for Occidental Petroleum Corp. in Los Angeles, Calif. ■ **John W. Koch** retired from IBM in 1993 after 30 years of service. He and his wife, Arlene, moved to Florida in March 2000. John joined the Boca Raton, Fla., chapter of the IBM Retirees Breakfast Group. ■ **Robert L. Miller** teaches seventh and eighth grade math at St. Theresa's Elementary School in Staten Island, N.Y. He was listed in the 2000 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. ■ **SUNY**



MARRIAGES

Claudine Martini '94
to Jeffrey Paul Caruso, June 3, 2001

Susan B. Murphy '94
to Michael F. Harney, Oct. 13, 2001

Christine Nichtern '94
to Eric Foster, Sept. 30, 2000

Patricia O'Keefe '94
to Gregory Hrycak, June 8, 2001

Stephanie L. Stewart '94
to Joseph L. Barry, Oct. 6, 2001

Ray Varuolo '94
to Silvia-Maria Nora, June 22, 2001

Jessica Adelman '95
to Brian Kogut, Sept. 1, 2001

Jeana Alves '95
to Douglas J. Closinski '95,
Nov. 10, 2001

Jeanne Marie Brennan '95
to Michael Dunne, C.S.W. '95,
Nov. 2, 2001

Arthur J. Brown, Jr. '95
to Diane Gareau, May 31, 2001

Ana Castillo '95
to Terence Farrell, Oct. 13, 2000

Jennifer Clark '95
to Patrick Brennan '95, June 10, 2000

Gabrielle Demma '95
to James Smith, July 7, 2001

Ted Eglist '95
to Sonda Carroll, May 12, 2001

Christopher M. Fromm '95
to Kathleen M. Fedorchak, May 4, 2001

Jennifer Hall '95
to Raymond Barranté, Sept. 25, 1999

Tracy Harpin '95
to Jason Carifa, Sept. 29, 2001

Shradha Mulani '95
to Shailesh Patel, Oct. 11, 1998

Julie Philippon '95
to Neil Pade, Oct. 13, 2001

Suzanne Schiano '95
to Gerard Scully, June 30, 2001

Lisa M. Colon '98
to Joseph Sievers '95, May 18, 2002

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MARRIAGES

Sheri Weidner '95
to Michael J. Fitzgerald, March 16, 2002

Robyn Bradley '96
to Christopher Schubert '97,
Oct. 13, 2001

Claudine DeSola '96
to Brian E. Gumbel '97, May 12, 2001

Lori Drugan '96
to Juan Valdez, Aug. 11, 2000

Kara Dugan '96 to
Vincent Romeo '96, March 31, 2001

Alaina Evangelista '96
to Kevin Wiehn, July 21, 2001

Susan Ferinde '96
to Brian McWhirter, May 10, 2001

Melanie Fester '96
to John Dawson, Sept. 8, 2001

Katherine Gallagher '96
to Lenny Stripeikis '96, April 1, 2001

Andrea Gulius '96
to Kevin Straw '96, April 8, 2000

Jessica Main '96
to David Linicus, Aug. 14, 1999.

Anthony J. Mallano '96
to Danielle Casavillo, April 21, 2001

Stephanie Mossa '96 to
Andrew Ponzoni '96, March 24, 2000

Eileen Nunno '96
to Kurt Allen, June 1, 2001

Kimberly Pressmar '96 to
James Luciano '96, May 19, 2001

Theresa Scura '96
to James Coughlin '96, July 28, 2000

Karen Teufel '96
to Michael Mushorn, May 18, 2002

Melissa Vanacore '96
to Joseph Carbone, July 21, 2001

Ramsay Whitworth, Esq. '96 to
Amy Kathleen Caverio, Esq.,
July 14, 2001

Lori Zengel '96
to Scott Brown, June 29, 2001

Terri Carrozzo '97
to Erik M. Parks, July 7, 2001

Gina D'Angelo '97

New Paltz honored **James N. Steinmeyer** for Excellence in Teaching. Jim, a 30-year veteran who teaches English at Roy C. Ketcham High School in the Wappingers (N.Y.) Central School District, was recognized for his dedication as a teacher, coach and mentor and as a compassionate human being who treats his students with dignity and respect. ■ **Jack Wawrzonek** and his wife, Linda, greatly enjoyed attending Jack's 30th class reunion in October 2001 at Marist. "The campus looks great and the library is a huge asset to present and future students," he said. ■ **Thomas E. Wilson** was honored in April 2001 by the International Wood Products Association with the organization's prestigious Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented during *World of Wood 2001*, the group's 45th annual convention and 13th International Forest Products Exhibition in Puerto Rico. Tom is president of International Specialties, Inc. in Germantown, Tenn. He lives in Germantown with his wife, Teresa, and their five children. ■ **Steve Wysowski** is the principal at Coginchaug High School in Durham, Conn.



1972

The year 2001 was a busy travel year for **Jim Cosentino** of IBM's Storage Subsystems Group. Early in the year he returned from an assignment in Beijing, China, where he lectured at IBM's "Storage Systems Top Gun Academy," an extension of his lectures in the United States for IBM's "Top Gun Academy" at Xerox Document University in Leesburg, Va. Earlier this year, Jim was responsible for the Storage Systems content within IBM's "eServer University" events held



Jim Cosentino '72

throughout the United States and Canada, England, France, Spain, Germany, Hong Kong and Japan. Back at home, Jim works at the IBM eServer Customer Executive Briefing Center in Poughkeepsie and the IBM Palisades Executive Conference Center. He and Mary, his wife of 27 years, live in Saugerties, N.Y. They have two children, Joseph, age 19, and Tara Marie, age 17. ■ **Paul J. Curtin, Jr., Esq.** represented Marist at the inauguration of Charles J. Beirne, S.J. as the 11th president of LeMoyne College on Nov. 18, 2000. Paul is a partner in the law firm of Shulman, Curtin, Grundner & Regan, P.C. in Syracuse, N.Y. ■ **Neal Fenton** is a fiscal analyst for the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development. ■ **Robert Keating** co-owns Arlington Wine and Liquors in Poughkeepsie. The business was one of only 12 retailers to win the prestigious Market Watch Leaders Award, which honors top retailers around the country. ■ **Bryce Kiernan** retired from a quarter-century of service as a boarding school master, including 20 years as mathematics chairman at the New York Military Academy. While continuing to teach part-time at Marist, Bryce divides his residence between Briarcliff Manor and Fishkill in New York and Prince Edward Island, Canada. ■ **Michael Smith** joined The Pucci Investment Group at Advest in Goshen, N.Y., as a financial advisor. ■ **Cmdr. Martin E. Torrey (USN Ret.)** is chief of staff for Congressman John Sweeney of New York's 22nd District in Washington, D.C.

1973

Dr. Dana Delaware was named associate division head of the Science Division at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo. He joined Truman State in 1980 after a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois. ■ **Richard Freccia** is a member of the executive boards of the New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling and the Monmouth County (N.J.) School Counselors Association. A counselor at Allentown (N.J.) High School, Rich is also a statistician for ESPN regional television on Big East Conference football and basketball broadcasts. ■ **Dr. Raymond J. Fontain** has been appointed director of the new Humanities and World Cultures Institute at the University



Dr. Dana Delaware '73

of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. ■ **Bro. Henry "Hank" Hammer** is director of adult and youth evangelization for Marist Brothers' schools and ministries in the United States and Japan. ■ **Stuart Neil's** daughter, Jaime, graduated from high school with honors in June 2002 and plans to attend Colorado State University in fall 2002.

1974

Richard Green is the chief executive of Fellowship & Peace Academy-Crown Heights Youth Collective, Inc. He attended the James A. Canavino Library dedication in May 2000. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Kenneth G. Hayes, Jr.** is president and CEO of Radiant Medical, which is running clinical trials to study new endovascular cooling therapy to treat heart attack and stroke. ■ **Stephen J. Hewitt** is director of government affairs for the New York State Department of Transportation in Albany, N.Y. He is a proud grandfather to three grandchildren. ■ **Joseph D. McCann, Esq.** is a partner in the law firm of Murray and McCann in Rockville Centre, N.Y., specializing in litigation. He lives in Glen Cove, N.Y., with his wife, Julie, and their daughter, Margeaux. They divide their spare time between visits to the playground and sailing on Long Island Sound.

1975

Mike Asip successfully led Toano Middle School through a rigorous accreditation process by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, with the school's preparation and efforts for students recognized as "a national model." Mike has been principal of Toano Middle School in Williamsburg, Va., since 1997. ■ **Charlotte Ballinger** celebrated her 80th birthday in June 2001. She has six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. ■ **Maureen O'Toole Reimers's** daughter, Meghan, is a freshman

Judge Ricardo Cuevas '74 Returns to Campus

Ricardo Cuevas '74, an administrative judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), spoke in the Student Center Cabaret at Marist this year.

Approximately 120 faculty, students, staff and community guests attended his lecture, "Illegal Discrimination: Are We Too Busy To Notice?"

As an administrative judge for the EEOC, Ricardo presides over formal evidentiary hearings and decides cases involving allegations of illegal discrimination in the workplace. His jurisdiction includes all U.S. federal agencies, the U.S. Postal Service and the civilian workforce in all branches of the U.S. armed services. Previously, as a senior trial attorney, he prosecuted government lawsuits against private companies in federal court.

Ricardo is also the president of a federal labor union (Local #3555, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO). The union represents, negotiates and arbitrates on behalf of EEOC employees located in New



Ricardo Cuevas '74

York, Boston, Newark and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ricardo, a former student in the Marist Upward Bound program, received a J.D. degree in 1977 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. ■ **Gary Slavin** was elected president of the Massapequa (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce. He is sales manager for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Lynbrook, N.Y. ■ **Jeffrey Speanburg** has lived in Charlotte, N.C., since graduation and opened his own business, Corners, in 1985. He writes that he runs into Marist graduates wherever he goes.

1976

Ernest A. Arico, Jr. was named Adjunct of the Year for the 2001-2002 school year at Brevard Community College's Melbourne campus. Ernie has been a dedicated adjunct on the Melbourne (Fla.) campus for a number of years. He teaches radio/television broadcast and production courses and is much beloved by his students. He also oversees the internships for students who want to work at *Florida Today*, where he is the night copy editor. Ernie is also the new Central Florida chapter president of the Marist College Alumni Association. ■ **Joseph A. Carey** supervised the New York State Call Center, where donations for the World Trade Center disaster were accepted. ■ **Nigel Davis** retired from IBM after 30 years. He is now working for Manufacturers Services Limited as senior director of supply chain operatives. The company is in Charlotte, N.C. ■ **Bradford Griffin** has retired to sunny Arizona and is

pursuing a lifelong dream of being a jazz guitarist. He currently plays with a big band. ■ **Keith McArthur** received a master's in manufacturing engineering from Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, N.Y., in June 2001. Keith is a materials logistics senior professional with IBM in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. ■ **Robert Orlando** retired from the New York City Police Department on Nov. 27, 2001. He is a senior accountant for the Catholic Guardian Society in New York, N.Y. ■ **Ernest Puglisi** and his family relocated to North Carolina in June 2001. ■ **Robert Wishart** and his wife, Jeniene, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in Aruba. Bob writes that their sons, Scott and Brett, are doing well.



1977

Cynthia Cusumano is manager of compensation and benefits for Precision Valve Corp. in Yonkers, N.Y. She is pursuing an online M.B.A. at Marist. Cindy praises the program for the flexibility it provides for people like her who have a busy career in addition to personal and family commitments. ■ **Noreen Fennell** is president of E Pluribus Maximus, a publishing and consulting firm specializing in organizational development. She is on the executive board of Orange County Citizens Foundation and serves on the board of directors of

Leadership Orange and as a trustee of the Tuxedo Park School. Her husband, **Vincent Capozzi '78**, is a marketing and sales manager of Schott Corp. and is on the board of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Society for Information Displays. They are the parents of two children, Christopher and Katharine. ■ **John E. Gavigan, Jr.** is a vice president at Odyssey Reinsurance in New York, N.Y. ■ **Thomas J. Murray** was appointed Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Company's new managing partner following 25 years with the firm. He lectures on various accounting and tax issues, writes articles for financial and local publications and serves as an on-air expert on radio and television. He was also the past president of the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. ■ **Maywood J. Myers** is an IBM account executive for International Sematech in Austin, Texas. ■ **Nancy Stormer** is a health law attorney in private practice in Utica, N.Y. Nancy and her husband, Michael Bagge, have two children, Sean and Kiernan.

1978

Debra Bowers Citrone opened her own business, DC Consulting, an educational consultant group emphasizing financial literacy. ■ **Margaret Hrushesky** lives in eastern North Carolina with her three-year-old son, Michael Martin. She enjoys her position as



MARRIAGES

to Robert Mullen, Oct. 27, 2001

Sandra Dougall '97

to Christian Stromberg, July 13, 2002

Kristen Marie Eberth '97

to Brian Craig Noble, June 8, 2002

Kerry Ferris '97

to John Vasaturo, Sept. 1, 2001

Tracey Kupp '97

to Eric Chasse, July 15, 2000

Brian Piazza '97

to Heidi Besko, Sept. 8, 2001

Kristin Richard '97

to Fred Aguilera, June 10, 2001

Aimee E. Roux '97

to Matthew T. Smith, April 28, 2001

Barbara Smith '97

to Daniel Tarpey '97, June 16, 2001

Elizabeth Ann Spagnuolo '97

to Eric Saam '97, Oct. 6, 2001

Carolyn Sutton '97

to James Iorio '96, July 21, 2001

Denise Tomassetti '97

to John Thomas Lasker '97,
Aug. 12, 2000

Heather Wallace '97

to Stephen Coletta, June 16, 2001

Jennifer Wuerz '97 to

Brendan McGahan '01, Nov. 23, 2001

Jolene Barnao '98 to

Christopher Plant '98, July 14, 2001

Jennifer Basile '98

to Jason Geise '97, Sept. 8, 2001

Erin Cafarelli '98

to John Hill, May 4, 2001

Traci Davis '98

to John Lanner, June 9, 2001

Ben Fishelman '98 to

Romy Mitchell Vreeland, Oct. 27, 2001

Matthew P. Halicy '98

to Melissa Evans, May 20, 2000

Diane Kolod '98

to Walter Schmidt, Oct. 9, 1999

Alumni **news**



MARRIAGES

Janine Kren '98
to **Kevin Wentworth '98**, May 25,
2002

Nicole M. Lauck '98 to **Christopher
J. Edelstein '98**, March 24, 2001

Paul McHugh '98
to **Peggy Ferguson**, Aug. 11, 2001

Carolyn Mercury '98 to
Michael Lockward '97, June 30, 2001

Jennifer Minnella '98
to **Michael Ryan**, June 2, 2001

Mandi Morabito '98
and **Brett McLaughlin**, Dec. 27, 2001

Suzanne O'Brien '98
to **Nicholas Stephens**, May 5, 2001

AliciaAnn Ross '98
to **Richard Grasfeder**, June 8, 2002

Dana Pelliccia '98 to
Brian Paul Olore '98, April 28, 2001

Carrie Amrich '99
to **Seth Bowen '99**, Nov. 10, 2001

Sumit Deshpande '99
to **Asangla Moa**, April 7, 2001

Kristen Elfner '99
to **Marc Savare '99**, July 7, 2001

Sarah Anne Gregor '99
to **Peter Daniel McEvily '99**,
Aug. 31, 2001

Summer Haverly '99
to **Jason Lopes '96**, Aug. 11, 2001

Dominique Pino '99
to **Ismael Santiago, Jr.**, Dec. 10, 2000

Janel Scarponi '99
to **Joseph Pauser**, Dec. 1, 2001

Megan Bihn '00
to **Justin Hawkins '00**, June 3, 2000

Suzanne Both '00
to **Michael Carmalitano**, July 7, 2001

Leigh-Kate Brooks '00
to **James P. Crutchfield '00**,
Oct. 7, 2001

Megan Hyland '00
to **Ryan Chianelli '98**,
May 18, 2001

a school counselor for the Edgecombe County School District in Greenville, N.C. ■ **Virginia Heaton Keller's** daughter, Kristin, is a sophomore at Marist, where she received a scholarship to play basketball. Kristin is also the daughter of the late **Robert Keller '80**. ■ **Sam Letterii** was appointed principal of W.W. Smith School in the City of Poughkeepsie. ■ **Ellen Burnett Woods** received an M.S.T. from SUNY New Paltz in May 2000.

1979

Russell Beckley has retired as chief of police from the Mt. Pleasant, N.Y., Police Department. He is now director of security for Greenrock Correction, a correctional facility in Pocantico Hills, N.Y. ■ **Christopher C. Faille** is employed by an online financial news service. Fellow classmates interested in reading his work can log on to www.hedgeworld.com/news. ■ **Joanne Scherer Holsopple** teaches math at Boynton Beach High School in Florida. ■ **Catherine Schlesinger Kennedy, M.S.W.**, and her husband, Michael, continue to live in the beautiful wine country of northern California with their five children. Cathy recently began teaching a preschool class two mornings a week but she is mostly

at home raising the children, ages 4 to 9. ■ **Howard J. Leitch** accepted a position as a procurement analyst responsible for the purchase of services for Public Service Electric & Gas Company in New Jersey. ■ **Suzanne Marcoux-Conway** graduated from California State University/San Bernardino with a master's in education with an emphasis on reading and language arts. She also earned a reading specialist credential. Suzanne lives in Morongo Valley, Calif., with her husband, **Tom '79**, and their three sons, Hunter, Dan and Ryan. ■ **Megan O'Brien** is director of marketing at Callison Architecture in Seattle, Wash. ■ **Jim Palatucci's** son, Dan, is a student at Marist. Dan made the Dean's List during the spring 2001 semester.

1980

Wilma Burke is in her 18th year of business as a personal property appraiser, specializing in antiques and fine art. For the past year Billie has written an antiques educational column for *Powhatan Today*, a weekly paper in Powhatan, Va. ■ **Roberta Dunsbaugh DeMaio's** oldest daughter, Kara, is a sophomore at Marist majoring in communications. Roberta and her husband, Neil, live in Highland,

N.Y., with Kara and her two sisters. Kara was the 2001 recipient of the Marist Alumni Association's Alumni Legacy Scholarship. ■ **Paul Meseck** has been a member of the Professional Golfers Association of America for 18 years and the head golf professional at White Beeches Golf Club in Haworth, N.J., for 10 years. ■ **Michele Halvorsen Powell** teaches kindergarten in the Cornwall Central School District in Cornwall, N.Y. ■ **David W. Powers** coached the Tuxedo girls varsity basketball team to a 22-5 record and a Final Four appearance in the New York State Scholastic Public High School Athletic Association Class C championships. Dave teaches in the Nanuet (N.Y.) School District.

1981

Rick Anguilla was appointed vice president, brand communications, for Nike, Inc. in Beaverton, Ore. Rick lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, **Lisa Palermo Anguilla '78**, and their two daughters. ■ **Donald Ahrens** is a TRPB agent/director of security with the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, assigned to Sam Houston Race Park in Houston, Texas. ■ **Michael A. Barton** joined Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union as vice president of lending. Mike is a member of the

Graduation from Marist: a Family Tradition for Some



John McCutcheon '02 (left) followed in the footsteps of his father, **Jack McCutcheon '80**.

When Jack McCutcheon came to Marist on May 18 to see his son graduate, he came full circle.

A member of Marist's Class of 1980, he had not been able to participate in his class's commencement exercises because of family commitments. Twenty-two years later, Jack donned a cap and gown and planned to walk across the stage with his son, John, as John received his diploma. The shortened commencement ceremony kept father and son

from crossing the stage together. But Jack sat in the bleachers with his son, among the graduates, and they posed for pictures afterwards.

Altogether a dozen graduates joined their parents in the ranks of Marist alumni at the college's 56th commencement. Following in a parent's footsteps were:

- Jason Ramsey, son of Harold Ramsey '88
- Sean Condon, son of Bob Condon '68
- Matthew Boyd, son of William Boyd '78
- Cynthia Rowley, daughter of Bill Rowley '69
- Lisa Roberts, daughter of David Roberts '80
- Christina Pagano, daughter of Joe Pagano '97
- Thomas Murray, son of Tom Murray '77
- Shannon McDonnell, daughter of Jack McDonnell '71
- John McCutcheon, son of Jack McCutcheon '80
- Michael Lavelle, son of Pat '73 & Patty '74 Lavelle
- Heidi Kettler, daughter of Suzann Kettler '99
- Catherine Ianelli, daughter of Bob Ianelli '73



Fergal Foley '82/'94 M.P.A.

Standing Guard at Ground Zero

On the morning of Sept. 11, Col. Fergal Foley '82/'94 M.P.A., a full-time member of the National Guard and a Dutchess County resident, was at the Armory on Park Avenue, a few minutes' drive from the World Trade Center in New York City.

His phone rang and a Guardsman said, "Sir, look at TV." The first hijacked plane had hit. Fergal assumed it was a small private plane. He was on the phone to state Guard headquarters in Albany when the second plane hit. He thought it was a replay.

The top-ranking military officer in the vicinity, Fergal assumed command in response to the attack on the World Trade Center. The first step was to estab-

lish an emergency operations center. An area hospital cleared rooms at the Armory to treat the expected casualties. None came.

