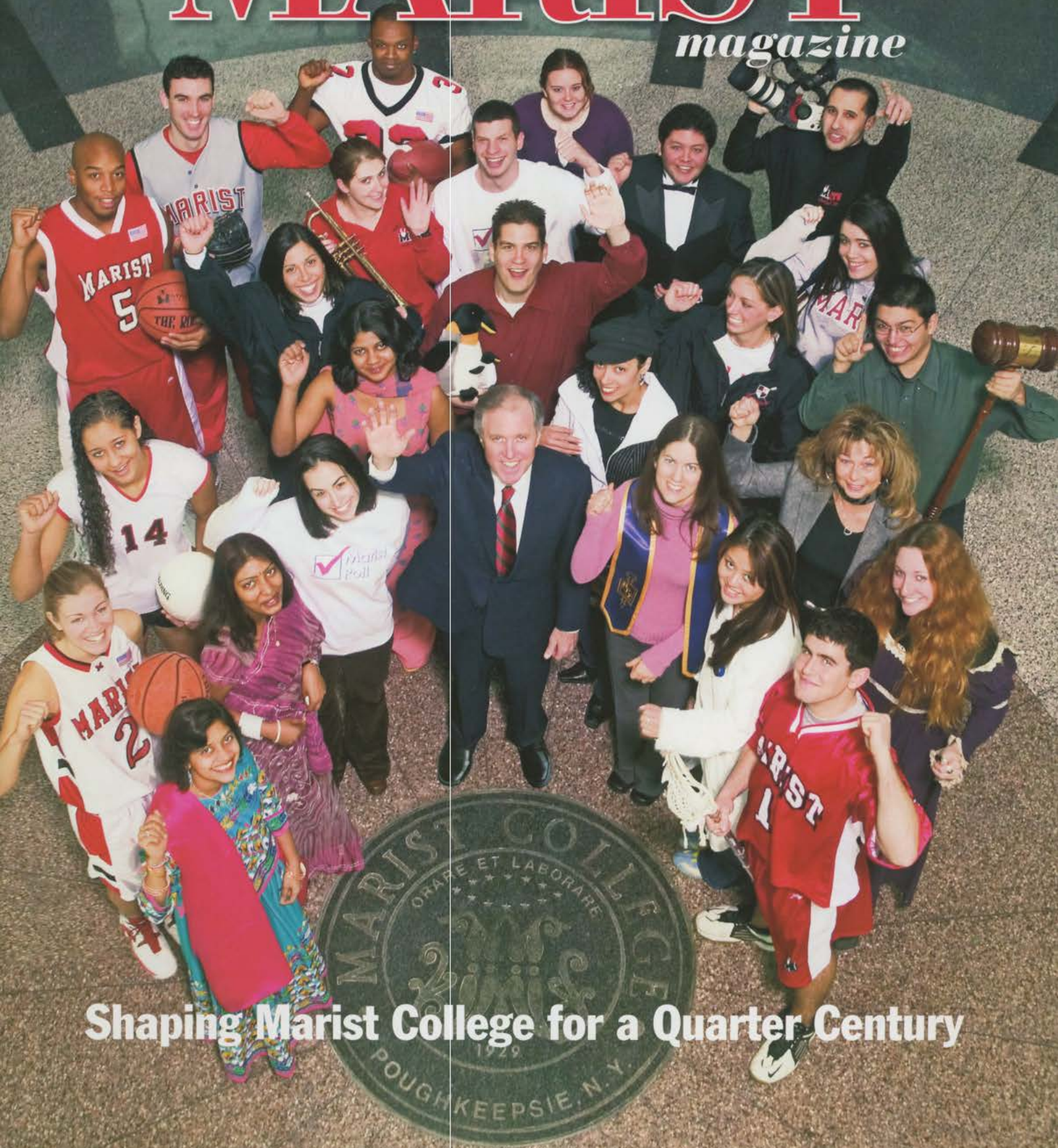


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—Pat and Patty Lavelle '73/'74, Alumni Chairs



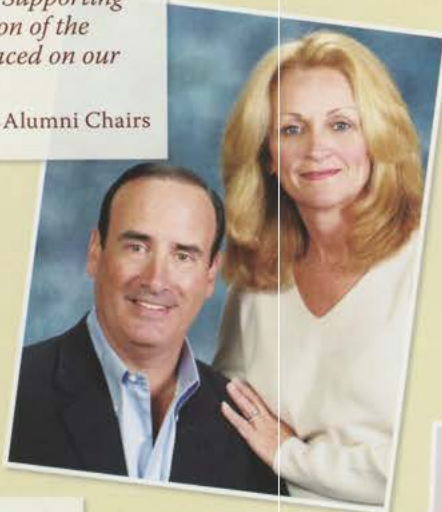
It is important to support Marist College and continue to elevate its reputation as one of our nation's top educational institutions. Our financial contributions will further enhance the value of your Marist degree.

—Tom Ward '69
Chairman and CEO of Maidenform, Inc.
National Chair



The Marist Fund provides local students the opportunity to receive an incredible education and helps them develop into leaders in our community. The Marist Fund is a wonderful program for both the college and its students.

—Richard Whalen, DDS
Business Co-Chair



With Marcellin Champagnat as their inspiration, the Marist Brothers and their faith have made Marist College stand out over the years as an institution where students are encouraged to be ethical, energetic, committed, and generous to the world they will enter. It is a privilege to support the Marist Fund in furthering the high ideals and rich traditions of a Marist education.

—Elizabeth M. Wolf, Friends Chair



I have had many roles at Marist as a student and administrator of various areas within the institution. I take great pride in my 13-year affiliation with the college and in my decision to be a part of a very special educational institution. My unique vantage point has helped me to see firsthand the value of unrestricted support.

—Robin Diller Torres, NCC '95 M
Campus Chair



Marist College is one of a select few institutions and organizations in the Hudson Valley that provide a foundation upon which the rest of our area grows and thrives. By supporting the Marist Fund we all do our part in assuring the future strength of our community.

—David Birsner
Business Co-Chair



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—Stephanie and Kenneth Karl,
Parents of Hollie '06, Parent Chairs

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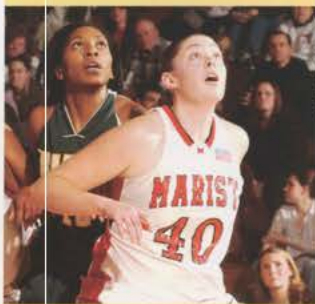
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When Head Coach Brian Giorgis told his players in January that they could not lose anymore, they responded by tearing through the rest of their conference slate on a school-record 16-game winning streak, the fourth longest in the NCAA. The Red Foxes ended the 2004-05 campaign in sole possession of the regular season championship following the best season in program history.

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The tsunami in December destroyed the Marist Brothers' school in Payagala, Sri Lanka.

Rebuilding a Marist School After the Tsunami

The Marist College community has collected more than \$37,000 so far to buy land for a new Marist Brothers school in Sri Lanka to replace one that the tsunami destroyed.

The Marist Brothers' school in Payagala was decimated by the Dec. 26 tsunami. Because the Sri Lankan government declared the former school site unsafe, the Brothers now must purchase a new parcel of land upon which to rebuild the school.

"Once again the Marist community walks the walk," says Bro. Frank Kelly, FMS, '73, director of Campus Ministry. "This is a need, and standing on our tradition of service we responded overwhelmingly."

The destroyed building was a small school with 120 first- and second-graders built in 2003 to accommodate the increasing number of students who wanted to attend Holy Cross College. Holy Cross College is the Marist Brothers' school in nearby Kalutara that opened 27 years ago and serves 1,600 students between the ages of six and 19.

Bro. Michael DeWaas, FMS, '94, the provincial in charge of the Brothers in Sri Lanka,

sent the college a letter shortly after the disaster describing the situation. He wrote, "Brother Sales, a teacher at Holy Cross, said, 'When the gigantic waves hit the school, the walls gave way and the roof collapsed and everything inside—desks, chairs, school supplies, books—everything was destroyed. Luckily the tsunami hit on a day when the school was closed or most of our students would have died here as well.'"

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Classes have since resumed in makeshift locations to help the staff and students get back into a routine and help everyone feel a sense of normalcy. The government has denied the school's request to rebuild in its original location because of its proximity to the sea. Therefore, in addition to rebuilding costs, the school must buy new land without being able to raise money from selling the original land since nobody can build on the site.

—Kerry McQuade

Student Wins Fulbright Award

Senior Rachael Fantauzzi, a communications/public relations major, has been awarded a 2005-2006 Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Grant.

Fantauzzi will travel to South Korea in July 2005 to begin orientation and be placed with a Korean host family while teaching conversational English to high school students. The Fulbright research award includes a monthly stipend, insurance and transportation costs.

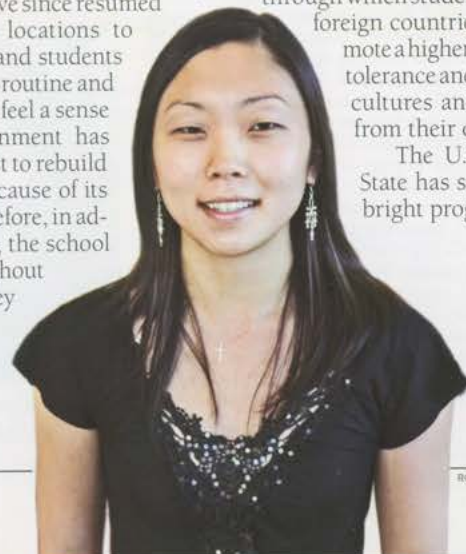
For the past year, Fantauzzi has served as a research assistant for Bradley Freeman, assistant professor of Media Arts, on the topic "Presidential Position: Press Coverage and Portrayals of William J. Clinton and George W. Bush During the Honeymoon Time Period." While on a study abroad trip to South Africa, she examined the topic "Religion and Social System Impact on South Africa."

She has received several awards including the Harry Connick, Jr., Music Scholarship, the University at Albany High School Student of Color Leadership Award and membership in the Deans' Circle Program at Marist. Involved in community service, she has helped to coordinate a benefit concert for Eastern Child Welfare, volunteered in an elementary school's summer program and served as a counselor at a Korean culture camp. She has also worked as a piano teacher and is a member of the Marist equestrian team. She speaks Italian and Spanish and will learn introductory Korean as part of her Fulbright experience.