From Sept. 11 through the 23rd, Fergal was in charge of the National Guard troops manning the perimeter, established that first morning, encompassing the area that became known as Ground Zero. "We used our own cars to get down to the site that first morning," he says. "One of the buildings was down at that point and our guys stayed and helped. Calls started coming in from troops around the area. The bridges were being shut down but they let the uniformed guys through."

Fergal had come to the United States from his native Ireland with his parents in 1969 and settled in Westchester County. He went on to attend Marist, where he earned a B.A. in business administration in 1982 and an M.P.A. in 1994. He has been full-time with the Guard since 1990.

"I thought the Guard was the perfect thing," he says. "I had always thought that no matter what I did in life I wanted to be of service to the community."

He was never more so than on 9/11. "After the attack, I told my father it had hit home," says Fergal. "We left Ireland because they were concerned about me growing up in the violence. After what happened in the attacks I told my father, 'I've got nowhere else to go.'"

Mid-Hudson Valley Mortgage Bankers Association and lives in Hyde Park, N.Y., with his wife, Renee. ■ An article in the Oct. 15, 2001, issue of *People* magazine focused on the international charity Mothers of Supertwins (MOST), Inc., founded by **Maureen Doolan Boyle**. MOST is a nonprofit supporting and educating families with triplets or larger numbers of babies born at the same time. ■ **Charles Carnes** was elected supervisor of the Town of Crawford in Orange County, N.Y. ■ **Bill DeWinne** was promoted to market manager for Texas for Volvo North America after 10 years in Volvo's New Jersey headquarters and seven years in Atlanta and Nashville, Tenn. He will relocate to Austin, Texas, with his wife, Rita, and their daughters, Heather and Kimberly, who are both honor roll students. ■ **Luis Franco** participated on a panel of HEOP alumni this past spring. He is a counselor at the Fishkill Correctional Facility. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Lauren Hartigan** received a master's in curriculum development and instructional technology from SUNY Albany in June 2001. Lauren is a truancy prevention counselor at the Berkshire Farm Center for Youth. ■ **Mary Kay Kennedy Knight** and her husband,



Caroline A. Cerilli Goodrich '82

Byron, are adopting their first child. They expect to receive their daughter, Kate, from China in summer 2002. ■ **John P. "Jack" Mahoney** (M.B.A.) is North American sales manager for Basler Electric's system integration division in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Kimberly Engelhardt Mallen** is a territory business manager for Bristol-Myers Squibb in New York, N.Y. ■ **Richard Michos** was named vice president for Linux servers at IBM in Poughkeepsie.



Stephanie Lambert Bartner is participating in the Avon 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk from Bear Mountain to New York City Oct. 11-13, 2002. Avon sponsors this event to raise money for breast cancer research. Walkers will trek 20 miles each day. Stephanie's goal is to raise \$2,500 and she asks that anyone who wishes to sponsor her contact her at stephanieb_nj@yahoo.com. ■ **Michael Doherty** was promoted to associate director of fixed income sales at Bear Stearns in New York, N.Y. ■ **Caroline A. Cerilli Goodrich** has been selected a member of the Leadership America Class of 2001. Leadership America is a national women's leadership organization that recognizes, educates and connects accomplished and diverse women to increase their individual and collective impact globally. Each year it selects 100 women to participate in a year-long series of three intensive professional development sessions. Caroline is regional vice president of the Community Affairs division of BayCare Health System in Dunedin, Fla. She lives in Safety Harbor, Fla., with her husband, Jerry. ■ **Christopher Harrison**



MARRIAGES

Melissa Roudis '00

to Kyle Potter, July 2001

Amy Spero '00

to **David Petersen '00**,
Sept. 29, 2001

Jennifer Breslin '01

to Scott Morris, Aug. 25, 2001

Heather Clarke '01

to **Jeffrey Novakowski '99**,
June 16, 2001

Lauren Dabak '01

to Michael Troche, April 7, 2001

Lisa Masullo '01

to Brian Neer, June 30, 2001

Marybeth Post '01

to 1st Lt. Cesar Rivera, II, (USA)
June 23, 2001

Valerie Williams Sheafe '01

to John DuBerry, May 25, 2001

Jaime Lynne Smith '01

to **Scott Randall Thompson '01**,
Aug. 11, 2001

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NEW ARRIVALS

Althea and **Dennis Feeney '65**,
a granddaughter, Zoey Jeanne Kollhoff,
March 24, 2002

Kate and **John Goegel '68**,
a grandson, Nicholas Alexander Goegel,
Sept. 2, 2001

Jeanne and **Richard Cole '69**,
a grandson, Cole Mark Munger,
June 6, 2001

Judith and **David Lyons '73**,
a granddaughter, Kendra Lyric Lyons,
Feb. 20, 2002

Julie and **Joseph D. McCann '74**,
a daughter, Margeaux Bernadette-Hope,
March 24, 1998

Carol and **John P. Hunt '75**,
a son, Devin Patrick,
Jan. 1, 2001

Kathleen Sisti '80 and David Fisher,
a son, Ryan David,
May 2, 2001

Colleen Hill '81,
a son, Brendan Patrick,
April 10, 2001

Barbara and **Gerhard Wiesinger '81**,
a son, Ian,
Nov. 5, 2000

Linda Jeane Arcoleo '82
and Thomas Simeti, a son,
Dante Thomas, June 2, 2001

Carol and **Michael Chung '82**,
a son, Jackson Paul,
May 6, 2001

Mary Consentino '82 and Don Peters,
a son, Jack Ryan,
Sept. 28, 2001

Judith Clarke and **William Nixon '82**,
a son, Spencer,
Dec. 23, 2000

Arlene Hutnan '83 and
Heinz Warmhold '84,
a daughter, Faith Rebecca,
May 14, 2000

Diane Jackson '83 and Joseph Folsom,
a son, Kyle Jared,
Sept. 12, 2001

Nichola and **Patrick J. O'Donnell '83**,
a son, Ronan Patrick,
April 21, 2001

is the executive vice president for sales and marketing of Oakleaf Waste Management in East Hartford, Conn. ■ **Michael McCarthy** was featured in the December 2001/January 2002 issue of *Irish America* magazine. Mike is executive vice president for MSG Networks and was one of the chief architects of MSG Network. He has been instrumental in helping to establish MSG Network and Fox Sports Net (FSN) as the premier carriers of regional sports programming. As a board member of MSG's Cheering for Children Foundation, Mike was responsible for organizing four successful Charity Weeks that raised more than \$200,000. Mike lives in Fairfield, Conn., with his wife, **Allison McCarthy '83**, and their two children, Jeremy and Margaret. ■ **Henri Rivers** is president of Drum River Industries, Inc., a construction consulting business. Henri lives in Wyandanch, N.Y. ■ **Patrick J. Rush** incorporated his own company, Rush Hour Graphics, in New York City. The company specializes in offset and large format printing, bus shelters, bussides and billboards. ■ **Kevin L. Sullivan** is senior account manager for the Oracle Corp. He lives in Morristown, N.J., with his wife, Betsy, and their three children.

1983

Barbara Demeter Alessandrello and her husband, Tano, have just celebrated 15 years of doing business at Tano's, their Italian restaurant in Bloomingburg, N.Y. They have a new home, also in Bloomingburg, where they live with their two daughters. ■ **Frank L. Burhance** is director of eBusiness Technology Solutions for the



Jason S. Murray '83



Corinne Strange Schell '83

Hartford Financial Services Group in Hartford, Conn. Frank lives in New Hartford, Conn., with his wife, **Linda Zemba '83**, and their son, Noah. ■ **Robert E. Butterfield** has been promoted to local sales manager for WCHS-TV in Charleston, W.Va. ■ **Monica Murphy Cope** is a marketing analyst with the Xerox Corp. ■ **Jeanne Legloahac Corcoran** was promoted to vice president for audits at ABNAMRO North America in March 2001. ■ **Patricia A. DeFrisco** has joined the Milwaukee (Wis.) Public Museum as executive assistant to museum president Roger W. Bowen. ■ **Marsha A. Hunt** is an attorney in private practice, specializing in criminal law and family/matrimonial law. She is also an adjunct professor in the psychology department at Syracuse University and in the paralegal program at Syracuse's University College. ■ **Jason S. Murray** is an assistant vice president in the CitiBusiness division of Citibank, N.A. He holds the Series 6 and 63 NASD registrations as well as his life and health insurance licenses. ■ **Patrick O'Donnell** is vice president of public Internet sales for IBM.com and has worldwide responsibility for IBM's public site Web programs for small and medium business. ■ **David Riley** is president of Riley and Company in Middletown, Conn. Established in 1986, the company is a full-service advertising agency. ■ In January 2000, **Thomas R. Schaffer** resigned his position as director of marketing at IBM after 22 years of service. He formed the Schaffer Group, Inc. and purchased a two-store general equipment and party rental business in Raleigh, N.C., called Holland Rent-All. Tom's daughter, Robyn, was named junior grand champion at a 4-H county/district youth horse show. His wife, Cath-

erine, has completed certification for preschool teaching in North Carolina. ■ **Corinne Strange Schell** was honored by the YWCA of Dutchess County in their "2002 YWCA Salute to Women." Corinne has worked for Marist College since 1985 and is currently the director of transfer admissions. She directs the recruitment and selection of students wishing to transfer to Marist. Corinne oversees the spring enrollment effort and monitors the budget for the entire enrollment area. Her volunteer involvement includes St. Martin de Porres CYO basketball, the Poughkeepsie Brewers Independent Baseball League, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, the Town of Poughkeepsie Little League Booster Club and the American Heart Association Walk. Corinne resides in Poughkeepsie with her husband, **Tim '95**, and their children, TJ and Caitlin. ■ **Steve Smith** was promoted to district market manager for the Midwest division of Brown-Forman Beverages Worldwide in Louisville, Ky. Steve has the distinction of being one of only three basketball players in Marist history to have his number retired. **Rik Smits '88** and **Drafton Davis '88** are the other two.

1984

Joan Sheppard Andrek joined the staff of Valencia Community College in Orlando, Fla., as director of marketing and media relations. ■ **Nigel Augustine** is the founder/director of a small youth sport program in the Atlanta Metro area called Metro Youth Recreation League, Inc. ■ **James R. Barnes** is president and CEO of Oakleaf Waste Management in East Hartford, Conn. The company is No. 25 on the Inc. 500 list. ■ **Ronald Paul Beckerle** lives in Pearl River, N.Y., with his wife, Janet, and their five children. ■ **Christopher M. Capone** was promoted to the position of treasurer at Central Hudson Energy Group, Inc. Chris will also serve as treasurer of the company's two primary subsidiaries: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. and Central Hudson Energy Services, Inc. ■ **Robert E. Cardinal** has been promoted to supervising probation officer in the Brooklyn, N.Y., office of the U.S. Probation Department. ■ **Michael L. Cesta, M.D.** founded a multi-specialty medical group in Virginia. He practices internal med-

icine and psychology. ■ **Lori Dyer Cooper** and her husband, Bill, have relocated to Ringwood, N.J., from Las Flores, Calif., because of a job transfer. ■ **Timothy J. Keough** is vice president for training operations at AON Management Consulting, responsible for the delivery of leadership and training programs worldwide. ■ **Stanley F. Merritt** is a personnel administrator for the City of Poughkeepsie and has been elected to the Poughkeepsie City School District Board of Education. ■ **Grace Gallagher Triolo** has returned to the workforce after a hiatus of eight years to raise her three children, Marianna, Stephen and Kelly. Grace, and her husband, Alan, enjoy living by the water and are actively involved in the Town of Milford (Conn.) happenings.

1985

Dr. Robert W. DeSimone is director of chemistry at Cellular Genomics, an emerging biotechnology company in Branford, Conn. ■ **Steven Eastwood** has started a new Web design business called Sherwood Web Design. The company's Web site is www.sherwoodwebdesign.com. ■ **John Gurba** celebrated five years of ownership of Court Access Centers of America, an independent paralegal company that files corporations in 24 hours and prepares paperwork for people who don't want to hire an attorney for divorce and bankruptcy. John's business is located in Odessa, Fla. ■ **Joyce D. Holly** represented Marist at the inauguration of Dr. Ronald J. Volpe as the 10th president of Hood College in Frederick, Md., on Oct. 20, 2001. Joyce is manager of staff development at the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Md. ■ **John Loughlin** is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves and volunteered for duty to support Operation Noble Eagle. He has served in the Office of the Surgeon General since February 2002. As a civilian, John is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Troy, N.Y. ■ **Susan Studley Marcy** is director of alumni and parent relations at Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, N.Y. ■ **Eileen Hallenbeck McCue** visited Krakow and Warsaw, Poland, in September 2001 and is busy with her private practice. ■ **Maureen A. O'Rourke, Esq.** became Boston University School of Law's sixth winner in a dozen years of the Metcalf Award, the university's highest teaching

honor. In addition to supervising the student-run *Journal of Science and Technology Law* and teaching seminars exploring intellectual property, commercial law and antitrust issues surrounding new technology, Professor O'Rourke has written extensively. Her latest work, "Toward a Doctrine of Fair Use in Patent Law," appeared in the *Columbia Law Review* (2000). Other articles have appeared in publications such as the *Duke Law Journal*, *Iowa Law Review*, *Minnesota Law Review* and the technology journals of Harvard, the University of California at Berkeley and Boston University. She is currently working on a paper examining price competition on the Internet that will appear in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and a paper considering the intersection of intellectual property and law antitrust. This latter effort will form the basis of an upcoming keynote speech at the New Zealand Competition Law and Policy Institute's Eleventh Annual Workshop. ■ **Margaret Soltis** is teaching a college English bridge course sponsored by Marist at Our Lady of Lourdes High School. She feels she has come full circle.

1986

In July 2001, **Thomas M. Begg** swam four miles across Long Island Sound to benefit cancer research. In 2000, this effort netted over \$540,000. Tom is a senior account manager for BMC Software. He lives in Paramus, N.J., with his wife, Jen, and their two children, Caitlin and T.J. ■ **Marie Bernhard** received an award for her volunteerism with the Junior League of Monmouth County, working with disadvantaged children. ■ **Kenneth R. Briggs III** redesigned, coded and implemented a new "Bidding and Scheduling" marketplace on the New York Independent System Operator Website in fall 2001, using Java technology as a member of the Internet applications development team. NYISO is a not-for-profit corporation established in 1999 to facilitate the restructuring of New York State's electric industry. ■ **Christopher S. Desautelle** is the CFO at Metastorm, Inc., a software company in Severna Park, Md. Chris's wife, **Margaret "Peggy" May '86**, received an M.P.S. from Manhattanville College in May 2001. They live in Marriottsville, Md., with their four children. ■ **John**

Digilio was promoted to manager of the S/390 and Digital Library Group in the office of information technology at Marist College. John is responsible for planning, implementing and maintaining the S/390 system as well as Marist's digital library. ■ **David Eidle** has moved to Middleton, Mass., and will soon mark his 15th anniversary at Fleet Boston Financial. He and his wife, Ivy, are the parents of three children, David, Darcy and Dayna. In his spare time, David enjoys coaching his son's hockey team. ■ **Vincent Furlani** has been promoted to district manager with the Gartner Group in Naples, Fla. ■ **Kim Ahders Goodson** is a member of the 109th Air National Guard, which was activated for a tour of duty in New York City after the Sept. 11th attack. Kim is also a correctional officer at the Mohawk Correctional Facility in Rome, N.Y. ■ **Scott Gregory** was selected as the chairman of the Greater Fort Myers (Fla.) Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. The association has a membership of 650 advocates for the business interests of its members throughout Lee County. Scott is a member of the independent insurance company Oswald Trippe & Co., Inc. in Fort Myers. ■ **John Henry Griffiths** is a technology learning facilitator, responsible for overseeing how technology is integrated into the K-12 curriculum in Pelham, N.Y., public schools. He is a single dad whose daughter, Henrietta, will enter kindergarten in fall 2002. ■ **Theresa Rose Kelly** represented Marist at the inauguration of Rosemary E. Jeffries, R.S.M., Ph.D. as the eighth president of Georgian Court College on Sept. 30, 2001. Terry serves as secretary of the Marist College Alumni Executive Board and chaired the 15th reunion of the Class of 1986 during Homecoming Weekend 2001. ■ **Elizabeth Lawlor Kirkpatrick** was promoted to manager of operations for Consumer Reports Online. You can visit the Consumer Reports Web site at www.consumerreports.org. ■ **Marlene McGowan** is director of technical services for Canon USA, Inc. in Lake Success, N.Y., where she has worked for the past two years. ■ **Diane O'Rourke** is the supervisor for international operations at FNY Securities, L.L.C. in New York, N.Y. ■ **Alvin Patrick** recently won a 2001 National Media Award from



NEW ARRIVALS

- Kendra and **David Riley '83**, a son, Cameron, Aug. 1, 2001
- Loren and **David Skrodanes '83**, adopted a daughter, Hanna Elise, born on March 18, 2001, adopted on Aug. 15, 2001
- Lorie and **Christopher Vaught '83**, a daughter, Samantha Rose, Dec. 4, 2000
- Maria and **John F. Cardis III '84**, a daughter, Melissa Nicole, June 14, 2001
- Sharon and **John M. Donovan '84**, a daughter, Emily Jean, March 11, 2002
- Michelle and **Paul Palmer '84**, a daughter, Alissa Caroline, Aug. 22, 2001
- Sheila and **John R. Albinson, Jr. '85**, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, Feb. 3, 2001
- Theresa Bastian '85** and **Ken Powers '81**, a son, Jonathan William, March 21, 2001
- Monica Bechtold '85** and **Ronald Turcotte '83**, a son, Louis, March 8, 2001
- Lisa Cutrone '85** and Mark Torre, a daughter, Angelina Marie, July 11, 2001
- Mary and **Richard G. Doane '85**, twins, a daughter, Shayla Ann, and a son, Matthew Paul, March 31, 2002
- Meredith and **Robert R. LaForty '85**, a son, Ryan, June 24, 2001
- Lauren and **John McGeary '85**, twin daughters, Caroline Langan and Julia Langan, July 3, 2001
- Joyce and **Michael J. Barker '86**, a son, Evan Michael, May 5, 2001
- Marie Bernhard '86** and **Todd Weidman '86**, a son, Matthew Joseph, June 26, 2001

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NEW ARRIVALS

Sylvia and **Daniel Biglin '86**,
a son, Sean Daniel,
June 8, 2000

Gina Franciscovich '86
and Lee Seward,
a daughter, Isabelle, Nov. 3, 1999,
and a son, Benjamin, April 2, 2001

Kimberly and **Douglas Fuller '86**,
a daughter, Madison Leigh,
April 23, 2001

Terianne and **Joseph Giuliani '86**,
a son, Christopher Luke,
Jan. 14, 2001

Kim Grob '86 and
Douglas Dutton '86,
a son, Darren Edward,
Jan. 3, 2001

Maureen Halloran '86 and Charlie
Koran, a daughter, Finnuala Halloran,
May 11, 2001

Deborah A. Kusa '86
and Peter P. Kahn, twin sons,
Xavier Alexander and Jacob Dakota,
July 3, 2001

Denise Maraia '86
and **Kevin Connell '86**,
a daughter, Corinne,
Aug. 31, 2001

Peggy May '86
and **Christopher Desautelle '86**,
a son, Casey John,
Jan. 2, 2001

Allison Reck '86 and Douglas Anneser,
a son, Scott James,
May 25, 2001

Carolyn and **Paul Rezza '86**,
a son, Andrew David,
July 18, 1999

Janet Rodgers '86
and **John Weber '86**,
a son, Ryan Patrick,
July 13, 2001

Barbara Scaramellino '86
and Dominic Gaudio,
a son, Michael,
May 17, 2001

Lisa Schmitt '86 and Michael Gentile,
a son, Michael Anthony,
April 21, 2000

the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) for a segment he produced for HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" last year. The award was his fourth from the NABJ. ■ **Kenneth Roberts** is director of communications for the Connecticut Hospital Association. ■ **Diane Scavuzzo** is a sales executive for special projects with Mokrynski and Associates. ■ **Patrick Sheehan** has been working as a freelancer in broadcasting in Charlotte, N.C. Companies he has worked for include ESPN, Carolina Partners, Charlotte Hornets, Turner Broadcasting and Bank of America. ■ **Todd Weidman** was promoted from vice president to director of Deutsche Bank in New York, N.Y. ■ **Michael Masterson** has been promoted to director of sales and marketing for the Sheraton Maui in Maui, Hawaii. Mike oversees all sales and marketing initiatives for the resort.



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Paul R. Aiudi, Esq. was promoted to associate general counsel at Traveler's Property Casualty in Hartford, Conn. ■ **John "Skip" Benamati, Ph.D.** is assistant professor of MIS at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Skip lives in Hamilton, Ohio, with his wife, Mandy. ■ **Gina M. DiSanza-Carro** is campaign director at the Morristown Memorial Health Foundation. She is responsible for a \$45 million campaign to build a Cardiovascular Institute at Morristown Memorial Hospital. ■ **Doris David Conti** has returned to work full-time and was promoted to program manager for Z Series software delivery, quality and tools at IBM in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Beth Ann Sewing Dexter** sells real estate for Drake Realty in Dutchess County, N.Y. She has been very successful in her first year. ■ **Lisa Giardino-Hyams** is senior director for operations at Discovery Television Center, in charge of digital broadcast and post-production facilities for Discovery's domestic and international networks. Lisa lives in Weston, Fla., with her husband, Rich, and their daughter, Jacqueline. ■ **Maureen Hickey Horrego** walked 60 miles in the "Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk" from Oct. 26 to 28, 2001, to raise money for breast cancer research. She raised \$6,000

toward an overall total of \$6 million. ■ **Carol Lethin** was promoted to intensive case manager within a specialized mental health team at Catholic Charities. Carol continues to travel and have lots of fun. ■ **Oliver J. Maletz** has returned to the United States and was promoted to senior vice president/business and development director at Universal McCann in New York, N.Y. ■ **Geoffrey K. Milne, Esq.** has been appointed to serve on a commission involving *pro se* litigation in Connecticut that will issue a report to the chief justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He also became a member of the national registry of *Who's Who in American Business*. Geoff is a litigation attorney with the law firm of Hunt, Leibert, Chester & Jacobson in Hartford, Conn. ■ **Joseph C. Morency** was named senior vice president, director of marine and offshore energy underwriting for Liberty International Underwriters. ■ **Laureen DeJong Morrissey** has formed LDJ Events, an event planning company, specializing in corporate parties and nonprofit benefits in New York City and the Hamptons. Laurie and her husband, **J.R. Morrissey '88**, live in New York City and on Long Island with their two children, Jack and Joie. ■ **Tim Nelson** has been promoted to vice president for finance and controller of the department of motion and flow controls at ITT Corp. in White Plains, N.Y. ■ **Scott Neven** has sold his photography business after 14 years and has opened an antique store in Hudson, N.Y. ■ **Michael P. O'Looney** has joined the New York City Police Department as deputy commissioner of public information. Mike had been a general assignment reporter for CBS 2 since Sept. 1995. In addition to reporting, Mike appeared in the film "City Hall" with Al Pacino and the Emmy Award-winning HBO series "Vietnam War Stories," in which he played a medic. In addition, he played the piano in Carole King's music video "Now and Forever." ■ **John O'Mahoney** is a guidance counselor at Intermediate School 93 in Ridgewood, N.Y. John lives in Coram, N.Y., with his wife, Carla, and their three children. ■ **Susan Sullivan-Bisceglia** is a staff attorney with IBM in Poughkeepsie where she lives with her husband, Paul, and their daughter, Brianna Marie. ■ **Todd Wysocki** of Hoo-

sick Falls, N.Y., was appointed department chairman for liberal arts and sciences, individual studies and learning skills, at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. Todd has served as interim department chair for the departments since fall 2000. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University at Albany. Todd earned a master's in counseling psychology from St. Bonaventure University.

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CW3 Michael Carson is on deployment in Bosnia (SFOR-10) as an aviation unit maintenance platoon leader and maintenance test pilot. Mike is also supporting the mission as a mission pilot in command of the 498th medical detachment. ■ **Sheila Bradley Bruce '88** shared the sad news that her roommate **Angela Silveri Davis '88** passed away May 3 from cancer. To honor her good friend's memory, Sheila is helping organize a fund-raising event this summer, along with Angela's family and friends, to support the Angela Silveri Davis Scholarship at Marist College. Contributions are welcome and may be directed to: Office of College Advancement, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Angela's family, who include her husband, Chris Davis; 3-year-old son, Sander; parents Angelo and Connie Silveri; and two sisters. ■ **Joe Esposito** was voted the 2001 Lone Star Conference Coach-of-the-Year. Joe is the head basketball coach at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. His team won the Lone Star Championship with an 11-1 conference record, leading to ASU's first trip to the NCAAs in 10 years. Joe took over a program that had had 8 out of 10 losing seasons and three straight last-place finishes. ASU has won an average of more than 20 games the past two seasons. ■ **Oliver J. Maletz** was promoted to senior vice president for multinational accounts at McCann-Erickson/Universal McCann in New York, N.Y. ■ **Robert E. O'Connor, Jr.**'s stepdaughter, Adriana, graduated from Ithaca College in June 2001. "Happily, I continue to have a great sense of gratitude for my Marist education," he writes. ■ **Nancy Sproviero Salerno** was to complete her coursework at William Paterson University to become a certified

A Painter's Life

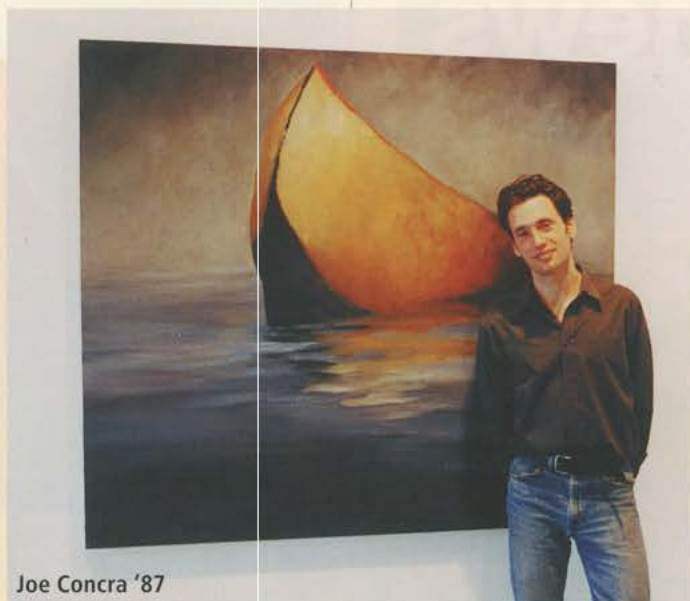
"The life itself is not an easy one, but it's a great one."

Joe Concra '87 is talking about his life as a painter. His interest in painting began in an elective course at Marist College taught by Evelyn Fisher. "She was fantastic," says Joe. "She opened my mind to the endless possibilities of painting and I will always feel fortunate that I met her." The class sparked an interest in Joe that has continued to this day.

Joe graduated from Marist with a B.A. in communication arts and continued his education at the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he received a master's in fine arts. After graduate school he returned to Marist to teach painting for five years, moving to Kingston, N.Y., where he works and lives in his studio and is engaged to be married.

"The hardest part of doing all this is making money," he says, "so I learned a trade." He makes ends meet through construction jobs.

Many of his paintings, some of which appear on the Web site www.joeconcra.com, are very large. They include desolate land- or seascapes that feature isolated objects: the prow of a sinking boat, a floating umbrella, a hot air balloon or a string of party lights.



Joe Concra '87

"They aren't the happiest paintings on the planet," Joe told a crowd of students and faculty last October during a solo show of his artwork in the Marist art gallery. But, he added, he wants each painting "to have some hope in it."

His work is in numerous private and public collections including the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz. His paintings also hang in the office of the president at Marist College and in the boardroom of Marist's James A. Cannavino Library. He has had solo exhibits at the Carrie Haddad Gallery in Hudson, N.Y., the Loft in Kingston, the Susan

Cooper Gallery in Woodstock, N.Y. and Underground Arts in Seattle, Wash. He has also exhibited in group shows at several New York City and Hudson Valley galleries.

Joe has a realistic awareness of the stimuli his art must compete with for a viewer's attention, but he remains optimistic. "I am glad when someone takes the time to look at a painting. It takes a great leap of faith these days for someone to slow down enough to even look. The amount of information that is out there is staggering. I just hope they look and take with them what they will."

—Justin Haight '01

school counselor in May 2002. This master's degree is in addition to her first master's in elementary education from Seton Hall University in 1991. ■ **Eileen Markey Smith** is the director of evening counseling at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Joseph Beckerle started a corporate video production business after leaving the sports broadcasting world to spend more time with his family. ■ **William J. Corbett, Jr.**, president of Corbett Associates, Inc., a Floral Park, N.Y., media relations, marketing and government affairs firm, was named one of "40 Rising Stars Under 40" by *Long Island Business News*. According to the paper, Bill is a leader in the public relations field. He also has been recognized by *Newsday* as one of the top five professionals in the public relations industry to watch. ■ **Kathleen Deriso-**

Mitchell has been promoted to assistant vice president at Meridian Group, L.L.C., sister company to Equinox Management Group, Inc. in Oradell, N.J. ■ **James Dick** is compensation manager for Sharp Electronics. Jim and his wife, Aimee, recently purchased a new home in Monroe, N.Y., where they live with their two children, Kyle and Jeanette. ■ **Melissa A. Egan** has been promoted to manager of Web development and services in the office of information technology at Marist College. Melissa's primary responsibility is management of Marist online Intra- and Internet and Web applications to support the campuswide community. She will continue to enhance the functionality of existing applications, introduce new applications and work with administrative computing to further integrate and expand online Web-based applications. ■ **Marc Eisenhauer** is Northeast regional sales manager

at Harley Davidson Financial Services. ■ **Karen Free** received a master's in speech pathology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 1999. She now works as a speech-language pathologist at Alamance Developmental Center in Burlington, N.C. ■ **Judith Frost** is a communications specialist for BOCES, representing five school districts in the Schenectady County area. Judy lives in Brunswick, N.Y., with her boxer, Cassius Clay. ■ **Maria Fanelli Giametta** is a Spanish teacher at Minisink Valley High School in Slate Hill, N.Y. ■ **Marc Hamlin** completed three months of training at the Southern Police Institute, a very prestigious and demanding police command college at the University of Louisville. He was scheduled to appear on the television show "Cops" in February and March of 2002 when it airs several episodes from Tampa, Fla. Marc is a sergeant with the Tampa Police



NEW ARRIVALS

Mary Schroeder '86
and Vincent Savino,
a son, Matthew Vincent,
April 17, 2001

Patricia and **Mark Sullivan '86**,
a daughter, Aislinn Lolanne,
Oct. 16, 2001

Tracey and **John L. Vispoli '86**,
a son, Ryan Clark,
July 30, 2000

Lisa Waugh '86 and Ray O'Donnell,
a daughter, Kerry Anne,
April 13, 2001

JoAnn Burton '87
and Paul Neugebauer,
a daughter, Nicole,
Jan. 10, 2000

Jean Clements '87 and Dave Kelly,
a daughter, Colleen Mary,
Dec. 20, 2001

Colleen Cunningham '87
and **Jim Doyle '87**,
a daughter, Jenna Grace,
Nov. 26, 2001

Elizabeth Geary '87
and Gerard Nolan,
Bridget Erin,
March 16, 2001

Maureen Hickey '87
and **Vladimir Horrego '87**,
a son, Leo Patrick,
Nov. 11, 1999

Maura and **Norman Juniewicz '87**,
a son, Riley Joseph,
March 1, 2001

Lisa and **Michael Lang '87**,
a son, Michael Gerard,
Jan. 15, 2001

Lisa Lavin '87 and **Brian Cronin '86**,
a daughter, Molly,
Aug. 4, 2001

Pamela Nau '87
and Matthew Erickson, twins,
a daughter, Abigail Paige,
and a son, Aidan Patrick,
May 30, 2001

Susan Ormsby '87
and James Svarczkopf,
a daughter, Kristy Anne,
April 10, 2001

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Andrea Orzechowski '87
and Tommy Harris,
a son, Isaiah Haidar,
Sept. 20, 2000

Elizabeth Reisert '87
and **Edward Burnich '87**,
a son, Jason Robert,
Feb. 8, 2002

Donna and **Gary L. Smith, Jr. '87**,
a daughter, Lucy Marie,
June 26, 2000

Heather and **Todd Wysocki '87**,
a daughter, Grace Mary,
March 3, 2001

Lauren Arthur '88 and
Lt. Thomas P. Marren (NYPD) '87,
a daughter, Kelsey Ellyn,
Oct. 27, 1999

Leslie and **Thomas Bartolo '88**,
a son, Malcolm Frederick,
Feb. 21, 2001

Ann Marie Breslin '88
and **Daniel Barron '88**,
a daughter, Amy Lorraine,
Jan. 15, 2000

Kristin and **Patrick J. Bruno '88**,
a daughter, Rachel Sarah,
Aug. 17, 2001

Cynthia Cole '88
and **Robert Munger '91**,
a son, Cole Mark,
June 6, 2001

Cathryn Cuccia '88 and Chris Northen,
a daughter, Shannon Eileen,
Nov. 8, 2001

Tara Doherty '88 and Thomas Ahern,
a son, Dylan,
Aug. 7, 2001

Tammy and **Joe Esposito '88**,
a son, Jacob O'Neal,
May 2, 2000

Michelle and **Eric W. Haas '88**,
a son, Matthew Lyle,
July 2, 2001

Tami and **Timothy Lee '88**,
a daughter, Kelcey,
April 6, 2001

Department. ■ LDOnline.org, a national Web site fostering improved educational services for students with learning disabilities, named **Carol-Ann Kinane** Mentor Teacher of the Month. Carol-Ann, a special education teacher in the Huntington Union Free School District, teaches sixth graders in an inclusion program at Huntington Intermediate School. ■ **Linda Beluk Kirby** is vice president for marketing and admissions at Trinity College in Washington, D.C. ■ **David Lozinski** is a network specialist with Webster Financial in Bristol, Conn. ■ **James McCloskey** is a teacher in New Jersey, where he lives. He is married and has a son. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Karen Gorman McGetrick** is a free-lance producer of corporate meetings. When not working on projects, she is a stay-at-home mom to sons Trevor and Gavin. ■ **Maureen Blake Mercer** received a master's in elementary education from Long Island University. Maureen lives in Nanuet, N.Y., with her husband, Jim, and their daughter, Tara. ■ **JoAnn Mongelluzzo LeBright** has been a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society for 10 years, working part-time since her children were born. ■ **Judy Polonkay Marano** is an adjunct professor at Westchester (N.Y.) Community College. She has designed and currently runs an online ESL course, one of the only courses of its kind available in the country. ■ **Rachel Mastrostefano Nichols** received a master's in teaching math from Providence College in May 2001. ■ **Sarah Post** has accepted a position with IBM Global Services Strategic Outsourcing as a regional offering manager for the Americas. ■ **Adam Shirvinski** has joined Export Management Services, Inc. as director of business development. ■ **Susan Trach Sonner** has returned to the world of public relations with a local Long Island firm, the Creative Edge, after taking a two-year hiatus to focus on her two children. ■ **Maj. Kristine Varnum-Nakutis** was promoted to assistant professor of English and is serving as the course executive officer for the Basic Composition Course during her final year at West Point. She and her family were to move overseas to Korea at the end of the academic year. ■ **John Walden** has been promoted to director of the East Hampton (N.Y.) Library.

1990

Kimberly Knox Beckius had her first book, *The Everything Guide to New England*, published in April 2000 by Adams Media Publishing. Autographed copies of the book are available on Kim's Web site, <http://everythingnewengland.com>. ■ **Laurie Aurelia Cerveney, Esq.** is a lawyer in Boston at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault. She graduated from Boston College Law School in 1996. ■ **Wendy Smith Deer** graduated cum laude from Pace University School of Law and summa cum laude from Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences in 1999 with J.D. and M.P.A. degrees. This return to school followed a six-year career in sales and marketing with the Estee Lauder Companies in Boston, Mass., and New York, N.Y. Following graduation, Wendy clerked for two years at the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany, N.Y. She is deputy director of the newly established New York State Judicial Institute, a think tank dedicated to research, court innovation and judicial education and training. ■ **Kathleen Eagen** was promoted to manager of the town of Farmington, Conn., in April 2001. ■ **Julie Haynes** was promoted to vice president, deposit operations for Oceanside Bank in Jacksonville, Fla. ■ **Karen Schaeffer Hincapie** received a master's in education from SUNY New Paltz in May 1999. She received a certificate of advanced study from SUNY New Paltz in December 2001 and has been accepted into the doctor of education program at Teacher's College, Columbia University, where she will pursue a degree in education administration. Karen is coordinator of the Student Services Center at Orange/Ulster BOCES. ■ **Margaret Kuck** has been promoted to manager of administrative computing in the office of information technology at Marist College. In this position, Peggy is responsible for campuswide administrative application systems, overseeing all aspects of administrative systems and supporting users. She also works to incorporate Web access and services as part of IA-Plus for the students, faculty and staff at Marist. ■ **Stephen Lebitch** is an occupational health practitioner at Arch Chemicals, Inc. in Norwalk, Conn. ■ **Stacey Waite MacPhetres** has been appointed national director of lender relations at

American Student Assistance in Boston, Mass., one of the nation's largest student loan guarantors. ■ **Judith Connolly Rebholtz** was promoted to operations manager at Filene's department store in Kingston, N.Y. ■ **Yolanda Robano-Gross** is the director of quality assurance for Beacon Therapy Services in Roslyn, N.Y. She and her husband, John, recently bought a house in Lynbrook, N.Y. ■ **Kathleen Vetter** received the Project Management Professional (PMP) certification through the Project Management Institute (PMI) in July 2001. In addition to her position as a project manager within SkyTel's Advanced Technology Center in Jackson, Miss., Kathleen teaches PMP prep classes with the Memphis Chapter of PMI at the University of Memphis. ■ **Michele Ward-Triolo** is a store development specialist in Syosset, N.Y., where she works for the director of store development at Starbucks Coffee Company.

1991

Denise Gormley Brennan teaches third grade at the Cross Street School in Mineola, N.Y. Denise received a master's in elementary education from C.W. Post College in January 2000. ■ **Lisa Cerniglia** was an honoree at the annual YWCA Salute to Women in Dutchess County for her significant contributions to business and community. Lisa operates an after-school/school break program for children with autism and other special needs. In June 2001 she opened a day care center in Sugar Loaf, N.Y., for children ages three to five. Lisa presented at the International Youth and Childcare Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on autism and the program she operates. She will also have an article published in the *Journal of Youth and Childcare*. ■ **Marcia Firmani Deinard** expected to graduate in May 2002 with a Ph.D. in microbiology from UCLA/Berkeley. After graduation, Marcia planned to move to New Orleans, La., where she will be an assistant professor at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. ■ **Eric Frenzke** has completed New Jersey Army National Guard Officer School and has been commissioned a 2nd lieutenant. He serves with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry in Woodbridge, N.J. The 113th is part of the 42nd Infantry Division



Jo-Anne Prokopowicz (far right), a press officer for Secretary of State Colin L. Powell, looks on at a press event following a meeting between Secretary Powell (center) and Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Nebojsa Covic (far left) in Washington on March 27.

Serving the Secretary of State

It's never easy to start a new job, particularly in a new presidential administration.

After completing various interviews, receiving security clearances and filling out federal paperwork, Jo-Anne Prokopowicz '91 began her appointment as a press officer for Secretary of State Colin L. Powell on Sept. 5.

Less than one week into her new assignment, Jo-Anne saw firsthand her government in action in a way that few people ever will. On the morning of Sept. 11, Jo-Anne was preparing for an early morning staff meeting when a new co-worker came dashing into her office to inform her that an airplane had hit one of the World Trade Center buildings.

"I thought that it was a fluke accident until we saw the second plane hit the other tower. My initial thought was of my Marist classmates and I began e-mailing them in New York," says Jo-Anne.

Shortly thereafter, the Pentagon was attacked and the State Department was summarily evacuated. Although the phone lines and cell towers were jammed, Jo-Anne was able to get through to her

mother in Florida on her cell phone while walking across the Key Bridge from Georgetown in Washington to Rosslyn, Va.

Her mother informed Jo-Anne that both of her brothers who work overseas were safe and that the towers had crumbled and fallen. "At that moment, I could not comprehend the magnitude of the crime and was in shock. The Pentagon was burning in the distance and seconds later I saw a pair of U.S. Air Force F-16's screaming overhead en route to the Pentagon. Our nation was under attack and I hustled across the remaining span of the bridge."

As Jo-Anne made her way home, she teamed up with another State Department employee who was also trying to get out of Washington and into the safety of the suburbs. "A 10-minute commute took two hours and my new friend, Kristen, stayed with me until later in the afternoon until her husband picked her up. We both kept each other focused and calm in the middle of the crisis," says Jo-Anne.

Once home, Jo-Anne could see the smoke rising from the Pentagon and the video footage of the towers disappearing in a cloud of gray and

black smoke. After trying to take her mind off the tragedy by unpacking her belongings in her new home, she returned to an alternate work site that night and began the first of many long workdays.

As a press officer and political appointee, Jo-Anne is assigned a dossier of countries including several in Eastern Europe. She also monitors diplomatic security and counterterrorism. On an average day, she works with various regional bureaus to create the briefing book for the State Department spokesman, Ambassador Richard Boucher.

Immediately following her graduation from Marist in 1991, Jo-Anne, who is president of the Marist Alumni Association's Washington/Baltimore chapter, spent one year in Germany with a graduate program sponsored by Boston University. Upon her return to the United States, Jo-Anne capitalized on her experience with the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, finding employment as a survey writer for KPMG before jumping into the political arena as a press secretary for Sen. Alfonse D'Amato at the Republican Senatorial Committee.

Her next career move took her to Capitol Hill as a lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers. On a whim, Jo-Anne returned the call of an executive headhunter and interviewed for the director of media relations position at PowerUP, a joint project of AOL Time Warner CEO Stephen Case and retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, committed to giving children a head start by helping to bridge the digital divide. She worked for the George W. Bush-Dick Cheney transition team and then was asked to serve in the State Department's press office.

Jo-Anne is proud of the government employees with whom she works. "On Sept. 12, all of my co-workers arrived at work, on time and without exception. They have great resolve and determination and I'm honored to be serving with them."