Upon returning to the United States, she plans on writing for a newsletter for Korean adoptees as well as collaborating with American schools to create programs through which students can learn about foreign countries in order to promote a higher level of awareness, tolerance and understanding of cultures and people different from their own.

The U.S. Department of State has sponsored the Fulbright program since 1946.

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ROBERT FAGAN

New York State to Fund Research Center at Marist

New York State has announced funding for a new research center at Marist. Gov. George E. Pataki announced that the state is providing a grant to the college as part of a new comprehensive initiative to spur technology-based applied research and economic development across the state.

The grant is from the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research's (NYSTAR) College Applied Research and Technology (CART) Center initiative.



The grant is designed to encourage applied research collaboration and innovation with industry, promote workforce development and better leverage state funds with investments from the federal government, industry, foundations and not-for-profit economic development organizations.

Under the program, Marist will receive \$500,000 in the first year and a total of up to \$2.5 million over five years for its Center

for Applied Research in Collaborative and On-Demand Computing.

"I am pleased to have worked closely with Governor Pataki and Marist College to help secure this grant," says New York State Sen. Steve Saland. "Governor Pataki continues to advance and promote far-reaching strategies which will ensure a stronger regional economy by generating future job growth and investing in New York's technology base to better compete on a global level. The selection of Marist College as a recipient of this highly competitive grant

designed to promote technology research and workforce development will ensure the Hudson Valley's future role in the related economic growth generated by this initiative."

"This center will have a tremendous impact on Marist for at least the next five years and be of great benefit to our students, faculty and the greater community," says President Dennis J. Murray.

Lesley Stahl Receives Marist College Lowell Thomas Award

Lesley Stahl, co-editor of the CBS news-magazine *60 Minutes* and anchor of the network's *48 Hours Investigates*, was the recipient of the 2004 Marist College Lowell Thomas Award. She was honored at a luncheon at the Union League Club in Manhattan this past fall.

Stahl, known for her persistent and professional reporting, is in her 14th year with the top-rated *60 Minutes*. Born in Swampscott, Mass., she graduated with honors from Wheaton College. She served as CBS White House correspondent from 1978 to 1986 and again from 1988 to 1991. From 1983 to 1991, she moderated the network's long-running public affairs show *Face the Nation*.

She has won many honors including a Lifetime Emmy Award for her work. Her

experience covering Washington for more than 20 years became the subject of her book, *Reporting Live*, published by Simon & Schuster in 1999.

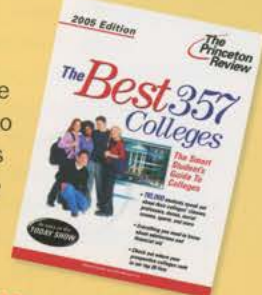
It was the 18th presentation of the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award, which recognizes outstanding individuals in the communications industry whose lives and work reflect the imagination, courage, ambition and humanity of Lowell Thomas. Thomas received an honorary doctorate from Marist and was the commencement speaker in 1981. Marist's Lowell Thomas Communication Center is home to the college's School of Communication and the Arts and contains several galleries displaying rare Lowell Thomas memorabilia.

Business School Named One of the Best

Marist's School of Management is one of the nation's outstanding business schools, according to The Princeton Review. The school is one of 143 featured in the Review's student opinion-driven guidebook, *Best 143 Business Schools, 2005 Edition*. It is also one of only 300 business schools in the country to have its undergraduate and graduate business programs fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

College Named

One of the Best The Princeton Review also included Marist in its 2005 guidebook *The Best 357 Colleges*.



New Degree in Biomedical Sciences

The New York State Department of Education has approved a new bachelor of science in biomedical sciences at Marist. The curriculum, which includes all the courses required for admission to medical school, is designed for students who plan to pursue advanced degrees in medicine or other health care professions.



New London Center

Marist's International Programs office has launched a London Center internship program. Students take an intensive British life and culture course, serve an internship and participate in two of three options: an online course with Marist faculty from the main campus, a course offered by the host site and an independent research project. The Foundation of International Education is providing on-site program services in its five-story Edwardian mansion in Kensington. Students live in South Kensington in a complex with wireless Internet access. The launch coincides with Marist's most successful year of study abroad programming: 351 students went abroad in 2004-05 to destinations including Paris, London, Hong Kong, Florence, Prague, Sydney, Melbourne, Osaka, Madrid, Cairo, Guayaquil and Singapore.



Marist presented its Lowell Thomas Award to Lesley Stahl (seated). Prior to receiving the award, she met with communications students to talk about journalism.

(IN BRIEF)

Top Professor Honored Dr. Rose De Angelis, associate professor of English and director of the Honors program, received the 2004 Board of



Trustees Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching. De Angelis earned a doctorate from Fordham University in the field of modern British and American literature and a master's in English and comparative literature from Columbia University. She graduated summa cum laude from Lehman College

with a bachelor's degree in English. She came to Marist in 1995. Her teaching and research interests include 19th- and 20th-century British and American fiction and ethnic American literature.

Marist to Host Opening of Empire State Games

Marist will be the site of the opening ceremonies for the 2005 Empire State Games on July 27. The college also will host several events during the following four days, including men's basketball, diving, men's lacrosse, rowing and softball. Campus residence halls will house nearly 12,000 athletes and officials. The event's operations and media centers will be in the Student Center. The occasion will offer the athletes, many of whom are high school students, a chance to see what Marist offers.