—Sean Morrison



NEW ARRIVALS

AnnMarie Martirano '88
and James Beagen,
a daughter, Kelly Anne,
Dec. 1, 2000

Jody Mogavero '88
and **David Joyce '86**,
a daughter, Erin,
Nov. 6, 2000

Nancy and **John Montanaro '88**,
a son, Michael Channing,
March 9, 2001

Victoria O'Neill '88 and Robert Hayes,
a daughter, Delaney Rose,
April 4, 2001

Carolyn and **Peter Oppenheim '88**,
a daughter, Casey Jane,
March 31, 2001

Lauren Pirilli '88 and Jack Burg,
a daughter, Taylor Rose,
Aug. 1, 1998,
and a son, John Ryan,
Oct. 17, 2000

Stephanie Sowinski '88
and Robert Bondar,
a son, Owen Arthur,
Dec. 14, 2001

Aline Sullivan '88 and Michael Magee,
a son, Kyle James,
May 3, 2000

Nicole and **Joseph Beckerle '89**,
a daughter, Sarah,
Sept. 18, 2001

Maureen Blake '89 and James Mercer,
a daughter, Tara Blake,
Jan. 30, 2001

Carol Ann Catucci '89
and **Michael Kinane '89**,
a son, Patrick Brian, Oct. 29, 2001

Elizabeth Davern '89
and Christopher Mercer, a daughter,
Jane Reddington,
Nov. 1, 2000

Kathleen Deriso '89
and Brian Mitchell,
a daughter, Lauren Victoria,
Aug. 30, 2001

Aimee and **James R. Dick '89**,
a daughter, Jeanette Catherine,
Oct. 20, 2000

comprised of soldiers from New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. ■ **Cheryl Giglia** is an international financial controller for SpeechWorks International, Inc. in Woking, Surrey, England. ■ **Marlon Hosang** is assistant prin-

cipal at P.S. 137 in New York, N.Y. ■ **Valentina Kemp-Miller** received a master's in social work from Fordham University in May 2000 and works as a substance abuse therapist for Pius XII in Newburgh, N.Y. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Desmond Keneally** was promoted to vice president in

charge of regulatory reporting at Arnhold and S. Blichroeder, Inc., a brokerage house in midtown Manhattan. ■ **Debra Kirby-All-eva** left investment banking to pursue a master's in special education from LIU full-time. ■ **Janet Miglino Kutch** was promoted to assistant controller at National

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Bethany and **James W. Gillen '89**,
a son, James Joseph,
Oct. 18, 2001

Carol Anne Gordon '89
and Jorge Arriaga,
a son, Justin Miguel,
June 12, 2000

Kimberly and **Thomas Haggerty '89**,
a daughter, Lauren Marie,
May 16, 2001

Melissa Hayes '89
and Michael Hawxhurst,
a daughter, Hannah Madeline,
Nov. 29, 2000

Deborah Taylor Kuffner '89
and **Daniel P. Kuffner '68**,
a grandson, Nicholas Andrew Chuckas,
April 12, 2001

Janet and **David Lozinski '89**,
a daughter, Sarah Jean,
Feb. 21, 2001

Judith Maitland '89 and John Reggio,
a son, Charles Joseph, Sept. 1, 2001

JoAnn Mongelluzzo '89
and Eddie LeBright,
a daughter, Kate,
Sept. 15, 2000

Patricia Nicolino '89 and Casey Ward,
a son, Charles,
March 21, 2000
and a daughter, Victoria,
Sept. 18, 2001

Gretchen and **John M. O'Kane '89**,
a daughter, Erin Elizabeth,
Feb. 12, 2002

Linda and **Michael Pelrine '89**,
a son, Matthew Ryan,
Oct. 9, 2001

Patricia and **Michael Pender '89**,
a daughter, Siobhan Marie,
May 2000

Patricia Rapuano '89
and Jeff Wosleger,
a son, Sean Jeffrey,
Nov. 24, 2000

Jane Regan '89 and Robert Emig,
a son, Robert Joseph,
June 12, 2000

Bank of Canada in April 2001. ■ **Kerin O'Connor Kockenmeister** graduated from Dowling College in August 2000 with a master's of science in education. ■ In May 2001, **Courtney Messina** completed requirements for certification in early childhood education (K-8)

from Montclair State University. ■ **Matthew V. Phung** is an assistant property controller for GVA Williams, a worldwide real estate service. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Scott Rumsey** has been promoted to defensive coordinator for the men's football team at

Marist College. Scott's wife, Casey Hollister, is an assistant women's basketball coach at Marist. ■ **Peter J. Whalen** has been promoted to intelligence specialist GG-11 for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff Intelligence U.S. Army/Europe in Heidelberg, Germany.

Capitol Campaigning

Imagine your work ending up in the Smithsonian.

It happened to Peter O'Keefe '91, a top fund-raising consultant in Washington.

Peter was the lead fund-raiser for what became the most successful benefit in the history of American politics. A tribute to President Bill Clinton benefiting the Democratic National Committee, held May 24, 2000 at the MCI Sports Center in Washington, raised \$26.5 million in one evening.

Subsequently Peter was at the Smithsonian exhibit "The American Presidency" when he noticed something familiar on display: the invitation to his May 24 event. (See the invitation and other items from the exhibit at http://americanhistory.si.edu/presidency/1_frame.html.)

The DNC is one of Peter's biggest clients. As senior advisor to DNC Chairman Terry McAuliffe, Peter now is heading up a \$30 million capital campaign to build the DNC's new Washington headquarters and overhaul the committee's information technology infrastructure.

The campaign, although a big challenge, has been overwhelmingly successful, Peter says. "It is not an easy project, but it's very gratifying to dig into something and bring it to a successful point.

"It's important work and I'm enjoying it very much. It's going quite well; we've had a great year. There's never a dull moment, that's for sure."

He spends a lot of time on the road meeting with prospective donors and estimates he was in 15 states over the past year. Travel also includes frequent trips to Little Rock, Arkansas, site of the future Clinton Presidential Center, which will include the Clinton Presidential Library and Archives, another of his clients. He is raising funds to build a presidential library that will be "part archive, part museum, part school and part public policy center," he says.

Peter's day begins with a cup of coffee and the Washington Post and ends with a benefit or reception. In his rare free time he runs, golfs and plays on the DNC softball team.

Peter majored in political science at Marist, where his father, Dr. Peter O'Keefe, was an associate professor of history until retiring in 2001 after 34 years of teaching at the college. Peter started his career in politics in New Hampshire in November 1991, knocking on doors and phoning voters to muster support for Bill Clinton. He continued to work for the Clinton campaign in Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky, at the Democratic National Convention in New York City and again in Kentucky for the general election. After Clinton's victory in 1992 Peter worked on the presidential inaugural and in 1993 raised money throughout the South for the DNC. From 1993 to



Peter O'Keefe '91 (left) and his father, Marist Associate Professor of History Peter O'Keefe.

1995 his efforts brought in \$13 million through special events. After working on the president's successful re-election campaign, he joined the White House Office of Public Liaison, where he served as the administration's conduit to the business community.

After two years in the White House, Peter left in 1998 to earn a master's in international political economy at the London School of Economics. He enjoyed living overseas, where he found it enlightening to spend every day "with people who didn't have the same views of America."

Upon his return in July 1999, he was recruited to work on the Clinton library effort. The end of 1999 proved memorable as he was a guest of the Clintons—along with celebrities including Bono, Elizabeth Taylor, Jack Nicholson and Robert DeNiro—at their New Year's Eve gala, complete with spectacular fireworks on the Mall. "I will never, ever forget it," he says.

"It's been a lot of fun. I feel very, very lucky to be here. I absolutely love what I am doing."

The political fund-raising landscape becomes rockier this fall when the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill, which prohibits unlimited contributions to the national parties, goes into effect after the November elections. "It's an interesting time," he notes.

Meanwhile, this past May, a Republican Party event beat the Democrats' \$26.5 million record, raising \$30 million at a black-tie dinner. But if the Smithsonian plans to update its exhibit, it would do well to wait until after Oct. 8, 2002: Peter O'Keefe has a campaign finale gala scheduled for that date.

—Leslie Bates

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James J. Alecca is beginning his ninth year as a volunteer fire-fighter with the Port Ewen (N.Y.) Fire Department. ■ **Thomas W. Badura** has joined HMonline, Inc. as a senior application developer. ■ **Kimberly Conk** is the diving coach for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. A member of the Marist diving team as an undergrad, she writes that she came across another alumna from the team last year. Kim found to her amazement that **Jan Zoller '96** was the new diving coach at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Kim is also the senior administrator to the CEO of School Bell Partnership, a school fund-raising organization. ■ **Rebecca Thew Cronin** has started her own company, the Saratoga Gift Basket Company. She offers more than 19 customized baskets for both personal and professional gift-giving needs. The company can be reached at 518-893-0306. Rebecca lives in Greenfield Center, N.Y., with her husband, **Thomas Cronin '92**. ■ **Stephen DiGiacomo** is employed with the Walt Disney Company as coordinator of training for the front office and engineering at Disney's All-Star Resort. ■ **John T. Federico** received his master's of science in management with a concentration in information systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in May 2001. ■ **Kevin Francis** is a consultant software engineer in the eBusiness group for Fidelity Investments in Boston, Mass. ■ **Kasha Mitchell Godleski** is director of alumni relations at the



Sean Kelly '92

Manlius Pebble Hill School in DeWitt, N.Y. ■ **Sean Kelly** owns and manages SLK Design in Monroe, Conn. The company provides design, hosting and computer-related services to clients

wishing to enhance their Internet presence. More information is available at <http://members.aol.com/slkdesignfirm>. ■ **Matthew Kruger** was laid off in September '99 from Scudder Kemper Investments after working for five and a half years in various positions. He took seven

months off to attend the Chubb Institute computer programming school. On graduating from Chubb, he was hired by JP Morgan to consult in their application delivery/programming department. He accepted a full-time position in February 2001, managing a group of five consultants working on compliance monitoring software for investment management and private banking. ■ **Marc Liepis** is in his fourth year at NBC, supervising the publicity for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "Saturday Night Live." Marc also performs regularly at New York's Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre. ■ **David L. Meyer** reports that he is living in Salt Lake City, Utah, still working as an account executive with Siebel Systems and skiing at Alta. ■ **Daniel Newcombe** is coordinator of telecommunications and networking at Clayton College in Morrow, Ga. He lives in McDonough, Ga., with his wife, **Mary Lawson '93**, and their two children. ■ **Meghan O'Connor** is an executive in the Trinity College Enterprise Centre for the Lendac Corp. in Dublin, Ireland. She is pursuing a master's in media studies at the Dublin Institute of Technology. ■ **Michael O'Farrell** was named publicist for Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Conn. ■ **Paul Prims** is a job estimator for ADT Security Services in West Springfield, Mass. ■ **Courtney Glennon Richards** is a clinical supervisor for Pediatric Occupational Therapy Services in Fairfield, Conn. She is also an adjunct professor in the occupational therapy department at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. ■ **R. Allen Roy** was press secretary for a campaign that defeated a four-term incumbent state senator in November 2001. He is executive assistant to the Clerk-of-the-Court for the City of Toledo, Ohio. ■ **Joey Stanford** has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (CAP). Joey has assumed a new position as "general rescuer and rescue diver" with the Longmont (Colo.) Emergency Unit. He was appointed to the Longmont Airport Advisory Board by the City Council. On Jan. 1, 2001, IBM named Joey to a corporate chair assignment on the North American Project Management Certification Board. His other duties include leading teams on the IBM Global Services Project Management Initiative Team. Joey

serves the Alumni Association as president of the Colorado chapter. He and his wife, Oksana, live in Longmont. ■ **Brian Timm** left the military in 1999 to pursue an M.B.A. at Michigan State University. He is managing supply and demand for the Band-Aid brand for Johnson & Johnson. ■ **Kevin Weigand** is a full-time residential graduate student at the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala. He is pursuing a master's in sports management/sports coaching. ■ **Deborah Widmer** is clinical research coordinator for the Genetic Epidemiology of Metabolic Syndrome, a multi-international study at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. ■ **Joy Williams** has been promoted to director of communications for Girl Scouts U.S.A., overseeing the organization's national public relations.

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Jill McDonald Aronin teaches third grade for the Milford (Conn.) Board of Education. ■ **Margaret A. Barrett** is a reading specialist with the Three Village School District in Stonybrook, N.Y. ■ **Serda Belekandian** is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker, a residential brokerage in Ridgewood, N.J. ■ **Susan K. Brown** has left *Fortune* magazine to become manager of global communications for the Reader's Digest Association in Pleasantville, N.Y. Susan handles corporate communications and public relations for *Reader's Digest* magazine. ■ **John and Nicole Marino Chapin** have both completed M.S.M. degrees from Albertus Magnus College and have both been inducted into the Tau Pi Phi Honor Society for business, accounting and economics. John manages the fraud investigations unit at People's Bank in Connecticut and Nicole is a contract analyst with HealthNet of the Northeast. ■ **Lisa Chmielewski** is a registered nurse at the Stamford Hospital in Stamford, Conn. Lisa also has her own business as a legal nurse consultant. ■ **Kelly Camer Cleary** is executive director of marketing for Doctors' Preferred, Inc., a subsidiary of Philips Health L.L.C. Kelly's husband, **John Cleary '92**, was promoted to head tennis professional at Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, Md. ■ **Laura Connell** graduated from Sage Graduate School in Troy, N.Y.,



NEW ARRIVALS

Kristin Reiss '89
and **John DeAngelo '89**,
a daughter, Emily Kate,
March 20, 2001

Rebecca and
Matthew Schoenfeld '89,
a son, Theo,
April 15, 2001

Susan Trach '89 and David Sonner,
a son, Cole Harrison,
March 29, 1999

Amy Allesandrine '90
and John Kennelly,
a daughter, Aliza Mary,
Feb. 15, 2001

Laurie Aurelia, Esq. '90
and David Cerveney,
a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth,
April 1, 2001

Mary Baran '90
and **James Halinski '88**,
a son, Timothy,
March 30, 2001

Claudine Carpenter '90
and Frank Fiore,
a daughter, Nicole,
Sept. 22, 1999

Kerry Coulter '90
and Robert Mundinger,
a daughter, Lauren Estelle,
July 20, 2001

Darlene Eirish '90 and Ken Schofield,
a son, Christopher Michael,
Jan. 16, 2001

Laura FitzPatrick '90
and Mark Tamke,
a daughter, Anna Eileen,
Aug. 8, 2001

Charlotte Howard '90
and George Lazor III,
a son, George IV,
July 14, 2001

Karen Klei '90 and Thomas Foley,
a daughter, Elizabeth,
March 26, 2000

Laura Kuczma '90
and Stephen Zeppieri,
a son, William Domenic,
Feb. 9, 2001

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NEW ARRIVALS

Kathy and **Stephen Lebitsch '90**,
a son, Brendan Kyle,
May 15, 2001

Sharon and **Brian F. McEvoy '90**,
a son, Brendan Matthew,
May 2, 2001

Mary Polese '90
and **Frank Benvenuto '90**,
twin sons, Nicholas Frank
and Matthew Michael, Jan. 1, 2001

Kerriann Reilly '90
and Mark Broussard,
a daughter, Michelea Colleen,
May 9, 2001

Maryann and **Steven Shulkin '90**,
a daughter, Savanah Hailey,
Jan. 1, 2001

Kathleen Steidle '90
and Chris Soulias,
a daughter, Meghan Elizabeth,
Aug. 23, 2001

Dawn and **Gary C. Vincent '90**,
a daughter, Allison Dawn,
Nov. 30, 2001

Michele Ward '90 and Victor Triolo,
a daughter, Hannah Grace,
May 1, 2001

Susan Weisser '90 and Paul Schmitt,
twin daughters, Zoya and Katerina,
Feb. 9, 2001

Jennifer Boyer '91
and **Christopher Pasquali '91**,
a son, Ryan Christopher,
June 4, 2001

Marianne Cenicola '91
and David Kemp,
a daughter, Alexis,
Sept. 15, 2001

Jill Chatt '91 and Timothy Warner,
a daughter, Victoria Ann,
July 9, 2001

Mary and **Christopher DeStefano '91**,
a daughter, Alyson Maria,
Jan. 13, 2001

Joanne DiStefano '91
and Jason Greco, a son, Jack,
Oct. 31, 2001

Behind the Scenes at ABC-TV

It's 7 p.m. on a Monday evening inside the ABC building in Manhattan. Antonella (Nella) Licari '94 is talking on the phone with her boss, who is in San Francisco on business. You wouldn't know it by listening to her, but she's coming off a weekend that included working a 21-hour shift.

Meanwhile, Maria Licari '93 is in her office getting ready for tomorrow morning's show. Everything seems quiet and calm, but there is obviously still plenty of work to be done.

And so it goes for the Licari sisters who, since graduating from Marist, have gone on to enjoy successful careers at "America's favorite network."

Nella, who interned at ABC while a student, is currently manager of special projects at ABC-TV. Maria, who got into television "merely by accident," serves as an associate producer of "Good Morning America" (GMA).

Between the two of them, the Licaris spend quite a bit of time working behind the scenes at the network, doing everything from graphics and logging tape to working in the control room and producing live segments. And although that sometimes results in days like the 21-hour one Nella put in recently, the pair couldn't be happier.

"It's a lot of work, but if we didn't love it then we wouldn't be here," Maria says. "You have to be able to roll with the punches."

Nella has been rolling ever since leaving Marist. A communications major with concentrations in public relations and advertising, the former student body president developed an interest in television while interning at the ABC soap opera "One Life to Live." That carried over into a second internship with the network, this time with GMA, and before long she found herself doing associate producer work for the morning program.

After two years with GMA, Nella became a production associate and joined the Directors Guild of America. She spent three years in that position before being elevated to her current role.

Maria's path was less direct. An English literature and secondary education major at Marist, she split her

time immediately after graduation between substitute teaching, assisting at an after-school program and working at her family's restaurant.

In 1994, she moved to Manhattan and enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts to pursue her love of acting. Shortly thereafter, Nella informed her of some freelancing opportunities with ABC. Now, six years later, Maria is still in the business.

Throughout their time at ABC, the Licaris have been involved in several memorable projects. During the network's 24-hour millennium broadcast to close out 1999, Nella was in the control room the entire time. At the Academy Awards that same year, Maria was responsible for off-air reporting from the "American Beauty" party.

Most memorable of all, although it is something they would obviously prefer to forget, was Sept. 11.

"I had to look at footage that the crews shot and it was very difficult to look at, but it had to be done because we had a show to put on the air,"

says Maria, who arrived at work at 9 a.m. on 9/11 and didn't leave until 5 a.m. the next morning. "That was the roughest day."

In their line of work they have learned to be prepared for whatever is thrown their way. "You're always sort of on a standby at all times," Nella says. "On every project you're always altering your roles and learning everything about how to put a show on properly and cheaper."

And even when work is done for the day, there is always the chance to learn more by talking with each other when they get home. Besides being sisters, Nella and Maria are also roommates, allowing them to cut down on that expensive Manhattan rent.

If all goes according to plan, perhaps one day they will even work together on their own show, preferably one devoted to cooking.

"We grew up in the restaurant business. I really am a 'foodie' at heart," Maria says. "Maybe we'll have our own cooking show one day. Nella can direct and I'll do the producing."

In the meantime, stay tuned.

—Jeffrey Dahncke '01



Maria '93 (left) and Antonella Licari '94

with a master's in psychology. She is a clinical therapist at St. Ann Institute in Albany, N.Y. ■ **Allison Letts Dean** is director of financial aid at Westwood College of Technology in Denver, Colo. ■ **Beth Fogarty DeGeorge**, her husband, Paul, and their daughter, Katie, have relocated to the Northeast after living in Atlanta for seven years. They reside in Bridgewater, Mass., where they are in the

process of renovating their "new" 120-year-old home. ■ **Anne Ayotte DeLomba** received a master's in the expressive arts therapies. She currently works in a local public school system providing counseling services to special education students. ■ **Lili Melendez Dendy** is a supervisor/fraud investigator for the City of New York Office of Revenue and Investigations. She is married and has a daughter. She

was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Patrick O. Dolan**, Ph.D. is an assistant professor of psychology at Drew University in Madison, Conn. ■ **Neil V. Fino, Jr.** has been appointed vice president of finance for Walden Savings Bank. Neil has been a C.P.A. since 1995. ■ **Michelle Foglia** is a psychologist in an outpatient clinic in Greenville, S.C. She is also the director of child and adolescent services

at the clinic. She obtained her license in December 2000 and is also nationally certified. ■ **Anthony J. Frank** received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. Anthony is a senior research chemist at Albany Molecular Research, Inc. ■ **SFC Stuart E. Gallagher** is pursuing a master's in organizational management. He completed Officer Candidate School and will work for the Army's Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. ■ **Gayle Gruber** is the manager of licensing, wholesale and special promotions for the American Museum of Natural History in New York, N.Y. Gayle received a master's from SUNY/Fashion Institute of Technology in gallery and retail art administration. ■ **Kimberly Haight** is an assistant manager for Solomon Smith Barney's health and fitness program. ■ **Sean J. Hynes** has joined the custom market research and consulting firm of Knowledge Systems & Research, Inc. in Syracuse, N.Y., as a research analyst. ■ **Wesley Lee (M.P.A.)** is coordinator of the Poughkeepsie Even Start Program. Recently the Beneficial/Household Finance Corp. became a corporate sponsor of the program. ■ **Jay Linder** joined the firm of Strook, Strook & Lavan L.L.P. after more than five years of development and fund raising for Columbia University. He is the staff writer for the firm's marketing group. ■ **David Makris** is senior director at Nerve Wire, a systems integration firm, where he does exciting work for Fortune 1000 firms all over the United States and Europe. ■ **Christa Baumgartner Mallozzi** and **Ralph Mallozzi, Jr.** '94 became parents a little earlier than they expected! Their first child, Megan Elizabeth, decided not to wait until her due date and made her entrance into the world three months early on June 4, 2001, weighing 2.5 pounds. ■ **Craig Neal** was promoted to human resources director of the Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. ■ **Carol J. Odeveseff, C.P.A., M.B.S.** has joined the accounting and business consulting firm of Judelson, Giordano and Siegel, P.C. as a staff accountant. Carol is a member of the New York State Society of C.P.A.s. ■ **Steven Pardon** is co-host of a local morning newscast on WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Va. ■ **Andrea Preziotti**

is a marketing communications specialist for WallStreetInteractiveTV, which streams up-to-the-minute financial news over the Web, targeting the young, hip and trendy Wall Street set. ■ **Valerie Gajdzis Reyher** has been promoted to supervisor of employment services at the Kennedy Center, Inc. ■ **Chrissy Cassidy Romano** has been employed as an English teacher in the Arlington Central School District in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., for the past six years. Prior to her teaching career, Chrissy received an M.S.T. from Pace University after a short stint in the advertising industry. ■ **Colleen Russell Susko, C.P.A.** is controller at Bellevue Woman's Hospital in Niskayuna, N.Y. ■ **Regina Pelliccio Sypher** has been promoted from operations manager to general manager at Betelgeuse Productions in New York, N.Y. ■ **Robyn Berger Ulbrich** is vice-president of external reporting at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York, N.Y. ■ **Gregory Reisert** was promoted to director, market data at the New York Stock Exchange in November 2000. ■ **Clinton Wiley** has expanded his Internet service business, New Frontiers Telecommunications, by becoming a CLEC, which allows him to offer local telephone services throughout the state of Maryland. Clint's wife, **Patricia Dube Wiley '93**, is a part-time district court commissioner for Washington County and stays at home with their two young children, Sarah and Ryan.

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Marilyn Brandl was honored, along with 27 other women, by the YWCA for her contributions to the work environment as director of annual giving in the Advancement Office at Marist and in the greater community. ■ **Verna Cason** works in the international sales support office at IBM. Verna was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Lisa Ehr Gott Cangel** and her husband, Alexies, have purchased a home in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. Lisa was promoted to human resources manager with Cap Gemini Ernst & Young in New York, N.Y. ■ **Rev. John W. Canorro** was ordained a priest for the diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., on June 2, 2001, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. John entered St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md., in the fall of 1995 and graduated on May 10,

2001, with a master's of divinity and a bachelor's in sacred theology. Fr. John serves as parochial vicar at Holy Cross Church in Dewitt, N.Y., and will teach part-time at Bishop Grimes High School in East Syracuse, N.Y. Also affectionately known as Fr. Cookie, he is still baking up a storm. ■ **Christopher Cambe** received an M.B.A. from Long Island University on May 23, 2001. He has been promoted to assistant director of finance at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, N.Y. ■ **1st Lt. Pamela Ann Clinton's** unit, the 503rd Military Police Battalion (Airborne), was deployed to the Pentagon to increase security in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Pam is pursuing teacher certification at Methodist College in North Carolina. ■ **Stephanie Dilorio** has joined the public relations firm of Berk Communications as associate vice president, representing a diverse clientele of restaurants, nightclubs, personalities and consumer products. These include NBA stars, Kevin Garnett's urban fashion line OBF, Tiki Barber, UMG's World Wrestling Federation software, Hype energy drink and Manhattan restaurants Tao, Gustavino's Lansky Lounge, Virot and Light. ■ **Robert Farrier** is an assistant vice president at the Bank of New York in White Plains, N.Y. ■ **Michael Gearing** is pursuing an M.B.A. at Binghamton University while working full-time as the worldwide travel services, policy and analysis manager at IBM Corp. in Endicott, N.Y. ■ **Emily Girard Gregory** received a master's of science in technical communications from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in May 2002. ■ **Kimberly Hack-**



Rev. John W. Canorro '94



NEW ARRIVALS

Wendy Emmons '91
and **Thomas McNutt '90**,
a son, Joseph Connor,
Aug. 18, 2001

Allison and **Joe Faraldi '91**,
a son, Joseph Lawrence, Jr.,
June 4, 1998

Robin Feldman '91
and Jim Malaussena,
a son, Sam James,
July 29, 2001

Theresa and **Rick Floyd '91**,
a daughter, Brianna Nicole,
Feb. 1, 2001

Suzanne Geida '91 and Don Konz,
a daughter, Taegan Montgomery,
Oct. 4, 2000

Laura and **Steven Giannone '91**,
a daughter, Caroline Shaye,
July 22, 2001

Kristin and **Thomas Hanna '91**,
a daughter, Caroline,
March 27, 2000

Melissa Hegg '91
and Matthew Entzion,
twins, a son, Jack Matthew,
and a daughter, Grace Marie,
May 18, 2001

Lea Ellen Infranca '91
and **Dr. Kevin Collins '88**,
a son, Brandon James,
Aug. 15, 2000

Cynthia Koestner '91
and Shawn Alexander,
a son, Trevor,
April 7, 2001

Caren and **Paul Kratochvil '91**,
a son, Matthew Brian,
July 13, 2001

Lisa and **Kelly Kujath '91**,
a daughter, Emma Margaret,
March 26, 2001

Nikki and **Jason Lerner '91**,
a son, Justin Seth,
March 2, 2001

Elizabeth Lucido '91
and Robert Bahm,
a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth,
June 1, 1999

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NEW ARRIVALS

Marisa Manderioli '91
and Frank Arcaroli,
a son, Joseph Anthony,
March 20, 2002

Beth Maniscalco '91
and Dean Morretta, a son,
Luke Anthony,
April 30, 2001

Danielle and **Christopher Marzo '91**, a
daughter, Sophia,
Dec. 29, 2000

Kristen O'Brien '91
and Richard Piazzolla,
a son, Nicholas James,
Oct. 8, 1999

Amy Purpura '91 and Michael Smith,
a son, Gabriel Michael Joseph,
July 19, 2001

Elizabeth Sturno '91 and Christopher
Kistler, a daughter, Stefanie Christine,
Dec. 29, 2000

Linda Tracy '91 and Scott Geiger,
a daughter, Natalia,
Nov. 1, 2000

Kristin and **Steven D. Waryas '91**,
a son, Jakob Ryan,
March 29, 2001

Jennifer L. Wissing '91
and Peter McGahren,
a daughter, Keri-Leigh,
Aug. 8, 2000

Kristin Anderson '92
and Scott Salisbury,
a daughter, Lily Abigail,
Aug. 28, 2001

Jill Schwartz and **Thomas E. Bubel '92**,
a daughter, Emily Theresa,
March 16, 2000

Amy Cairo '92 and Vincent Lamendola,
twin sons, Matthew Vincent
and Andrew Michael,
Dec. 30, 1999

Jennifer Chandler '92 and Sean Kane,
a son, Jack,
Dec. 30, 2000

Joan and **John Chrysler '92**,
identical twin daughters,
Danielle Dominique and Kristen Nicole,
April 3, 2001

ett received a master's in theology in June 2001. She is a department specialist in the electronic publishing department of Marcel Dekker, Inc., a scientific, technical and medical publisher in New York, N.Y. ■ **Susan Murphy Harney** was promoted in January 2002 to chief information officer at Citadel Broadcasting Corp. in New York, N.Y. ■ **Bruce A. Harris** is the owner of a nightclub, Powder, located in Hunter Mountain, N.Y. Bruce and his wife, Carrie, live in Tannersville, N.Y. ■ **Tara Camo Hart** is a certified social worker with the Wappingers Central School District in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Tara lives in Poughquag, N.Y., with her husband, **Daniel Hart '97**. ■ **Gabriel Hidalgo, Esq.** is an insurance defense litigation attorney with the firm of Milber, Makris, Plousadis and Seiden in Garden City, N.Y. He lives in Howard Beach, N.Y. with his wife, Flora and their son, Devon. ■ Coach of the Year for Poughkeepsie High School **Brian Laffin** coached the boy's varsity basketball team to victory in the Dutchess County Coach's League II-B, Section One Championship. Poughkeepsie High was ranked No. 6 among large schools in New York State. ■ **Kristin S. Larnberti-Lloyd** received a master's from Fordham University in 2000. Kristin is an outreach coordinator for the Archdiocese of New York. ■ **Jay LaScolea** is managing editor and the main news anchor for WENY-TV News Channel 36 at 6 and 11 p.m. WENY is the ABC affiliate in the southern tier of New York and northern tier of Pennsylvania. Jay's co-anchor is also a Marist alumna, **Kelly Quinn '99**. He also teaches broadcast journalism and public speaking to college and high school students. ■ **Kathryn Link** has been named associate director of the career development office at the University of New Haven. Kathy is pursuing a master's in labor relations at the university and expects to receive her degree in August 2002. ■ **Azulenis Liriano** lives and works in Florida. She is employed by Premier Vacation Homes. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **The Rev. Matthew E. Martin**, advertising director for Cellular One of South Mississippi, was named one of the "Top 40 Under 40" by the *Mississippi Business Journal*. Matt oversees the creation of UnWired Advertising,



Jim Haggerty '94

Carrying a Torch for America

Jim Haggerty '94 is one of only 11,500 people...

That statement doesn't seem like anything special until you hear the rest: to carry the Olympic torch on its 13,500-mile-plus journey across the United States. It becomes very special when you consider that these 11,500 people were chosen from more than 210,000 nominated to participate in the torch run.

A tradition of the Olympics since 1936, the torch run is a symbol from the original games. In ancient Greece, a sacred truce was called so athletes could peacefully compete at the Olympic Games. Before the games, runners—called "heralds of peace"—traveled Greece proclaiming the truce and issuing a call to the games.

Participants in the 2002 torch run were nominated by family and friends via the Internet and selected by local community task forces. Nominations included a 50- to 100-word essay explaining how the nominee embodied the Olympic spirit and provided inspiration to others and to their community. The criteria for selecting Olympic torchbearers also called for someone who motivates others by encountering and overcoming adversity.

Mark Bennett '94, a friend since college, nominated Jim for the run following a recent visit to Music City. "Nashville is a big music city (not just country music, either) and it is hard to make a living as a musician—which Jim is," says Mark. "He is a leader—he is making a living doing what he loves and he is very involved in his community."

Running in Nashville, Tenn., his home since 1997, Jim found the experience very humbling. "What was most amazing was meeting the other participants in the run. There were World War II field nurses, Vietnam vets running in memory of their friends, and I was honored to be associated with these people," says Jim. "Mark's decision to nominate me is one of the most generous things that someone has done for me in support of my career."

Since moving to Nashville, Jim has been doing studio work and is the bassist/vocalist in a band called Joe, Marc's brother. The band's Web site, www.joemarcsbrother.com, includes photos of Jim carrying the torch in addition to information about the group. Jim will travel to Europe in the coming months to tour with Josh Rouse, who wrote "Directions," featured on the soundtrack of the film "Vanilla Sky."

—Sean Morrison

where he is creative director. The former Marist swim team captain also recently competed in his first triathlon, finishing in the top 20 in the event's half-mile swimming leg out of more than 300 participants. As if that weren't enough to keep him busy, Matt performed his first wedding as an ordained minister in May 2001. ■ **Mary Elizabeth**

Keenan Meyers is a senior business analyst for MBNA America. Beth lives in Drexel, Pa., with her husband, Stephen. ■ **Ralph Musolino** is a recreation center manager for the New York City Parks and Recreation Department in the West Village. He writes that it's the best job in the world next to playing for the Yankees. Ralph

lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with his wife, Tina. ■ **Christine Nichtern Foster** is the managing director of West Coast sales for Quantum Shift, an enterprise software solution for communications management. ■ **Myles C. Pinkney** and his wife, Sandi, have a new book, *a Rainbow All Around Me*. The 40-page book, published by Cartwheel Books in January 2002, is designed to teach children ages 4 through 8 about color through photos of multicultural children and accompanying verse. Previously Myles and Sandi collaborated on *Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children*. They were honored at the 4th Annual Prestige Awards in April in Newburgh, N.Y. ■ **Pamela Ricigliano** is an event planner for SHINE, Inc. in New York, N.Y. ■ **Kent Rinehart** is associate director of admissions at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. He and his staff are responsible for the enrollment of the freshman class. Kent was formerly coordinator of transfer admissions at Marist. ■ **Christina Royal** is director of technology training/emerging technologies at Marist. Tina is responsible for the operations and development of non-credit and credit technology training programs and distance learning in the School of Graduate and Continuing Education. ■ **Carole T. Salamone, Esq.** is a consultant for the leasing, zoning and telecommunications industry. She received an award for arranging access for emergency, microwave and telecommunications equipment to aid disaster relief efforts in the wake of the World Trade Center disaster on Sept. 11. ■ **Linda Salath** is a school counselor at Sacred Heart Academy in Hempstead, N.Y. ■ **Deborah Schnarr McKeough** is a collaborative third grade teacher at Northside Elementary School in Farmingdale. ■ **Jeff Schanz** has won a 2002 Circle of Excellence Award from CASE, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Associate director of alumni relations at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he received the honor for the comprehensive career assistance program RPI offers to alumni. ■ **Nicole Sullo** is operations manager with Gannett & Fleming, an international environmental engineering firm. ■ **Jeremy B. Thode** is the lead teacher for health and physical education at Commack High School. In

December 2001, he obtained school district administrator certification from SUNY Stony Brook. ■ **Ray Varuolo** is an investigative analyst and heads the cold case unit of the New York County District Attorney's office. The unit is in charge of re-opening unsolved homicides in Manhattan.

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Madeline Bartolotti's business, Madeline's Dance Center, celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2001. She reports that the center had successful performances dancing for the Olympics in Sydney, Australia, in September 2000. ■ **Tom Becker** is the lead reporter for the Dow Jones Newswires corporate court team in Washington, D.C. ■ **Dana Branchesi** is the front-line manager for Morgan Stanley and Fidelity Investments annuity business for Citigroup in Hartford, Conn. ■ **Jillian Caci** teaches music technology at South Junior High School in Newburgh, N.Y. She is also president of the Orange County Music Educators' Association. ■ **Jeannine Brescia Castaldi** became the first online M.B.A. graduate from Marist. She is a tax accountant with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Group in Somers, N.Y. ■ **Rich Cocchiara** graduated from Purchase College with a master's in fine arts in theatre design and technology. He is pursuing a career in theatre. ■ **Michael Coughlin** is pursuing a master's in school administration at Fordham University. Michael is an accountant for the Hartford Insurance Group in Hartford, Conn. ■ **Yesenia Cruz** was promoted to accounting executive for Discover Card. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Anthony DeLuca III** has been promoted to lead medical technologist for MDS Hudson Valley Laboratories at Columbia Memorial Hospital in New York, N.Y. ■ **Jacqueline A. Emslie (M.S.)** met another Marist alumnus, **Peter Lamb '80**, when she attended a conference at the YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. Jackie complimented the chef on his delicious Texas cooking and he asked her where she was from. When she said, "Poughkeepsie, New York," he asked, "So how is my alma mater, Marist College?" She writes that it just goes to show that Marist alumni meet in the darndest places. The ranch is located two hours west of San Antonio. Jackie is



Marist alumni are everywhere! Jacqueline Emslie M '95 offered "compliments to the chef" at the YO Ranch in Mountain Home, Texas, and discovered he was fellow Marist graduate Peter Lamb '80.

a systems analyst for the Dutchess County Office for Computer Information Systems. ■ **Mark Ferrari** is working with the New York State Emergency Management Office in support of the recovery efforts from the World Trade Center and Flight 587 disasters. ■ **Sheri Weidner Fitzgerald** has been elected president of Women in Cable and Telecommunications of New England. WICT is an industry organization that advances women leaders in the communications industry. Sheri is a regional account manager for Comedy Central in New York, N.Y. ■ **Lucia Fraboni** is the director of programming for High Definition Network, HDNet, in Dallas, Texas. ■ **Kevin Freeman** is a tape coordinator for ABC's "Good Morning America." He is a member of the Red Sweet Betty Film Group and had two short movies showing in New York City during the summer of 2001. Kevin lives in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, N.Y. ■ **Luis Gonell** had a small role in the film "Empire" starring John Leguizamo. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Stacey Hernandez** works in the New York City Department of Investigations. She was stationed at the World Trade Center providing security after the Sept. 11 tragedy. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Asif Imran** lives and works in Georgia. He is a stock trader with a company based in New York. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Farah Joly** completed her master's in human services at Audrey Cohen College in 1998 and works for the Administration for



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Patricia Coffey '92 and Ken Fischer, a daughter, Kayla Allison, Oct. 18, 2000

Mary Delmar '92 and Jeffrey Sisson, a son, Craig Jarrod, Jan. 16, 2001

Annmarie DePaolo '92 and Steven Decker, a son, Ryan Michael, Jan. 25, 2001

Cynthia Donaldson '92 and **Anthony Mercogliano '92**, a daughter, Emma Jayne, April 4, 2001

Nancy and Scott Doyle '92, a son, Gavin Hendrixson, Feb. 14, 2001

Julie Anne Dumont '92 and Seth L. Rabinowitz, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, Sept. 17, 2001

Danielle Dunalewicz '92 and **Douglas Sanders, Ph.D. '92**, a daughter, Lauren Michelle, May 24, 2000

Tracey and Eric Gehnrich '92, a son, Brett Ryan, Jan. 19, 2001

Melissa Hard '92 and George Leyva, a son, Tyler Patrick, March 17, 2000

Christine Henn '92 and **Glenn McSweeney '92**, a son, Matthew Joseph, June 15, 2001

Cathy and Ryan McEntee '92, a daughter, Aline Mary Julia, May 28, 2001

Leslie Moore '92 and Richard Massaro, a son, Zachary Duncan, July 18, 2001

Amy Incremona-Nass and Richard R. Nass '92, a daughter, Layton Amanda, March 19, 2001

Kerriann Patton '92 and **Joseph Gambino '94**, a daughter, Lindsey Carroll, Feb. 24, 2001

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Margaret Saltarelli '92
and **Ron Marchand '91**,
twin sons, Vincent and Ron,
March 20, 2002

Christine Sheeran '92
and Thomas Mohr,
a daughter, Erin April,
Sept. 27, 2001

Margaret and James Stafstrom '92,
a son, Patrick Francis,
Nov. 30, 2001

Maureen Taylor '92
and **Joseph Jones '91**,
a son, Patrick Joseph,
Sept. 28, 2000

Lori Vitale '92 and Marc DeAngelo,
a daughter, Emily Rose,
Feb. 12, 2001

Jennifer Walker '92
and David Fielding,
a daughter, Kiera Margret,
Sept. 18, 2001

Krissy Andreasen '93
and Tom Shashaty,
a daughter, Kasey Ann,
Dec. 28, 2001

Carla Angelini '93
and **Christopher Bautista '92**,
a son, Luke,
April 1, 2001

Christa Baumgartner '93
and **Ralph Mallozzi, Jr. '94**,
a daughter, Megan Elizabeth,
June 4, 2001

Christina Cassidy '93
and Charles Romano,
a daughter, Cayleigh Cassidy,
April 14, 2001

Kim Delaney '93 and Casey McKee,
a son, Declan Rorke,
Aug. 25, 2001

Patricia Dube '93
and **Clinton Wiley '93**,
a son, Ryan Patrick,
March 15, 2001

Darlene Eberhardt '93
and Benton Duffett III,
a daughter, Katherine Ann,
Jan. 10, 2001

Children Services as a child abuse investigator. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Hassan Kareem (Lewis)** is still serving in the U.S. Coast Guard in Point Pleasant, N.J., and is a per diem nurse at Brick Hospital in New Jersey. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **John M. Macari** sends compliments to the Marist baseball staff for including alumni participation in what has become an annual game against the current student baseball team. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience and tips his cap to coach John Szeft and his staff. ■ **Rochelle McDonough** is a crime victims specialist with the New York State Police in Poughkeepsie. She plans to start graduate work in social work and criminal justice in the near future. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Michael Murray** is a kiosk developer working on the Kiosk National Practice for IBM Business Innovation Services in Somers, N.Y. ■ **Colleen Nagurney** is a paralegal for Legion Insurance Company while she pursues a law degree from Rutgers University. ■ After graduating from Marist, **Sherilee Newton** pursued a modeling career, starting with *Shades Fitness Models* in 1998. She did commercial ads in fitness modeling publications including *Natural Bodybuilding and Fitness*, *Shape* and *Physique World* while gaining experience in runway shows and competitions. In 1999 she won the title of Miss Black World New York State. Sheri then won titles in the Miss New York USA, Model Eastern States and Fitness America pageants. In 2000 she starred in an independent film called "Family Business" and performed as a featured model on the TV broadcast of the 2000 Essence Awards. In 2002 she was a featured model for *Muscle and Fitness* magazine's January and April issues. While competing and modeling for *Shades*, Sheri also coordinated events and performances and booked modeling assignments for the company. In July 2001 Sheri left a full-time position at Thomas Publishing Company to become president and co-owner of *Shades Model & Talent Management*. Sheri was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Renee Murphy O'Connell** works for Chelsea Property Group in Roseland, N.J., as a lease accountant for a real estate investment trust company. She is also working to

obtain a real estate license. ■ **Kevin O'Neill** is pursuing an M.B.A. in leadership from Waynesburg College. Kevin is an intermediate systems analyst at Federated Investors in downtown Pittsburgh where he was named employee of the month. ■ **Victoria Perotti** is the network account manager for the Hudson Valley under United Health Care. ■ **Kristen Rath** has been promoted to director of creative services/broadcast producer at Lawrence Butner Advertising, Inc. in New York, N.Y. ■ **Jayme Gabay Reikers** has received a master's in secondary education from Hofstra University. Jayme teaches business at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. ■ **Joy Romanelli** is a district sales manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises. ■ **Marcia Rosbury-Henne** is associate director of admissions at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Mass. She is pursuing a master's in educational administration. ■ **Vanessa Sebastiano** works for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. She is pursuing a master's in organizational psychology at Columbia University. ■ **Gabrielle Demma Smith** received her master's in education from St. Joseph College in Connecticut and has been a teacher for three years. She lives in East Haddon, Conn., with her husband, Jim. ■ **Jim Ulbrich** works as a TV commercial editor for Day and Night, a commercial editing company in Manhattan. ■ **Sheri Weidner** is account manager of affiliate relations for the East Coast region for Comedy Central in New York, N.Y. ■ **David Whitehead** teaches New York State Regents chemistry at the Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy in Bronx, N.Y. ■ **Mark Robert Zeck, Esq.** owns the law firm Jalowiec & Zeck, L.L.C. in Derby, Conn. The firm has a strong focus on criminal and personal injury law.