EMPIRE STATE GAMES
July 27-31, 2005

National Science Foundation Awards Marist \$600,000 Grant

The National Science Foundation has awarded Marist a three-year, \$600,000 Partnerships for Innovation grant. The grant will support the project "An Educational Environment with Virtual Laboratories for Data Center Professionals." The project involves the development of courses for the education, training and certification of data center professionals and will help promote the programs offered by Marist's Institute for Data Center Professionals. It will also create a permanent support, outreach and networking infrastructure for the data center work force.

Five Join Board of Trustees

Marist's Board of Trustees has five new members, four of whom are Marist graduates.

Mark Dennis, a resident of Hopewell Junction, is a certified public accountant with more than 25 years in the accounting and tax profession. He is also a trustee of the Jeannette Schlobach Charitable Trust. Active in the community, Dennis is past president and treasurer of the Dutchess Golf and Country Club, a board member of Rehabilitation Programs, Inc. and has been a member of area chambers of commerce and the Exchange Club. He and his wife, Gisella, have been longtime Marist supporters and regularly attend Red Fox basketball games.

Mary E. Monsaert Joyce '74 is an independent advertising and marketing executive. A resident of New City, she formerly was the director of advertising for the Education and Week in Review sections of the Sunday *New York Times* and retired from the *New York Times Co.* in 1989. She and her husband, Jim '74, served as Class of '74 reunion co-chairs in 1994. Her community service also includes work with United Way, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Rockland Country Club Foundation and Villanova University.

Patrick M. Lavelle '73 has been a vice president of Audiovox since 1980 and senior vice president since 1991. He is CEO and president of Audiovox's electronics subsidiary, Audiovox Electronics Corp. He was elected to the company's board of directors in 1993. He and his wife, Patty '74, serve as chairs of the alumni campaign for the Marist Fund. He is a member of the board of directors of Students in Free Enterprise and is active with the Long Island Special Olympics. The Lavelles have three children. Their son Michael graduated from Marist in 2002.

Patrice Connolly Pantello '76 is semi-retired following a career in publishing. She owns the consulting firm Connolly and Associates and her clients have included Reader's Digest, Simon and Schuster, Consumer Reports, Kiplinger Books and Sterling Publishing. Previously, she was managing editor for Doubleday's Literary Guild and Nelson Doubleday Books. A former vice president of the Alumni Executive Board, she served as national alumni chairperson for the 1990 Marist Fund. She and her husband, Ron, live in Park Ridge, N.J., and Longboat Key, Fla.

Bro. John Klein, FMS, '70 has been provincial superior of the Marist Brothers for the Province of the United States since 2003.



Mark Dennis



Mary Joyce '74



Patrick and Patty Lavelle '73/'74



Patrice Connolly
Pantello '76



Bro. John Klein,
FMS, '70

Previously, he was president of Marist High School in Bayonne, N.J., for four years. From 1997 to 1999, as president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, he represented 26,000 religious Brothers and priests in the United States and served as liaison with the Vatican. He has also been provincial superior of the Marist Brothers for the Esopus Province and principal of Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, N.Y. He earned an MA and PhD in American history from Fordham University.



MARIST ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

A Marist Brother signed the deed to acquire the MacPherson estate a century ago, property that would become Marist College.

Marking a 100th Anniversary for Marist

It was Feb. 28, 1905, when Brother Louis Zepheriny signed the deed for the acquisition of the MacPherson estate, the first piece of land that would become Marist College.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the event, two experts spoke on "The Origins of the Marist College Campus" March 2 in the Henry Hudson Room of Fontaine Hall. Bro. Joseph Belanger, FMS, '48, professor emeritus of French, described details of the historic purchase and the expansion of the future college's property holdings in 1908 with the purchase of the contiguous Bech estate. Susan

Roeller Brown, former senior advisor to the president at Marist, discussed the designation of a portion of the Bech estate as a National Historic Site. Brown was involved with advancing the historic designation.

The talk was part of a series of lectures on topics concerning Marist College history co-sponsored by Marist's Archives and Special Collections and College Advancement offices. For more information about the lectures, please contact John Ansley, head of Archives and Special Collections, at john.ansley@marist.edu or (845) 575-5217.

Robert L. West Named Vice President for College Advancement

President Dennis J. Murray has announced the appointment of Robert L. West as vice president for College Advancement.

West has served as associate vice president and director of development at the college for the past eight years. During this period he forged numerous relationships with alumni and friends of the college. He served as a key member of the development team that successfully completed the capital campaign for the James A. Cannavino Library. As vice president he oversees all areas of Marist's Advancement effort, which includes fund raising, alumni relations and public affairs.

Prior to coming to Marist, West served as chief development officer for Suffolk University Law School and was a senior member



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Robert L. West has been named vice president for College Advancement.

of the Central Development Office. In addition he served as executive director/assistant vice president, SUNY Empire State College Foundation. He also has corporate experience in the sales and marketing field.

West received his BS degree in business administration and his MBA degree from Suffolk University. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Management Development program and has completed the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) program.

He succeeds Shaileen Kopec, who served in the position for 14 years and who is now senior development officer with responsibility for inaugurating a planned giving program and helping to expand the college's endowment.