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Christina Adzima received a master's in special education from Fairfield University in May 2001. ■ **Shannon Alpert** graduated from the New York State Police Academy in May 2001. He is a state police officer stationed in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. ■ **Mark Arum** is the reporter for WSB-TV (ABC), the number-one rated TV station in Atlanta, Ga. He is also hosting the top-rated sports-talk show in town

for AM-750, the number-one rated radio station in Atlanta. He is the host of the pre- and post-game shows for the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks. ■ **Michael Beaudreau** has been promoted to sales and marketing manager for George D. Hall Publishing Company, Inc. in Kennebunk, Maine. ■ **Stacey Berrios** is a new homeowner in Pompano Beach, Fla., enjoying the sun and beach. She is pursuing a master's as a physician's assistant. ■ **Christina Bisirri-Franklin** teaches writing composition classes at Camden County College. She is a master's candidate at Rutgers University in Camden, N.J. ■ **Kara Capone** is currently a student at Yale University's School of Epidemiology and Public Health, pursuing a master's in public health with a concentration in public policy. ■ **Mikael Carlson** is on terminal leave from active duty with Army Airborne, B Battery, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Field Artillery Regiment. He awaits recall order for possible deployment to support the war on terrorism. ■ **Todd Coulson** is a multimedia developer for Haley Productions in Media, Penn. The company creates award-winning presentations in film/video, multimedia and Web production. ■ **James Coughlin** is a retention counselor and researcher for Westlab, Inc. in Elmsford, N.Y. He is pursuing a master's in social work at Fordham University. Jim lives in Westwood, N.J., with his wife, **Theresa Scura '96**. ■ **Theresa Scura Coughlin** received a master's in education from Fordham University in February 1998. She is a special education teacher for grades 6-8 in the Oakland (N.J.) School District. Theresa lives in Westwood, N.J., with her husband, **Jim Coughlin '96**. ■ **Kristine Dawes** has been promoted to Northeast region account manager for MTS Wireless Components, a division of American Tower Corp. in Waterbury, Conn. ■ **Melanie Fester Dawson** is an executive recruiter at Media Recruiting Group in Irvington, N.Y., helping people in ad sales, marketing and promotion to find employment in the magazine industry. ■ **Heidi Ann Dennis** graduated from Suffolk University Law School in May 2000. She has moved to Virginia Beach, Va., and is an attorney with the law firm of Fine, Fine, Legum and Fine. ■ **Kathleen Doody** is a partner and

director of sales and account management for Publishing Dimensions, a company she helped found in November 2000. Publishing Dimensions provides electronic publishing services for all sectors of the publishing community. ■ **Alecks Elia** has completed 16 years with the United States Marine Corps. He plans to retire with 20 or more years of service and work in law enforcement for another 20 years. ■ **Brenda Gallagher** is the manager of events and fund raising for the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America. ■ **Pamela Gooltz** graduated from Bentley College with a master's in human resource management. Pam is pursuing an M.S.M. degree in human resources at Lesley University. She is a human resource manager at Fujitsu Network Communications in Acton, Mass. ■ **Susan McCarthy Gullotta** has been promoted to senior database analyst at Putnam Investments in Norwood, Mass. ■ **Ann Hanley** is a managing partner in a New Jersey-based firm, 90 South Realty. She is pursuing a master's in teaching at Monmouth University. Ann plans to teach high school English. ■ **Al Heinle** is in his third year of teaching in the Rose Tree Media School District in Media, Pa. Al is pursuing a master's in educational administration from Gwynedd-Mercy College. ■ **Christine Helling** has been promoted to manager of the 401K profit-sharing division of Citistreet in New Brunswick, N.Y. ■ **Suzanne M. Hodges** is a junior publicist for Warner Brothers Film Publicity. Suzanne lives in Hoboken, N.J. ■ **Kim Kelly** is a third-year student in the Ph.D. clinical psychology program at St. John's University. ■ **John R. King** is a writer/researcher for ERI Economic Research Institute, with offices in California, Washington and London. ■ **Jessica Main Linicus** received a master's in industrial/organizational psychology in 2001 from the University of New Haven. ■ **Debra S. Levantrosser** has been hired by Exide Technologies, an electrical-energy solutions firm based in Princeton, N.J., as the company's new director of Excell and business strategy. ■ **Darrah M. Metz** joined the staff of Bishop Donohue High School as the assistant developmental director. She received a master's in communica-

tion studies from Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. ■ **James McCarthy** has earned the chartered financial analyst (C.F.A.) designation. He is a vice president/investment analyst with Putnam Investments in Boston, Mass. ■ **Paul Morrell** is a patrolman first class for the Horry County Police Department in Myrtle Beach, S.C. ■ **Tara Ferina Mostransky** is a studio artist working on a Master of Arts degree through New York University in Venice, Italy. Her husband, **Michael C. Mostransky '95**, is a technical sales executive for Bur-rups, Ltd. in London, England. Tara and Mike have lived in London since June 2000 and are scheduled to return to the States in June 2003. ■ **Jessica Nagle** graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1999 and is a litigation associate in the New York office of Latham & Watkins. ■ **Karina Ortega-Verdejo** received a master's in psychology from Pace University. She and her husband, **Lorenzo Verdejo '96**, have a son. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Casha Joefield Parker** has completed a master's in environmental science. She is a member of the science curriculum for the school district in which she teaches. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Amy Patrick** has been named alumni relations coordinator for Syracuse University's College of Human Services and Health Professions. The new college, founded in July 2001, includes three former SU schools and colleges: the College for Human Development, the College of Nursing and the School of Social Work. ■ **Betsy Polityka** has taught Spanish at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, N.Y., since graduating from Marist. ■ **Carl Pica** is a senior investigator for Emigrant Savings Bank. ■ **Carrie Pochank** is a fifth grade special education teacher in an MIS III program for speech and language-impaired learners in Brooklyn, N.Y. Carrie has a master's in special education with a concentration in deaf and hearing-impaired education. ■ **Dennis E. Rau, Jr.** has been promoted to deportation officer with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in the U.S. Department of Justice. He attended the Immigration Officers Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in August 2001. Dennis lives in Canton, Ga., with

his wife, Christina. ■ **Lynne Dominick Sager** is a health care consultant for Covance Health Economics and Outcomes Services, a pharmaceutical and medical device company in Gaithersburg, Md. ■ **James Secreto** is a police officer with the New York Police Department. ■ **Kevin J. Smith** received a master's in Higher Catholic School Education from Seton Hall University. His wife, **Jennifer Doorly '96**, is pursuing an M.S.W. degree at Southern Connecticut University. Kevin and Jennifer live in Greenwich, Conn. ■ **Brandon Tierney** was in the top-10 market after spending 14 months at the SportsFan Radio Network in Las Vegas, Nev. He has joined the team at SportsRadio 1130 "The Fan" WDFN, the home of the Detroit Pistons. Brandon's duties include actual hosting and field reporting for all of the four majors, in addition to Big Ten football and basketball. ■ **Marshalita Cross Tota** is a consumer economic consultant with ROMA International in Warwick, Bermuda. She writes that the company is very prosperous while still developing network marketing business with affiliations worldwide. ■ **Christopher Troetti** is pursuing an education administration degree. He is a history teacher with the Bethel, Conn., Public School District. ■ **Jose Villafane** is the national sales manager with Radio Unica 1210 AM in Miami, Fla. Radio Unica is the only 24-hour Spanish language radio network nationwide. Jose was an HEOP student at Marist.



Melanie Bendfeldt is an instructional technology facilitator for the Ramapo Central School District in Suffern, N.Y. ■ **Kellie Benn** received a master's from the College of St. Rose in August 2001. She is a clinical specialist with Conifer Park in Glenville, N.Y. ■ **Kathleen Lewis Carpinteri** is a senior loan officer at GMAC Mortgage. Kate writes that she loves living in San Antonio, Texas. ■ **Laura Casavant** is a special education teacher with the Hartford (Conn.) Transitional Learning Academy. Laura is a first-time homeowner in West Hartford, Conn. ■ **Tracy Kupp Chasse** received a master's in social work from Boston Uni-



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Holly Fisher '93 and Gordon Brown III, a son, Hunter Timothy, Sept. 20, 2000

Jodi Hyland '93 and Jon Monahan, a son, Jack, Dec. 20, 2001

Cynthia and **Frank Irizarry '93**, a son, Frank II, Nov. 21, 2000

Michele Kelly '93 and Chuck Cafasso, a son, John Robert, Dec. 30, 2000

Christine Krein '93 and **Charles Ribaud '92**, a daughter, Charlotte Nicole, Feb. 11, 2002

Donna Lapham '93 and **Eric J. Wilson, Esq. '88**, daughters, Jennifer Ruth, Oct. 27, 2000, and Kara Elizabeth, Dec. 21, 2001

Mary Lawson '93 and **Daniel Newcombe '93**, a daughter, Anastasia, Oct. 11, 2001

Faith Lefebvre '93 and Stephen Pottle, a son, Luke Edouard, Oct. 22, 2001

Jane McNamara '93 and Glenn Taylor, a daughter, Elly Ann, Oct. 27, 2001

Margaret Morgan '93 and **John P. O'Brien '94**, a son, Kieran John, July 28, 2001

Sandra Najarian '93 and **Sean Fales '92**, a daughter, Jacqueline Sally, Oct. 31, 1999

Jennifer Necci, Ph.D. '93 and James Dineen, a son, Thomas Matthew, June 26, 2001

Annemarie O'Connor '93 and **Paul Rudolph '93**, a son, Liam Paul, April 10, 2001

Audrey Pflug '93 and Tracy Beer, a son, Tracy Augur, Jr., June 28, 2001

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Diane Pitts '93 and David Ward,
a daughter, Samantha,
Oct. 26, 2000

Deanna Sapala '93 and Peter Reisert,
a daughter, Hailey Danielle,
Sept. 17, 2000

Joanne Tanguay '93
and **Christopher Vandal '93**,
a daughter, Elizabeth "Libby" Grace,
April 26, 2001

Kathy and **Christopher Behlke '94**,
a son, Jakob Christopher,
Jan. 9, 2001

Moir Breen '94 and Henry Long,
a son, Jacob Anthony,
Nov. 23, 2000

Elizabeth Daniello '94
and **Albert Faraday '94**,
a daughter, Caroline Brigid,
July 12, 2001

Charlene Fields '94
and Steven Boynton,
two sons, Lucas Jorel, May 6, 1999,
and Zackary Tyler,
Aug. 29, 2000

Aarti Kapoor '94
and **James Comstock '92**,
a son, Ryan James,
July 28, 2001

MaryBeth Kelly '94
and **Thomas Cassio '92**,
a son, Matthew Thomas,
May 7, 2001

Kristine Kickenweitz '94
and **Christopher Jones '92**,
a son, Matthew Christopher,
Aug. 3, 2001

Kristin Lamberti '94 and Paul Lloyd,
a daughter, Hanna Susan,
July 8, 2001

Christine Lebtsch '94
and **Craig K. Hickam '94**,
a son, Luke Kiley,
March 24, 2001

Jennifer Ann May '94
and Anthony Impronto,
a son, Jack Anthony Lincoln,
Sept. 26, 2001

versity and is a social worker for Rockingham Visiting Nurses in Portsmouth, N.H. ■ **Siobhan Cullen** has left her position as a New England region training and communications manager at the Hertz Corp. and is now an information system specialist at The Travelers in Hartford, Conn. ■ **Christopher Cullinan** began his fifth season as assistant men's basketball coach at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., under former NBA coach Chris Ford. His coaching duties include designing the team's training schedule, recruiting, film breakdown and scouting coordination. He is also the offensive team coordinator. Chris is pursuing a master's in special education at Cambridge College. ■ **Gina D'Angelo-Mallen** is vice president of Wine Services International, which runs the Windows on the World Wine School in New York, N.Y. As a result of the World Trade Center disaster, Windows on the World has relocated to the Marriott Marquis hotel. ■ **Gina DeDominici** is a graphic designer for the Massachusetts Medical Society/*New England Journal of Medicine*. ■ **Melissa Fleming** was selected as a member of the New York City Teaching Fellows Program. The program takes non-teaching (professional) individuals and trains them to teach in the most troubled schools in New York City. She embarked on her teaching career this past September and loves it. ■ **Andrei Gisetti** received an M.A. in higher education administration from New York University in 1999. He is the convention services manager for the Millennium Hotel Boulder in Boulder, Colo. ■ **Benjamin Greene** received an M.B.A. from Syracuse University in May 2001. He is an accounting analyst with IBM in Somers, N.Y. ■ **Daniel Hart** teaches elementary school in Bronx, N.Y. He has a master's in education from Mercy College. Dan and his wife, **Tara Camo '94**, live in Poughquag, N.Y. ■ **Jennifer Hoover** is a producer/production manager for Blue Visual Effects, a production company in Philadelphia, Pa. The company produces for broadcast, film and video, specializing in motion graphic design. ■ **Amy Charlotte Hunt** received a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School in May 2001. ■ **Alison Kilts** teaches kindergarten for the Byram Hills

School District in Armonk, N.Y. ■ **Robert LaBarbera** is a senior operations associate for J.P. Morgan Chase in New York, N.Y. ■ **Robert Maniaci** graduated from Dutchess Community College in December 2001 with an associate's degree in paramedicine. ■ **Patrick Mara** is the manager of government relations for ML Strategies, a subsidiary of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo in Washington, D.C. Pat represents a number of small energy concerns, among other interests, before Congress and the executive branch. He resides on Capitol Hill and is actively involved with a Rhode Island congressional campaign. Pat serves as an at-large member of the Alumni Executive Board. ■ **Donna Matthews** is a school psychologist with Ulster County BOCES. ■ **Cara McCaffrey** graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in May 2000 and joined the firm of Kaufman, Schneider and Bianco, L.L.P. in Jericho, N.Y., as an associate. She practices labor and employment law on behalf of management. ■ **Donna McDade** is a project manager for IBM in Southbury, Conn. ■ **Lurleen Monteleone-Rebhan** (M.P.A.) retired as weapons training officer from the New York State Department of Correctional Services on March 17, 2001, after 28 years of service. ■ **Dana Narvaez, Jr.** completed training at the Rockland County Police Academy and is a detective investigator for the Bronx District Attorney's Office. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Michael Onorato** is a senior account executive for Raker Goldstein and Company, Inc., a public and financial relations firm. ■ **Chandler "Chile" Owens** is a graduate student at Columbia University where he is pursuing a master's in fine arts in film. ■ **Jennifer Palmatier** is employed as a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services as an ongoing protective worker. She is pursuing a master's in social work at the University of Connecticut. ■ **Kim Picataggio** is a special education teacher in Rockaway, N.J. She's pursuing a master's in special education at New Jersey City University. ■ **Carie Piskura** is a relocation tax analyst for Homestore.com in Wilton, Conn. Carie received the certified relocation professional designation (C.R.P.) from the

Employee Relocation Council in May 2001. ■ **Cesar Ramirez, Jr.** graduated with a physician's assistant degree from Touro College and works as a physician's assistant. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Adrianne Rosario** is pursuing an M.P.A. at Baruch College of Public Affairs. ■ **Elizabeth Spagnuolo Saam** works for the Massapequa (N.Y.) School District. She lives in Union, N.J., with her husband, **Eric Saam '97**, a programmer for About.com. ■ **Danny St. Rose** obtained a master's in social work from Fordham University and works at Mt. Sinai Hospital in an adolescent outpatient program. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Nicole Schlott** received an M.B.A. from Fordham University in December 2001. She is an operations specialist at INVESCO Private Capital in New York, N.Y. ■ **Erica Scinto** received a master's in school counseling from the University of Colorado at Denver. Erica teaches at a Littleton, Colo., high school. ■ **Craig Scribner** is a quality assurance engineer for Computer Associates in Islandia, N.Y., testing network and Web software. He pursues an acting career in his spare time. ■ **Wendy R. Smith** is pursuing a master's in art education at Marywood University. ■ **Marc Tracey** is a senior systems/graphics specialist for Ernst & Young L.L.P. in Lyndhurst, N.J. Marc lives in Caldwell, N.J., with his wife, **Kim Showers '97**. Kim teaches sixth and seventh grade at Columbia Middle School in Berkeley Heights, N.J. ■ **Jennifer Traver** is the registrar at Poughkeepsie Day School. ■ **Blanca Vasquez** manages the theatre for the Jamaica (N.Y.) Center for Arts & Learning, which features diverse and educational performances in theatre, music and dance. ■ **Danielle M. Vecchia** attends Florida Atlantic University where she is pursuing a teacher certification/master's degree in elementary education. She teaches at the Charter School of Excellence in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. ■ **Bruce E. Villard, Jr.** received a master's certificate in project management from George Washington University. Bruce is a marketing manager for IBM in the Annapolis, Md., area. ■ **Mary C. Walsh** received a Ph.D. from the Center for Immunology and Microbial Disease at Albany Medical College in Albany, N.Y., in summer 2002. She has accepted a

A Very Special Agent

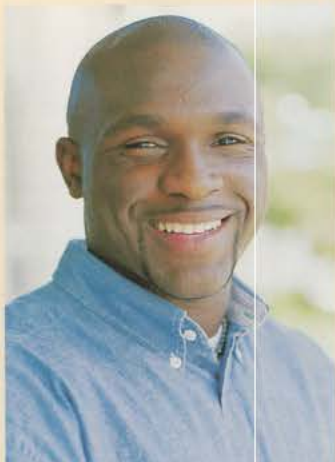
Jerome Pickett '98 has a lot to be thankful for. He's alive.

Since his senior year at Marist, Special Agent Pickett has been working for the United States Treasury Department as a member of the Secret Service. Joining the department full-time upon graduation, Jerome, now in his fourth year of service, is earning special distinction.

On Nov. 1, 2001, Jerome was recognized by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation as the Special Agent of the Year. A member of the New York Electronic Crime Task Force (NYECTF) for the Secret Service, he investigates telecommunications and computer fraud, network intrusions, e-commerce and identity theft over the Internet.

It's the latter part of the job that earned Jerome this distinction. In March of 2001, Jerome orchestrated and implemented an operational strategy that led to the arrest and conviction of a man who breached the bank, brokerage and credit card accounts of more than 300 of the "Richest People in America" (as listed in *Forbes* magazine) including Stephen Spielberg, Ted Turner, Disney CEO Michael Eisner and Oprah Winfrey. It was the largest ID theft case in history.

In addition to his role in the NYECTF, Jerome, a group leader in the New York office responsible for five other agents, is also involved in the protection and security of



Jerome Pickett '98

foreign dignitaries and heads of state, including Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton. It was such an assignment—motorcade advance agent for the president of India—that had Jerome leaving his office at 7 World Trade Center on the morning of Sept. 11 when he bumped into Kelly Morton, a Marist student beginning her internship just as Jerome had done four years ago.

"I saw her in the lobby and figured I would bring her upstairs and introduce her to some of the people who were there," says Jerome. "As we made our way back, the plane hit Tower One, which was where I was heading because my car was parked in the garage."

Walking out onto the concourse, Jerome saw the second tower struck, right above him.

"Our offices were on the north

side and the plane hit the second tower from the south side so all I really saw was a giant fireball coming from the tower."

From then on, the Secret Service and Jerome sprang into action. He and other agents immediately assisted in evacuation and first aid and in the days to come assisted in tracking phone numbers and creating a Web-like chart that led to identifying several cell phones and owners who may have been involved in the attack.

Personally, Jerome is doing well.

"I don't think that I am suffering post-attack trauma. So many people, particularly from Marist, called to make sure that I was okay," he says. "I have spoken to so many people about everything that happened that day that I think that it was somehow therapeutic. The reality of it set in and since I was down at Ground Zero in the days following the attack, I don't think that there was ever really a time for me to think that maybe it didn't happen."

Now it's back to normal for Jerome, who is entertaining different career opportunities within the department.