Fashion Students Win Scholarships

Four Marist fashion students have been awarded scholarships from the Young Men's Association in New York City. The YMA is an industry organization formed to promote the interests of menswear manufacturers and retailers. The goal of the scholarship program is to encourage students to consider entering the menswear business after graduation rather than the much larger women's apparel industry. The scholarships were awarded based on an essay written by the students and letters of recommendation. Six Marist students applied this year and four received awards of \$5,000 each. The winners are senior Kristi Silko and juniors Stacie Hamalainen, Viviana Llaurodo and Stacy Anderson. In addition to the monetary prize, the students will be invited to a black-tie industry event next year that will provide them with more networking opportunities.



Patriots' Weekend 2005: The Benedict Arnold Conspiracy to Surrender West Point

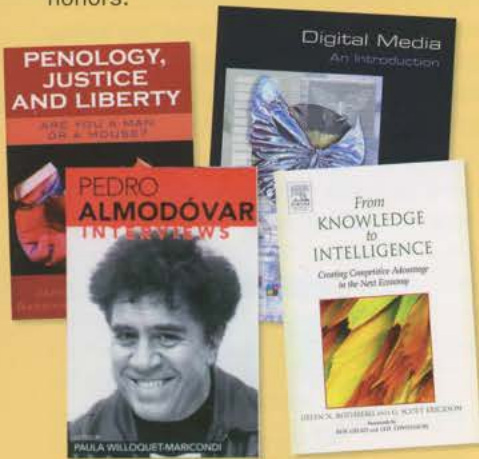
The Hudson River Valley Institute's ongoing celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley takes place this Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. Leading historians from around the nation will join thousands of spectators and Revolutionary War reenactors to celebrate one of the Hudson River Valley's most infamous events: Benedict Arnold's attempt to surrender West Point to the British. HRVI will host the event in collaboration with the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. More information about this and other HRVI events can be found at www.hudsonrivervalley.org.

Athletic Training Education Program Accredited

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs has accredited Marist's athletic training education program.

(IN BRIEF)

Swimmers and Divers Excel Senior Co-Captain Matthew Castillo was named the 2005 ECAC Swimmer of the Meet as the men's swimming and diving team placed second at the ECAC Championships. The men also captured their ninth MAAC title in 10 years. The women's swimming and diving team won its seventh MAAC title in 10 years and second in a row. Larry VanWagner coaches the men's and women's teams. Associate Head Coach Melanie Bolstad was named MAAC Coach of the Year and freshman Jamie Falco earned MAAC Swimmer of the Year honors.



Faculty Books Published Dr. Barbara Lavin-McElaney, associate professor of criminal justice, has co-authored *Penology, Justice, and Liberty: Are You a Man or a Mouse?* with James C. McElaney, published this year by University Press of America... Richard Lewis and James Luciana, both professors of art, have co-authored the textbook *Digital Media: An Introduction*, published in 2004 by Prentice Hall... Dr. Paula Willoquet-Maricondi, assistant professor of communication, completed a book of interviews with Pedro Almodóvar published by the University Press of Mississippi... Dr. Helen Rothberg, associate professor of business, has co-authored the book *From Knowledge to Intelligence: Creating Competitive Advantage in the Next Economy*, published by Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann. The book, written with Dr. G. Scott Erickson, associate professor of marketing at Ithaca College, focuses on the future of knowledge management and how competitive intelligence informs knowledge management practice.

Chess Champ

Marist junior Dave Bedoukian has beaten all three of the chess masters he has faced at Marist during the college Chess Club's last three annual Chess Master Challenges.

The faculty advisor for the club and coordinator of the tournaments, Associate Professor of Information Systems Craig Fisher, says in the 15 years he's been bringing professional chess players in for the tournaments, only one other student has won a single match.

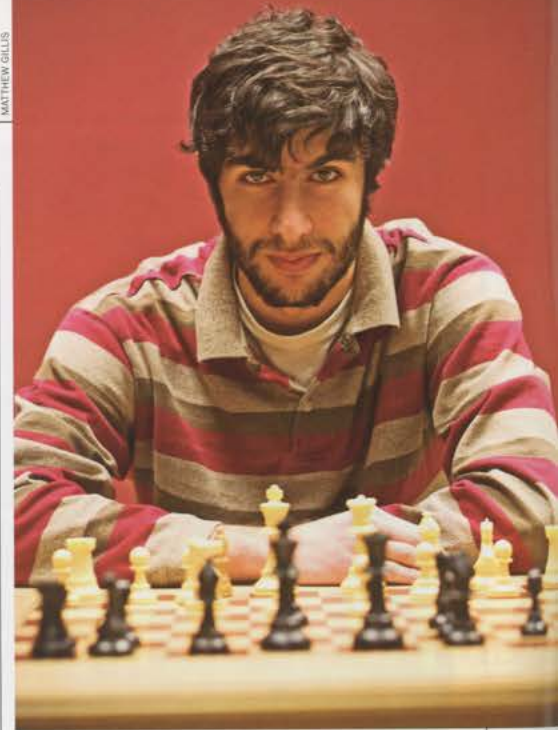
The expert at the most recent event, Lonnie Kwartler, is ranked in the top 2 percent of chess players in the United States and is the current New York State senior champion. On Dec. 4, Kwartler challenged 17 members of the Chess Club to simultaneous games. After almost four hours of play, Kwartler finished with 15 wins, one loss and one draw.

"He made a couple of mistakes and I got lucky, but it was a pretty good game," says Bedoukian, who is currently rated as a C Class player in the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) ranking system. "It felt good to win." Freshman Alex Reynolds drew his game with Kwartler.

Fisher, who is also a USCF-certified tournament director, thinks Bedoukian has the talent to go far. "He's gone from a D player to a C player in a year, and I predict that within six months he will be a B player," says Fisher.

Bedoukian's grandfather taught him the game of chess when he was six, and the youth was beating him by the age of 14. "Chess is like a big puzzle you have to solve when you're playing," the junior chemistry major explains. "I like the challenge and the creativity."

The Chess Club plays a lot of practice chess and competes in several tournaments. They play against West Point every year. The membership is very open, and people come



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and play when they want. Beginners on campus are welcome to join the club. "We try to get as many people as possible. We have no problem teaching beginners," says Bedoukian. "We have a huge range. Whatever skill you are, you can always get a good game."

Bedoukian and Reynolds traveled to New Jersey in February to compete in a national chess tournament with more than 1,000 participants, where games can potentially last up to six hours each. Both won two matches, lost two matches and drew two matches. Bedoukian says he didn't do as well as he had hoped but that it wasn't bad for his first time in a tournament at this level.

—Kerry McQuade



Senior Doreen Mullady has received the first Thomas G. Crotty '81 Memorial Scholarship.

First Thomas G. Crotty '81 Scholarship Awarded

The first Thomas G. Crotty '81 Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Doreen Mullady '05.

Tom Crotty's family endowed the scholarship in his memory. Crotty, who died in the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, was a standout basketball player at Marist. The scholarship supports a varsity athlete entering his or her junior or senior year who is from Long Island. A walk-on on Marist's women's track team, Mullady ran track at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, Long Island, about an hour west of her family's home in Rocky Point.

She is majoring in history with a concentration in Irish history, inspired by the semester she spent in Dublin, Ireland, in fall 2003 as part of Marist's international study program. She plans to attend graduate school and enter nonprofit or human rights work.

Student Receives Prestigious McGowan Scholarship

Jenna Notti, a junior from Woodbury, Conn., has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for the 2005-2006 academic year. The prestigious and highly competitive award from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund will provide an \$18,000 scholarship toward her senior year as she completes a double major in business administration and fashion merchandising.

A committee of School of Management faculty members selected Notti from a slate of business students nominated by management faculty. The committee reviewed nominees' academic records, leadership qualities, character and commitment to helping others.

In addition to maintaining a GPA of 3.7, Notti is a member of the Deans' Circle and Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB). She has also been involved in community service organizations such as the Marist chapters of Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Poughkeepsie YMCA.

Notti says she is honored to have won the McGowan Scholarship, named in honor of William G. McGowan, a pioneer in the telecommunications industry and the founder and longtime chairman of MCI Communications Corp. "William McGowan embodied the ideal that an individual can achieve anything through hard work and determination," she

says. "Despite his wealth and success, he remained connected to his humble beginnings and always gave back to the community. His foundation today continues to support various charitable funds that touched McGowan during his lifetime. His is an example that we can all learn from and follow." As part of her application, Notti wrote a 1,000-word essay on McGowan's contributions to today's business world in general and to the telecommunications field in particular.

Every year, the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund qualifies a select number of colleges and universities nationwide to participate in its McGowan Scholars program. Colleges and universities may apply only if they have business programs accredited by either the AACSB or the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. Scholarships are then awarded through a competitive process on individual campuses.

The McGowan Charitable Fund established the Scholars program to provide significant support to the country's top students who are pursuing a business education. The program is based on the experience of William G. McGowan during his college days. Though admitted to Harvard Business School to study for an MBA degree, he did not have sufficient funds to complete his studies. However, he won Harvard's Baker Scholars award, which provided the funds necessary for him to earn his degree and launch a successful career.



Jenna Notti '06, shown with School of Management Dean Andrés Fortino, has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar for 2005-2006.

MATTHEW GILLES

Practice, Practice, Practice...

The Marist Chamber Choir performed at New York City's famed Carnegie Hall on Nov. 21. The Chamber Choir, along with Texas choirs Chorus Austin, Southwestern University Concert Choral, CAC Chorale of Temple and the San Gabriel Chorale as well as the New England Chamber Orchestra, performed the "Missa in tempore belli (Mass in Time of War)" by Joseph Haydn. The 40 singers who make up Marist's auditioned Chamber Choir were selected by invitation from the staff of MidAmerica Productions, an organization affiliated with Carnegie. The Chamber Choir's director, Janet Davis, had conducted programs for MidAmerica Productions before coming to Marist in 2003.



College Joins World Community Grid

Marist is the first college or university in the United States to become a member of World Community Grid, joining the IBM Corp. and a group of leading academic institutions, associations, foundations and companies.