"I don't know how much everything has changed me," says Jerome. "I know that I have changed in terms of my outlook on things, though. I am trying to live every day to its fullest and not worrying as much about the future."

—Sean Morrison

post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. ■ **Chris Webb** is the vice president and co-founder of North Star Consulting Corp., an executive recruitment firm in Boston, Mass. ■ **Julie Yuen** has completed work as an editor on the Imax film "Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa," which premiered nationwide this past spring in Atlanta, Boston, Denver, Kansas City, Fort Worth, Texas and New York City. ■ **Tabitha Zierzow** earned a master's in geology from Wesleyan University in January 2002.

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Thomas R. Ajello III was recruited for a senior art director position at Modem Media. Tom manages a creative team working on campaigns for clients such as Kraft Foods, IBM e-business hosting J.C. Penney, CSFBdirect, Citibank and others. ■ **Daniel Berggren** is a technical

support analyst for Salomon Smith Barney in Des Moines, Iowa. ■ **Jenny Carpenter** is a graphic designer in the advertising department of *The Monitor*, a South Texas newspaper under Freedom Communications, Inc. She is also self-employed doing free-lance work in graphic and Web design. ■ **Catherine Caverly** is working as a patient representative at Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens, Ga. ■ **Ryan Chianelli** is a superintendent on large-scale commercial projects for Structure Tone, Inc., managing the construction of new buildings for financial companies relocating from New York City to Jersey City. ■ **Patrick M. Cuddy** is a consultant for Alden Consulting in West Washingtonville, N.Y., placing IT professionals in Fortune 500 companies. He also owns Cuddy Entertainment, a professional DJ company. ■ **Joseph DeBona** is pursuing a master's in

English at Iona College. ■ **Michele Donovan** attends graduate school at the University of Central Florida, pursuing an M.B.A. with a concentration in finance. ■ **Dennis Dowd** graduated from Hofstra Law School and passed the New York State bar exam. He is an associate at Leahey and Johnson, P.C. on Wall Street in New York City. ■ **Terence Duane** has been promoted to regional sales manager of Six Flags theme park in the New England region, in charge of the corporate sales events team. ■ **Kerri Flannery** is a special education teacher at Claremont School in Ossining, N.Y. She is also lieutenant of schedule for the Nanuet Community Ambulance Corps. ■ **Bridgit Foy** is a third-year student at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine where she is pursuing a doctor of osteopathy degree. ■ **Susan Goodwin** has a new Web site: www.suechan.com.



NEW ARRIVALS

Jennifer Smith '94
and Steven Frischknecht,
a son, Ryan Steven,
Feb. 24, 2002

Justine Sparaco '94 and John DiSarlo,
a daughter, Alexandra Nicole,
Aug. 28, 2000

Tracy and **Richard L. Bruschi II '95**,
a son, Richard Louis III,
Nov. 3, 2001

Jennifer Celli '95
and **Yannick Lastennet '93**,
a son, John Yannick,
Oct. 25, 2001

Monica Connors '95
and David McGlinchey,
a daughter, Taylor Erin,
Dec. 22, 2001

Jeannie Cordero '95
and Juan Tatis,
a son, Jeremy Elias,
July 8, 2001

Kathleen Hull '95 and Scott Elson,
a son, Jack, Oct. 5, 2000

Deanna McGraham '95
and **Mark Sternefeld '95**,
a son, Mark Ferenc,
Jan. 19, 2002

Sarah Povilaitis '95
and **Denis Farrell '95**,
a daughter, Kailin Rose,
March 12, 2002

Marcia Rosbury '95
and **James Henne '95**,
a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth,
Sept. 12, 2000

Margaret and **Peter Cipriano '96**,
a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth,
July 2, 2001

Jennifer Dascenzo '96
and **Kevin O'Neill '95/00M**,
a daughter, Maura Amelia,
Dec. 27, 2001

Nelly and **Raul De La Rosa '96**,
a son, Raul Alejandro,
Jan. 1, 2002

Cylinda Rickert '96
and Matthew Arenó,
a son, John Slater,
April 28, 2000

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NEW ARRIVALS

Dyana Santulli '96
and **Jeffrey Felix '96**,
a son, Ryan James,
Sept. 10, 2001

Heather Spino '96 and Craig Pelletier,
a daughter, Katie Elizabeth,
Aug. 9, 2001

Lori Bennett '97 and Allan Guerriero,
a daughter, Reina Marie,
Aug. 20, 2001

Jennifer De Marco '97
and Michael Nyhuis,
a daughter, Alana Rae,
March 8, 2002

Donna McDade '97 and Bill McDade,
a daughter, Danielle,
Aug. 1, 2000

Karen and **Daniel Berggren '98**,
a daughter, Taylor,
Aug. 1, 2001

Cristina Ferraresso '98
and Sean Sant,
a daughter, Nora Cailin,
Sept. 6, 1999

Heather Lynch '98
and **Scott Glass '98**,
a daughter, Emily,
July 2, 1999

Christine Rosenvinge '98
and **Joshua Dellett '97**,
a son, Joshua Christian, Jr.,
Sept. 27, 2001

Denise Marie Zottola-Gianna
and **David Gianna '00**,
a son, Anthony David,
Oct. 5, 2001, adopted from Guatemala
on May 2, 2002

Lauren Dabak '01 and Michael Troche,
a son, Michael Adrian,
Nov. 1999.

■ **Michael Goot** is a reporter for *Foster's Daily Democrat*, working out of the Portsmouth, N.H., bureau. He covers city government and other city activities. ■ **Jonathan Gorham** is an information systems analyst in the IT department at Lasell College in Newton, Mass. ■ **Lisa Casavant Hartman** and her husband, **David Hartman '98**, moved into a house that was built for them in Beacon Falls, Conn., after months of hard work. ■ **Irene Henderson** is a production coordinator at A & E Television Networks in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Patrick Holton** is a career development advisor for TIAA-CREF in New York, N.Y. ■ **Martin Korfman, D.D.S.** and his daughter, Elise, received master's degrees in public administration from Marist in 1998. Marty has practiced dentistry for 35 years. He is regional dental director for the New York State Department of Corrections and has found his master's very helpful in his career. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** attends graduate school at New York University, where she is pursuing a degree in English/Portuguese translation. ■ **Andrew Manning** left his position with MTV to pursue a career in the music industry. He now is director of video promotions for Warner Brothers Records. ■ **Douglas Marcantonio** is the 2001 New York Army National Guard NCO Soldier of the Year. ■ **Stephanie Mercurio** is a market reporter for CNBC.com. She lives in New York, N.Y. ■ **Ted Millar** teaches seventh-grade English at Van Wyck Junior High School in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. ■ **Lauren Murphy** is a school psychologist at Roger Sherman Elementary School in Fairfield, Conn. ■ **Joy Olejniczak** is a paralegal for Noresco, L.L.C., an international energy management company. ■ **Melissa Podgurski** teaches Spanish to eighth-grade students outside Philadelphia. ■ **Shannon O'Rourke** teaches autistic children at the Institute for Educational Achievement in New Milford, N.J. Shannon is pursuing a master's in special education. ■ **Kerry Peterson** won an award for best booth design as marketing/trade show coordinator for her previous employer, Merit Industries. She became corporate communications manager for American Meter Company in April 2001. ■ **Suheil Pimentel** is a graduate student in NYU's M.A.

program in media ecology. She is a broadcast traffic coordinator for DDB Worldwide, working on the New York State Lottery account. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Jolene M. Barnao Plant** teaches at Hyde Park (N.Y.) Elementary School. She also works at the Bright Beginnings Agency. Jolene lives in Hyde Park with her husband, **Christopher Plant '98**. ■ **Kerri Provo** is pursuing an acting career while working at NCI Advertising in New York, N.Y. She has appeared in several movies including a film starring Chris Rock and Anthony Hopkins. ■ **Juana (Jenny) Rivera** is the program coordinator for the Newburgh, N.Y., YMCA. She attends Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh in the graduate education department. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Nicole (Whittingham) Rose** married Chris Rose, HEOP retention counselor/coordinator at Mount Saint Mary College, in August 2001. She relocated to the Mid-Hudson Valley, began a master's in business administration at Mount Saint Mary College and works for the Bank of New York. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Lou Santiago** is in his third year as a pro wrestler. He wrestles under the name "Diablo Santiago, Da Puerto Rican Nightmare" and holds three championships for three different independent federations. He is the Tri-State Wrestling Television Champion, a New Millennium Wrestling Tag Team Champion and in his second reign as World of Hurt Wrestling United States Champion. He can be seen on TV in 30 states. Check www.tswwrestling.com/television.asp for TV listings and www.diablosantiago.com for more on Lou. Lou continues to work at Marist as the assistant director of admissions and the liaison to HEOP. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Jennifer Scheulen** teaches sixth grade math and language arts at Cavallini Middle School in Upper Saddle River, N.J., where she also coaches girls' soccer. Jennifer is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling from William Paterson University. ■ **Diane Kolod Schmidt** has been working in journalism and has had articles published on several Web sites including Careerbuilder.com and MSN.com. Her Web site is <http://www.schmidty.com/diane>. ■ **Alison Spanovich** teaches

kindergarten in Kearny, N.J. She was to receive her master's in early childhood education in May 2002 from New Jersey City University. ■ **Darryll Towsley** is an attorney with the law firm of Davis, Malm & D'Agostine in Boston, Mass. He is pursuing a master's in taxation from Boston University. ■ **Chrisoula Tsirpanlis** is a pharmaceutical sales representative with GlaxoSmithKline in Tom's River, N.J. She is also the reigning Ms. New Jersey U.S.A. ■ **Elizabeth Waldman** is a middle school special education teacher in the Hendrick Hudson School District. ■ **Carolyn Mus-sig Walsh** is a junior high school special education teacher for the Wappingers Central School District in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. ■ **Sean White** teaches Spanish at Stissing Mountain Middle School in Pine Plains, N.Y. ■ **John T. Williams** is an equity research associate in the media group at Bear, Stearns & Company, New York, N.Y. John lives in Bronx, N.Y., and is active in local government and community organizations. ■ **Alicia Zadrozny** is a reporter/staff writer for the *Dateline Journal* in Passaic, N.J. Alicia loves learning about the many cultures of the area and chronicling stories about the people she meets. Alicia has begun studying Spanish at a local college.

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Lark-Marie Anton received a master's from West Virginia University in 2000. She is a press secretary for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. ■ **Russell Boedeker, C.M.A., C.F.M.** received the certified management accountant designation from the Institute of Certified Management Accountants. He is a senior financial analyst with the Intel Corporation in Hillsboro, Ore. ■ **Peter Brown** works for a worldwide public relations company called Rapp Collins as an account executive for Daimler Chrysler/Mercedes. He bought a house in the Bronx and has also started an events planning company with a friend. Peter was an HEOP student while at Marist. ■ **Matthew J. Burke** is a third-year teacher at Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES, teaching English to students of the Communication Academy. Matt's email address is writers247@aol.com. ■ **Jennifer Canonico** teaches fourth grade at Preston School in West Harrison,

Remembering Sister Eileen Halloran

Few at Marist have touched people as did Sister Eileen Halloran, who passed away during the summer of 2001. A few months ago, when her friends at Marist College heard that a magazine article was to be written about her, they immediately gathered to tell stories about their unforgettable friend.

Sister Eileen directed Campus Ministry at Marist from 1981 until 1992. Her brand of ministering encompassed everything from chaperoning students in the fund-raising club known as the 21 Society to taking students on retreats to help families in need.

Students' parents fell in love with her from the get-go. After meeting her at freshman orientation, one wrote "Good nun!" on the evaluation form.

"She had this way about her," says Jane O'Brien, director of health services at Marist.

Her friends say she was someone you were always happy to see. Students gravitated toward her and surrounded her whether at a Halloween party, bowling Tuesday nights, dancing at the senior formal or playing parlor games. "She was always the life of the party," says Bob Lynch '75, director of student activities. "You always had fun around her."

You couldn't walk across campus with Sister Eileen unless you had about three hours; she would stop and talk to everyone. "She could really work a crowd," Jane remembers.

Sister Eileen had a strong faith and nurtured it in others. "She got people to get involved not by badgering but by her friendly demeanor," says Jimmy Ferguson '86, an administrative judge for the New York State Division of Parole. "She would bring you into situations from which you would grow."

Jimmy says Sister Eileen's ten-day trip to Georgia to help migrant workers changed his life. He and the other volunteers helped poor families with childcare, reading stories to children who had never been read to before. The Georgia trip, his first time volunteering, was a tremendous experience, he says. Helping the migrant workers learn about their legal rights inspired him to become a lawyer.



People gravitated toward Sr. Eileen Halloran, here with Sue Lozinski '90 and Bro. Michael Williams, FMS '63.

Jim Raimo '81/'92 M.P.A., executive director of operations at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., remembers fondly a similar trip to West Virginia, where he says Sister Eileen's rough and rugged side was tested by sanitary facilities that consisted only of an outhouse. But the bigger picture was what mattered. "She really felt it was important to bring students places where they would realize how fortunate they were."

Jim, then resident director of Leo Hall, still carries the image from the first time he met Sister Eileen as she was moving in upstairs: she was in a T-shirt, scrubbing the floor. "I loved the woman dearly," he says, adding that it brings tears to his eyes to think about her. "She was very down to earth but at the same time very spiritual."

Sister Eileen wasn't above using her religious status to get things done. One day her friend Deb DiCaprio, now vice president/dean for student affairs but then a newcomer to Marist, went to buy film for college business and forgot to bring back the receipt required for office bookkeeping. Sister Eileen led Deb back to the store. "I'm Sister Eileen," she purred. "When I was in here the other day, I forgot to get a receipt." Whereupon the clerk immediately produced one in the proper amount.

"The number of students whom Eileen touched in those 11 years was incredible," says Bob Lynch. "She was a very dedicated woman to her faith and a great friend to all of us."

Sister Eileen didn't harbor slackers. "She worked hard and she expected everyone else to," remembers Jane. "She put such emphasis on student leadership," says Bro. Michael Williams '63, campus minister, recalling how she nurtured undergraduates active in Campus Ministry. "Students she worked with really cared about her—because she cared about them."

Sister Eileen was a matchmaker who set up what colleagues remember as disastrous dates. She cooked only three or four times a year but was known for her loin of pork, chicken wings, and crab dip. Jim Raimo had to admonish her repeatedly for burning candles in her apartment, which she did while she meditated or prayed. She was so devoted to her faith that when the Poughkeepsie Galleria promised all the pennies in its fountain to Campus Ministry, she collected them and scrubbed them clean in her bathtub.

As popular as she was, Sister Eileen never wanted to be the center of attention. When she left Marist to move into pastoral ministry at St. Joseph's Church in Lincoln Park, N.J., she wanted no farewell party. "She was so easy on herself that she could just move into her other life," says Pat Laffin, administrative secretary in the Academic Learning Center. Even as she battled cancer during the last months of her life, she would turn the conversation away from herself. When Jane O'Brien would call to ask how she was doing, Sister Eileen would say, "Tell me about your daughter's wedding."

The wake following her death spoke volumes about how beloved she was. As many as 20 priests were in attendance, and all the altar boys and girls were sobbing.

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—Leslie Bates

N.Y. She is pursuing a master's in reading at the College of New Rochelle. ■ **Christina Gaudenzi Cistaro** is an Internet sourcing specialist with Pearson Education in Upper Saddle River, N.J. Christina and her husband, **Joseph Cistaro '99**, live in Parsippany, N.J. ■ **Joseph Cistaro** is a support manager for Milestone Software & Systems. He lives in Parsippany, N.J., with his wife, **Christina Gaudenzi '99**. ■ **Angela Cortijo** attended the MMAPO Alumni reception on

Oct. 26, 2001. She is working on her master's in learning disabilities. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Thomas Cunningham** teaches advanced placement courses in U.S. history and government and global history at Aviation High School in Long Island City, N.Y. ■ **Brian Dawson** is a counselor at the New Brunswick Counseling Center. He is pursuing a certificate as an alcohol and drug counselor. Brian has an M.S.W. from Rutgers and New Jersey L.S.W. credentials. ■

Bianca DeLorenzo completed her M.S.W. from SUNY Albany in May 2000 and works for the NYS Division of the Budget as a budget examiner for the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Unit. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Maria Frustaci** is a graphic designer for One Source Printing & Graphics in New York, N.Y. ■ **Ben Grimaldi** was named one of America's most amazing bachelors by *Cosmopolitan* magazine in its November 2001 issue. The mention is included

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■ **Amy Hanks** received a Juris Doctorate at Vermont Law School in May 2002. She has accepted a first-year associate position with the law firm of Updike, Kelly, and Spellacy, P.C. in Hartford, Conn., where she will specialize in health care and administrative law. ■ **Crystal Hinz** received an M.B.A. in international business from Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, Hawaii, in August 2001. ■ **Jennifer Kelly** is an inspector with the U.S. Customs Service in Laredo, Texas. ■ **Edward Kenyon** finished his first marathon by running in the New York City Marathon in 2000, finishing in 3 hours, 42 minutes in 5,636th place. ■ **John P. Killeen** works in the loss prevention department at Polo Ralph Lauren at the company headquarters in New York, N.Y. ■ **Jason Liguori** is a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. ■ **Julia McBride** is project director for Moskowitz Jacobs, Inc., a marketing research company in White Plains, N.Y. She lives in Fleetwood, N.Y., with **Allison Joyner '00**. ■ **Colleen McCulloch** is a research analyst for "the polling company," a full-service political and market research and consulting firm in Washington, D.C. ■ **Jennifer Mancinelli** is a computer programmer with Verizon Wireless in New Jersey. ■ **Christopher Manriquez** is still working for Pearson Education Publishing and was promoted to product manager for Latin America. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Laura Hess Mantel** is a retail operations executive at Logan International Airport. She works very hard for local business owners who have been affected by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, which has changed the Logan community forever. ■ **Curtis Mathot** is a field chemist with Safety-Kleen in Kent, Ohio. His territory covers northeast Ohio and northwest Pennsylvania. His primary responsibility is packing hazardous chemicals for shipment and disposal for industries. ■ **James Miller** is the department spokesman for the City of Albany Department of Public Safety. ■ **Suzanne Moravick (M.A.)** is the director of activities at Raleigh Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, a skilled nursing home facility in Raleigh, N.C. ■ **Todd Myers** is a police officer with the Town of West Hartford, Conn. He is also the head



Recognizing Leadership

At the 2002 baccalaureate ceremony in the Marist chapel, Marist President Dennis Murray (far left) and Alumni Association President Maria Gordon Shyldo '87 (far right) presented the 2002 Alumni Leadership Award to Dmitri Batalov '02 and Kerri-Ann Lang '02. Each year the association recognizes two seniors for outstanding leadership and contributions to the campus community. Recipients are nominated and elected by alumni employed at Marist.

crew coach at Ethel Walker School.

■ **Steven Napolitani** is an associate producer with Dutch Productions at Madison Square Garden in New York, N.Y. Clients include the New York Rangers hockey team.

■ **Kathleen O'Donnell** has been promoted to account executive with the Rasky/Baerlein Group, a public relations firm in Boston, Mass. ■ **Dana O'Rourke** received a master's in education from Adelphi University. Dana teaches physical education and health for grades 9-12 at Sacred Heart Academy in West Hempstead, N.Y. ■ **Dominique Pino-Santiago** has started her own clothing line, Dominique Daniela, Inc. ■ **Rafaclina (Lina) Rivas** is a litigation paralegal in the legal department of Bank of America. ■ **Trish Bazin Rowell** is the director of a young parent program in Killeen, Texas, serving women under the age of 21 who have children or are pregnant. Trish offers support services, home visits and conflict management classes. Trish lives in Killeen with her husband, Dan. ■ **Megan St. John** is a staff writer for Prime Publishers in Connecticut. ■ **Thomas Schwab** has been promoted to senior editor with PR Newswire in New York, N.Y., and witnessed firsthand the events in lower Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001. Although he and fellow

workers were evacuated from the company building, he later returned to assist with 24-hour continuous news coverage. Tom also received a Global Editorial Performance award. ■ **John Svare** is a student at Albany Law School in Albany, N.Y., where he expects to graduate with the Class of 2004. ■ **Jennifer Tabano** obtained a master's in elementary education from Fordham University. She teaches second grade at Overlook Primary School in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Desire Treski** is doing public relations and event coordinating for Capital District Community Gardens in the Albany, N.Y., area. Desire was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Sara Tymon** teaches third grade at St. Emrys, a private school in San Francisco, Calif. ■ **Mark Urciuolo** received a master's in public policy from George Washington University. Mark is an acquisition analyst for Technology Management and Analysis in Crystal City, Va. ■ **Jennifer Wheeler** is an administrative assistant in marketing and program management at PowerSmart in Needham, Mass. Jennifer lives in Boston. ■ **Cathy Wiley** is a case-worker for the FosterCare program at the Ulster County Department of Social Services in Kingston, N.Y. She bought a house in Red Hook, N.Y., and is pursuing a graduate degree

at Fordham University. ■ **Kathleen Wisniewski** has decided to change career paths from communications to education. She is pursuing a master's in elementary education at Long Island University's C.W. Post campus. ■ **Angela Witzke** is an accountant for Carmine Gentile Accounting in Gloversville, N.Y.