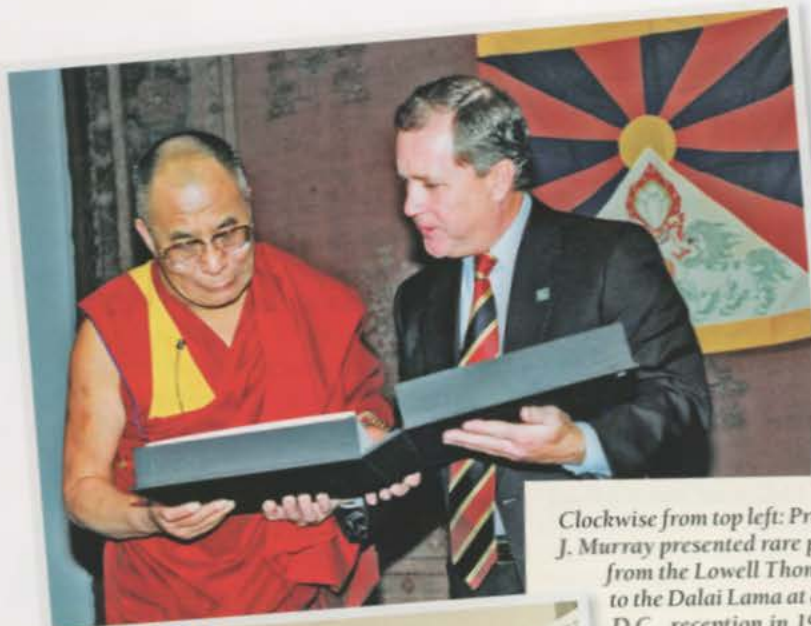
Grid technology links many individual computers, creating a large system with massive computational power that exceeds the power of a few supercomputers. This capability can be applied, on a global scale, to very large and complex problems.

The college is encouraging its students, faculty and staff to contribute their idle PC time to World Community Grid at www.worldcommunitygrid.org. To join, they can go to www.worldcommunitygrid.org and download and install a free, small software program on their computers. When idle, computers request data from World Community Grid's server. Computers then perform computations using this data, send the results back to the server and prompt it for a new piece of work.

World Community Grid addresses global humanitarian issues, such as 1) new and existing infectious disease research: researching cures for HIV and AIDS, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), malaria and others; 2) genomic and disease research: the Human Proteome Folding project seeks to help identify the functions of the proteins that are coded by human genes; 3) natural disasters and hunger: World Community Grid applications can help researchers and scientists with earthquake predictions, improving crop yields and evaluating the supply of critical natural resources like water.

In 2003, IBM was one of the sponsors of a smallpox study that took advantage of grid computing. The study, using the largest available supercomputers, would have taken years to complete, according to World Community Grid. With grid computing, the study was completed in less than six months and identified 44 potential smallpox treatment candidates.





Clockwise from top left: President Dennis J. Murray presented rare photos of Tibet from the Lowell Thomas Collection to the Dalai Lama at a Washington, D.C., reception in 1995. Bro. Paul Ambrose Fontaine, FMS, Murray and his wife, Marilyn, presented Pope John Paul II with a book about the Hudson Valley in 1997. In 1996 the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill presented its Val-Kill Medal to Murray and (left to right) environmentalist and Marist Trustee Frances S. Reese, Lea Rabin and Queen Noor of Jordan. In October 1994 Murray welcomed George E. Pataki, then a New York state senator, for a campus visit. Pataki was elected governor the following month. Murray met First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at a White House event in 1997. Dennis and Marilyn Murray greeted writer Maya Angelou at a speaking engagement on the campus in 1996. A generous gift and challenge grant of \$1 million from the Dyson Foundation in November 1996 led the way in raising funds for Marist's library. Longtime Trustee Robert Dyson has served as chairman of Marist's Board of Trustees since 1994.



Shaping Marist College for a Quarter Century

Of all the college's remarkable advances over the past 25 years, observers cite the quality of the Marist academic experience as President Dennis J. Murray's greatest achievement.

As Dennis J. Murray sat in his California home on a Saturday afternoon in 1979, the local public television station was showing newsreels from the 1930s and '40s. The then vice president for development at Whittier College had just been contacted for the second time by a headhunter trying to lure him to become the new president of Marist College, but the Los Angeles native just wasn't interested.

He continued watching the local programming and soon found himself viewing old footage from the International Rowing Regatta in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Immediately realizing the coincidence, Murray started to reconsider the headhunter's offer.

"I saw the river and said maybe that's worth taking a trip," he recalls. "That newsreel piqued my interest to see what this place was like."

More than a quarter century later, Murray is still here, having presided over the greatest period of growth and development in the history of the college. Assets have increased more than \$300 million. Enrollments have more than tripled. Some \$140 million has been invested in construction and renovation. Nineteen property acquisitions have almost doubled the size of the campus.

Not a bad track record for someone who originally thought that Marist would just be a short stop on an otherwise long career path. "I told (my wife) Marilyn that college presidents last three to five years, and then they move on to something else," Murray says. "(I thought) we'd do this for a while and see where our career takes us."

Murray was right about college presidents in general, as the average term is less than seven years, according to the American Council on Education. But his term has been far from average. "He has taken Marist from a small, almost quasi-local college to being a national institution with a great reputation," says Robert Dyson, chairman of the Marist Board of Trustees since 1994. "He has not only set the standards, but also continued to raise them. Every year there is something improving at the college."

In many ways, Murray's path to Marist began during his freshman year at Mount Carmel High School in Los Angeles. A self-described "typical high school kid" who was student

body president and a three-sport athlete and ended up marrying his high school sweetheart, Marilyn, he was asked by a local politician and close family friend to hand out fliers for the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy. Ultimately, Murray had the opportunity to shake Kennedy's hand one day in 1960, an experience that instilled in him one of Marist's core ideals—the principle of service.