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Craig Adelhardt is pursuing a master's in information systems at Stevens Institute of Technology. ■ **Miguel Alvarez** is president of the Association for Hispanics to Obtain Resources or AHORA and works as an alcohol counselor at Turning Point, a rehabilitation facility at St. Francis Hospital in Beacon, N.Y. Miguel reaches out to the Hispanic community in the area in an effort to close the gaps in services, especially for Latinos. He is pursuing a master's in social work at Marist. ■ **Jacqueline Baker** is assistant director for the office of alumni relations at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. ■ **Megan Hyland Chianelli** has been promoted to account executive at FCB, New York, an advertising agency. Megan and her husband, **Ryan Chianelli '98**, live in Lyndhurst, N.J. ■ **Jessica Cooper** is a claims adjuster for Progressive Insurance in northern Virginia. ■ **Caroline Davis** has made a career change and is working for SOBRO as a youth advocate. The program works with at-risk youths. ■ **Michele Degati** is a caseworker for St. Cabrini Home, Inc. in Bronx, N.Y. She received the St. Cabrini Home Mission Partnership award for exemplifying the mission values of the organization, which include collaboration, compassion, courage, excellence, respect for life and stewardship. Michele is pursuing a master's in social work at Columbia University. ■ **Jessica DeCicco** teaches fifth grade inclusion at the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School in Rocky Point, N.Y. She is pursuing a master's in reading. ■ **Janna DeVito** is a job mentor with the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce. ■ **Lisa Douglas** attends Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., where she is pursuing a master's and certificate of advanced graduate study in applied educational psychology with a concentration in school psychology. She works at Peabody Terrace Children's Center in Cambridge, Mass. ■ **Bobbi**

Jo Fuller graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 2001 with a master's in survey research. She is a senior project director with Advanced Analytics in New York, N.Y. ■ **LaTonya Francis** teaches fifth grade at Thornton Elementary School in Mount Vernon, N.Y. She is completing her master's at Fordham University. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Lauren A. Gancarz** has joined the custom market research and consulting firm of Knowledge Systems and Research in Syracuse, N.Y., as a research assistant. ■ **Manjari Gangwar** and **Koustubh Warty '00** celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 11, 2002. They remember the nice and lovely days they had together on the beautiful Marist College campus. ■ **David Gianna** is a security engineer for Westcon, Inc. in Tarrytown, N.Y. Dave provides Internet security solutions, services, and pre-sales support for multiple vendors and delivers training programs for certification of resellers and end-users. ■ **Jeffrey Grady** is in his second year of teaching life science at Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park, N.Y. He is pursuing a master's in education with an emphasis on biology. Since graduating from Marist, Jeff has completed two marathons (NYC and Boston) with a new personal record of 2:42:09. ■ **Jessica Greer** teaches second grade at Miller Hill/Sand Lake Elementary School in Averill Park, N.Y. ■ **Raychel Grestini, C.S.W.** has been appointed human services director for the City of Cohoes, N.Y. Raychel will attempt to better the social and recreational programs offered to Cohoes' residents. In addition to working at the city's teen drop-in center, better known as The Den, Raychel is employed as an outpatient clinician at OASIS, a substance abuse treatment program for children under 12 in Albany, N.Y. Raychel received a master's in social work from SUNY Albany in 2001. ■ **Tom Guilmette** won a 2000 Emmy Award from the Boston/New England chapter of the national Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his videography. He won in the category of Outstanding Sports Segment for the piece "UNH Wildcat Hockey Trek to Galehead." The segment documented six disabled outdoor enthusiasts who hiked under their own power over

uneven and rocky uphill trails in wheelchairs. They all reached their goal of traversing Mt. Galehead. Tom is a camera operator freelancing in Boston and has his own business, Xlake Media. ■ **Elizabeth Henn** is a seventh grade special education teacher at Walter O. Krumbiegel Middle School in Hillside, N.J. ■ **Janine Jablow** attended Fordham University graduate school, pursuing a master's in social work. ■ **Jocelyn Jean-Philippe** has been promoted to director of field operations at Emergency Children's Services in Staten Island, N.Y. Jocelyn said the promotion was a direct result of her educational achievement at Marist. ■ **Jennifer Kern** received a master's in reading from the College of Saint Rose in December 2001 and is a New York State certified reading teacher. ■ **Suzanne Lowry** has a dual position at Iona College. She is a resident director and assistant director of student activities. She was to graduate from Iona in May 2002 with a master's in public relations. ■ Sept. 11, 2001 began as a normal Tuesday for **Geoff Maynard**, who works for New York City's Department of Investigations, located just three blocks east of the World Trade Center—two buildings he rarely visited. But that day, his supervisor asked to meet him for breakfast at the Marriott Hotel in Building 7 of the WTC complex. Geoff remembers it as "an eerie day," a beautiful day that just didn't feel right. At 8:48 a.m., his sedate breakfast erupted in a fierce explosion from above as pieces of the WTC's north tower crashed through the restaurant's glass windows. ■ **Barbara H. McBride** is a program director for the City of Peekskill (N.Y.) Youth Bureau. Barbara implements and administers a youth court. She received a master's in criminal justice from SUNY Albany in 2001. ■ **Shaun McLean** passed the C.P.A. examination in November 2001 and became a member of the New Jersey State Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. He is a tax accountant with J.H. Cohn LLP in Roseland, N.J. ■ **Matthew Oswald** is a product engineer for Corvis Corporation in Columbia, Md. ■ **Amy Spero Petersen** graduated from Simmons College in Boston, Mass., with a master of arts in teaching. Amy lives in Lyndon-

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ville, Vt., with her husband, **David Petersen '00**. ■ **David Petersen** graduated from Northeastern University in June 2001 with a master's in criminal justice. David was a T.A. with the Criminal Justice Department while he was a graduate student. He is a trooper with the Vermont State Police. ■ **William Quinn** is a social worker with Catholic Charities of Poughkeepsie. ■ **Jonathan Z. Reiss** is a television production assistant with World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc. in Stamford, Conn. ■ **James Rusch** has been writing music for 10 years and is now a music producer. ■ **Sarah Seamon** attends Oswego State University where she is pursuing a master's in elementary education. ■ **Jennifer Simmons** completed a master's in library science in December 2001 at SUNY Albany. She has been accepted for study in SUNY Albany's program in information science, specializing in public information policy and organizational studies. Jennifer is director of the Hurley Library in Hurley, N.Y. ■ **Jenny Sinrilus** is a paralegal with the law firm Carman, Callahan & Ingham near her home in Long Island. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Jonathan Speary** is a business analyst for MasterCard in Westchester, N.Y. ■ **Kate Tamas** is a special education teacher at the Center School in Stratford, Conn. ■ **Rachel Tollen** is a program coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Rachel coordinates fund-raising events with corporate and community organizations in Nassau County, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. ■ **Christopher Urynowicz** is a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed in northern Virginia. ■ **Janeen Van Beesel** teaches third grade at the Ridgewood Avenue Upper Elementary School in Glen Ridge, N.J. ■ **Adam Weissman** is working at G.S. Schwartz and Company in New York, N.Y., after being downsized at his former place of employment, Middleberg Euro. ■ **Linnea Welker** is project director for a research study at the University of Pennsylvania. She is completing the requirements for the advanced certificate in school psychology and plans to graduate in May 2003. ■ **Patrick Whittle**, former editor of *The Circle*, is a staff reporter for *The New Haven Register*, Connecticut's second largest daily

newspaper.

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Jason T. Adamoyurka is a second-year graduate student at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass., where he is pursuing a degree in sports management. ■ **Robert Adamski** is a production assistant for ESPN in Bristol, Conn. He received a bachelor's degree cum laude from Marist. He was formerly a TV production intern at Madison Square Garden Networks in New York, N.Y. ■ **Benny A. Amarone, Jr.** is the director of admissions at Notre Dame High School in West Haven, Conn. Ben is working toward a master's in secondary English education at the University of New Haven. ■ **Edward (Eddie) Antoine** attended the MMAPO alumni reception in October 2001. He works for TheraCare as an itinerant special education teacher in Brooklyn. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Christopher Bedell** is an inspector for the NYPD Department of Investigations. ■ **Yocasta Bobea** is a benefit consultant for Geller and Wind, Ltd. Yocasta was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Kenia Cabrera** attended the October 2001 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend. She is a professional associate with American International Group. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Jodie Castle** teaches special education at Cobb Memorial School and attends Albany State part-time where she is pursuing a master's in reading. ■ **Anthony Cervini**, collegiate all-American, ran a fundamental instruction baseball/softball clinic for boys and girls ages 8–17 at the Sports Underdome in Mount Vernon, N.Y., earlier this year. Anthony ran the camp with Drew Martino, former New York Mets major league coach for nine years. ■ **Vinny Comisso** and **Chris Matthews** are members of the band "Sam Hill," which they formed while attending Marist. Vinny plays the drums and Chris plays bass and sings for the group, who played with the renowned Pink Floyd cover band The Machine at The Chance on Crannell Street in Poughkeepsie in November 2001. The third member of the trio is Tim Solomon, who plays guitar and also sings. ■ **Bryan P. Delaney** is working in New Mexico helping high school students who have learning disabilities. ■ **Kathryn Docherty** is pursuing graduate studies at

the University of Notre Dame, specializing in environmental microbiology. ■ **Linda Fakhoury** attends law school at Western New England School of Law. ■ **Elizabeth Fletcher** attends Albany Law School. She is publisher of *Rhythm and News Magazine* in Middle Grove, N.Y. Elizabeth wrote the cover story for the September 2001 edition of *Accounting World* magazine. ■ **Andrew Gorray** is a market researcher with Innovative Concepts in Carle Place, N.Y. ■ **James Harrison** is pursuing a career with the New Jersey State Police and is enjoying time back home. ■ **James J. Infranca** is a seventh grade special education teacher at Howitt Middle School in Farmingdale, N.Y. He also teaches an after-school program called A+ Advantage geared to help at-risk elementary school students. ■ **Richard Kuberski** retired from the New York Police Department in March 2001. He received an M.P.A. from Marist in June 2001 and now teaches 3rd grade at Holy Rosary School in Staten Island, N.Y. ■ **Amy Kuhar** teaches sixth grade with the Clarkstown Central School District in Rockland County, N.Y. ■ **Gregory W. LaPointe** expected to graduate in May 2002 with a master's in survey research from the University of Connecticut. After graduation, Greg was to move to LaJolla, Calif., to work on an M.B.A. and pursue a position in the market/survey research industry. ■ **Brendan Licata** is accounts representative for L.A.D.D. Security Management Consultants, Inc. in New Jersey. ■ **Joseph Macchia** is an account coordinator for D. Pagan Communications, Inc., a public relations firm for the professional audio and technology markets. ■ **Lauren Montemurro** is employed at CBS in New York, N.Y., in the program practices department. ■ **Kristen Nocerino** attends the New York Institute of Technology as she pursues a master's in school counseling. She also heads the Immunization Department at NYIT and is a tutor for a child with special needs on the weekends. She is a recreation aide for the Town of Oyster Bay Handicap Services. ■ **Craig Olin** is a special education teacher in the Sachem School District in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. He is pursuing a master's at SUNY Stony Brook. ■ **Amy Ostgulen** was one of seven college graduates selected to be

a traveling consultant for Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity. She was chosen for outstanding leadership skills, academic achievement and contributions to her college and community. She visited more than 30 collegiate chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma during the 2001-2002 school year to aid in chapter organization and programming. Amy was trained to assist chapter members in areas such as leadership development, goal setting, risk management, relationship building and group dynamics. ■ **Lee Park** joined the staff of the *Poughkeepsie Journal* as a columnist focusing on the music scene. Lee gives readers the lowdown on well-known and up-and-coming acts playing area venues as well as spotlighting local musicians making a splash. ■ **John A. Pegram** retired from the New York Police Department after 20 years of service on Feb. 24, 2002. ■ **Anne L. Perkins** is pursuing a master's as a physician assistant. ■ **John J. Pidgeon** is an admissions counselor at Fairleigh Dickinson University. ■ **Waleska Rivera** teaches kindergarten at P.S. 98 in Manhattan. Waleska was an HEOP

student at Marist. ■ **Jennifer Ros-signal** works as a counselor for the educational talent search program at the Research Foundation at SUNY New Paltz. The program encourages students in grades 8 through 12 to go to college. ■ **Bonnie Sanchez** is pursuing a master's in social work at Fordham University and is doing an internship at Ulster County Mental Health. She was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Steve Sost** is responsible for the development of client media releases, media pitch letters and other materials at Mayr Communications in Ridgewood, N.J. Overall duties include writing, proof reading and support for production of client newsletters, press releases and business plans for the general client base. ■ **Patrick Spence** is producer of the "Good Morning Delmarva" broadcast by WMDT-TV Delmarva 47 News in Salisbury, Md. Salisbury is 30 minutes from Ocean City on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. ■ **Jennifer Sperry** is a policy research assistant at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, Va. ■ **Allison Stec** is an administrative assistant

with TradeMark Plastics. She also freelances for the *Westfield Leader*, her hometown's weekly paper. Allison is still waiting for that dream sports-writing job.

■ **Ryan Streck** is pursuing an M.B.A. at Marist while working as a graduate assistant in Champagnat Hall. ■ **Jaime Tomeo** is the infobar editor for News 12 Long Island. He writes the news on the scrolling bar along the bottom of the screen for all News 12 Networks—Long Island, Bronx, Connecticut, New Jersey and Westchester. ■ **Julio A. Torres, Jr.** is a development writer/alumni associate for Boys & Girls Harbor, Inc. in New York, N.Y. He is also an assistant basketball coach for the Upward Bound basketball team. He was an HEOP student at Marist. ■ **Melissa Tucci** is pursuing an M.B.A. at Marist while she assumes the duties of head softball coach at the college. ■ **Pierre Vinh** is a first-year student in the Doctor of Optometry program at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Elkins Park, Penn. ■ **Tara Wiley** is the communications coordinator for the Institute for Humanist Studies in Albany, N.Y.



Calling the Class of 2002

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While you're at the Marist alumni Web site, don't forget to keep your address current so we can keep you up to date on:

- Homecoming/Reunion 2002, coming up Oct. 11-13
- Chapter activities
- Career networking activities
- Athletic events
- Social events
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We want your news in the next issue! Keep in touch.

"FunDay" Brings Campus Community Together



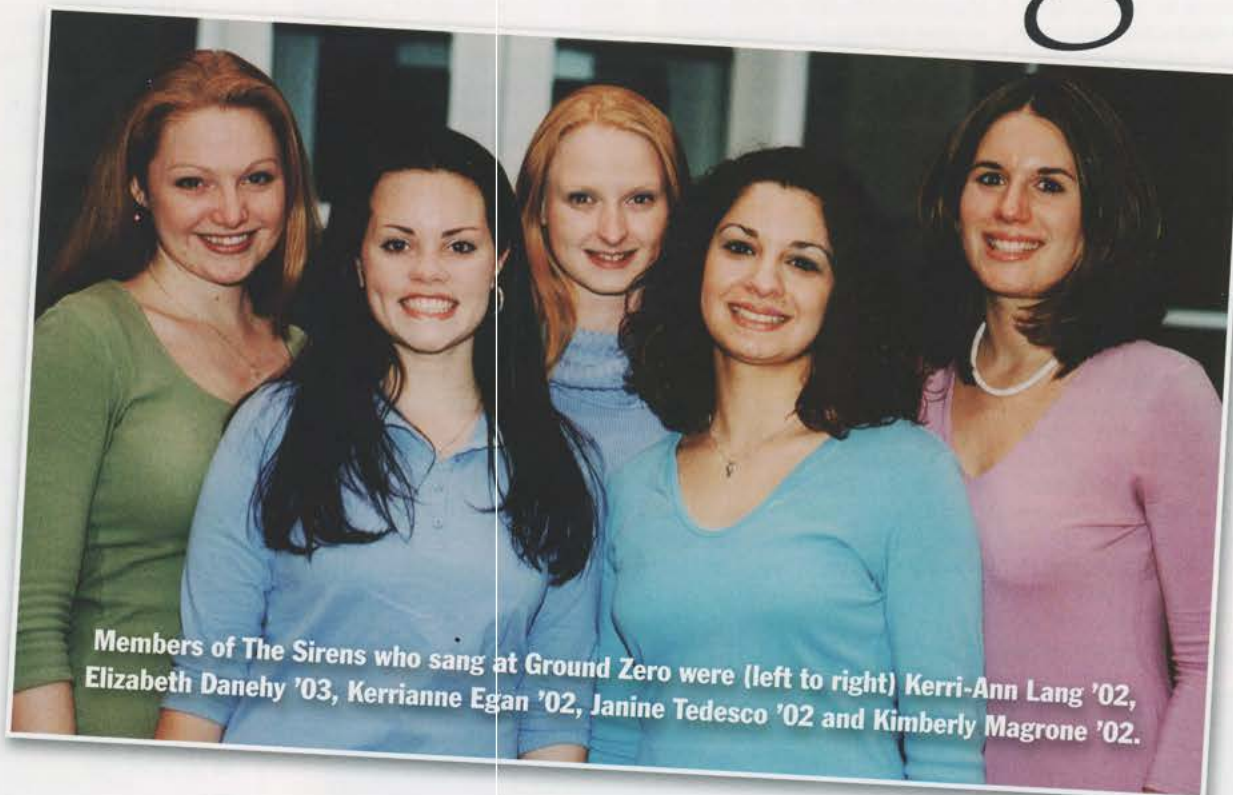
Marist faculty and staff gather in front of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center on Marist FunDay this past May for a campus photo, taken by Bob Lynch '75.

Faculty and Staff Contribute \$70,749 to Marist Fund

For the sixth consecutive year the Office of College Advancement sponsored Marist FunDay, a celebration of the end of the school year and successful completion of the annual Marist Fund campaign. Helping reach a \$1 million milestone goal were 289 faculty and staff members, including 71 alumni who are also employees at the college, who contributed to the 2002 Marist Fund. Their gifts totaled \$70,749.

"Marist faculty and staff have always been exceptionally dedicated," says Vice President for College Advancement Shaileen Kopec. "To have so many people who work at Marist, day in and day out, also provide such generous financial support to help our students says a great deal about our college's spirit and character."

Sharing Grief and Hope through Song



Members of The Sirens who sang at Ground Zero were (left to right) Kerri-Ann Lang '02, Elizabeth Danehy '03, Kerrienne Egan '02, Janine Tedesco '02 and Kimberly Magrone '02.

Liz Danehy '03 is a member of a small a cappella singing group at Marist called The Sirens. She wrote this e-mail to her family and friends after the group sang spontaneously at Ground Zero on Oct. 25.

Hi Everyone! I went down to New York City today and I wanted to share my experience with you all. My singing group was invited to sing at an awards ceremony for Helen Thomas (a White House correspondent). Only five of us could make it, but it turned out fine. We were excused from all of our classes for the day so we decided to make use of our time off.

After the ceremony, we hopped on the subway and headed to Ground Zero. As soon as we stepped onto the sidewalk, the mood was completely different. It was dark, quiet, and it smelled strange. What we saw was devastating. The buildings are still burning and the air is filled with smoke. The area is fenced off, but you can see pretty much everything. I have never seen such destruction in my entire life; not one person there could

look at it without feeling horrified. There were candles, pictures, posters and letters posted all along the fence that separated us from the remains. Hundreds of people stood watching and crying. I have never felt so hopeless.

We decided to do the only thing we could think of and that was to sing. We have been preparing many patriotic songs that are beautifully written and well arranged (for a cappella music). The girls and I stood up against the wall, faced the people and, with the remains behind us, we sang for two hours.

You have no idea the responses to the music. People videotaped us, took pictures, hugged us, sang with us and about five people called home and held up their cell phones to our music. At one point a woman in front of us broke down and started crying, and all of

us girls felt her pain and lost it in the middle of the song. The most amazing thing was that the crowd joined in and finished it for us; it was absolutely surreal. CNN showed up and taped our group and the people responding to our music.

In our last song, "The Star-Spangled Banner," firemen began to fill the streets. There were about 40 of them and they had just walked off Ground Zero from working there all day. They removed their hats and began to cry. It was so sad; I cannot begin to describe how it felt. At the end they applauded us and we applauded them. We walked into the streets and hugged them and thanked them. They were crying and tried to explain how horrible it is there, but told us how important it is that people support each other.

I will never forget this day as long as I live. I hope I didn't depress any of you, but rather gave you a little hope in humankind. Keep in touch, everyone. Take care of yourselves. God Bless. ■



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Marist College has launched the Hudson River Valley Institute, a regional studies center focused on one of America's richest historic, scenic and cultural regions—the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Among its many projects, the institute, in partnership with the National Park Service and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, is leading the effort in New York State to recognize the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution (2002-2008). A focal point of the celebration is a series of Patriots Weekends.



Patriots Weekend—2002

Some 225 years ago, the battles at Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton delayed British General Sir Henry Clinton in the lower Hudson Valley, thus upsetting his attempt to aid General John Burgoyne in upstate New York. As a result General Burgoyne was forced to surrender at Saratoga on Oct. 17, 1777—the turning point in America's struggle for independence.

Friday, Oct. 4, 2002

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Saturday, Oct. 5—Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002

Highland Falls, N.Y.

Celebration of the 225th anniversary of the battles of Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton in conjunction with the Bicentennial of the United States Military Academy. Events will include tactical exercises, a parade and fireworks, as well as the dedication of Fort Montgomery State Historic Site. The event will feature some 500 reenactors and a number of 18th-century sailing ships.

Cosponsored with the United States Military Academy, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association.

For information, contact the Hudson River Valley Institute
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