"From that day on I just always had an interest in public affairs," Murray says. "I think all citizens in a democratic society have an obligation to be involved in public affairs and to be concerned about their communities."

This belief was evident upon his arrival at Marist, as Murray set out to convince local community leaders that the college was an asset, a pledge he has continued to make throughout his tenure. During his time at Marist more than 415 new full-time jobs have been created. Marist staff and students also volunteer hundreds of hours in the area.

Murray himself is an active member of the civic community. He has served on 29 community and national boards including the American Council on Education's Commission on Leadership Development and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board as well as the boards of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River

Valley, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, National Science Foundation Committee and United Way of Dutchess County. He has also chaired the Vassar Brothers Hospital Foundation. For his service he has received numerous awards and honors.

"Marist doesn't function in academic isolation. Dr. Murray and his staff are an integral part of the Hudson Valley," says New York State Sen. Steve Saland, who also chairs the Senate Education Committee. "He has a vision for not only Marist College, but also for the community and the region in general. He has the intellect, the energy, the vision and the people skills to drive results."

As Marist's role in the local community has grown under Murray's leadership, so too has its reputation on the national academic



Dennis J. Murray arrived at Marist in 1979.

stage. The *Princeton Review* named Marist to its list of the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in the country. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks Marist among the top tier of northern colleges and universities. *Yahoo! Internet Life* magazine selected Marist for its list of the 100 most wired campuses in the nation. The John Templeton Foundation placed Marist on its elite honor roll of only 100 academic institutions noted for teaching character development. *Careers and Colleges* magazine picked Marist as one of 14 "schools that rule," providing "strong academic programs, terrific professors, a vibrant student life (and) other opportunities for personal development."

At the same time, Murray has forged and presided over a longtime partnership with the IBM Corp., making Marist one of the nation's most technologically advanced liberal arts colleges. He successfully led the charge toward Division I athletics. And he points further to the growth and strength of the music program and the esteemed reputation of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion as additional accomplishments of which he is most proud.

Everything has combined to make the Marist student experience far different than when Murray came to visit the campus in 1979. "He has made our degree worth so much more," says Mary Joyce '74, a new member of the Marist Board of Trustees and one of the first two alumnae to serve on the board. "He has really put Marist on the map. The stature of the college has grown by leaps and bounds."

As an outside observer and someone who is committed to high-quality education, Saland agrees. "Marist has been elevated to one of the finer schools in the country, and it was all done on his watch," he says. "It is nothing short of extraordinary."

Over a quarter century later, Murray is still here, having presided over the greatest period of growth and development in the history of the college.

BY JEFFREY DAHNCKE '01

Shaping Marist College for a Quarter Century

Any discussion of Marist's academic growth must include a discussion of its physical growth as well. The 83,000-square-foot James A. Cannavino Library was constructed and written up in the *New York Times* as a high-tech complex. The Steel Plant Studios developed to enhance the visual arts. Robert Dyson and the Dyson Foundation helped build the Dyson Center, which houses the School of Management, leading to the prestigious accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Fontaine Hall, named in honor of Bro. Paul Ambrose Fontaine, considered the founding president of modern-day Marist, was constructed to support the School of Liberal Arts and the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. Donnelly Hall was renovated to support academic programs and student services offices.

But despite all that, many still view the heightened quality of the Marist academic experience as Murray's greatest achievement. "It's not the buildings, it's not the computer network, it's not the relationship he has maintained with IBM and Cisco Systems, and it's not the tireless work he does in the community. Those are all things you can point to and say Dennis did a nice job here," says James Cannavino, a member of the Marist Board of Trustees since 1984 and its immediate past chairman. "(His real legacy is) turning an institution that was on life support into a vital, well-financed institution that provides an outstanding education for its students. I would rank him as one of the very best in the country."

Not many could have imagined that Murray would have such an impact when he took the reins from his predecessor, Dr. Linus Richard Foy. At 32 years old, he was faced with a variety of challenges stemming from Marist's financial condition and its transition from a religiously governed institution to an independent college.

"There were some people who weren't readily going to accept the authority of a young kid from California coming in here as president," Murray says. "Over time, because of what we did and the way we did it, we won the confidence of the people who were necessary to get the college moving in the right direction."

"For the past 25 years Dr. Murray has guided Marist College through many groundbreaking academic achievements and a remarkable expansion of the college's facilities," says Bro. John Klein, FMS, '70, provincial superior of the Marist Brothers for the Province of the United States and a new Marist trustee. "At the same time, perhaps his greatest achievement has been his clear vision and efforts to ground all aspects of the college in its Marist heritage and mission. In so many ways the legacy that the early Marist Brothers bequeathed to the col-

Murray presented journalist Diane Sawyer with Marist's Lowell Thomas Award in 1994.



Murray worked closely with long-time Trustee John J. Gartland, Jr., who chaired the college's Buildings and Grounds committee for more than 20 years, shown in a 1993 photo.

lege have found new expression in his leadership. This has been clearly manifested through the college's commitment to the Campus Ministry program and the student and faculty efforts to reach out to the most needy in the local Dutchess County community.

"Dr. Murray has been a wonderful friend to the Marist Brothers," says Brother John. "His generosity and support have made each of us appreciate our history and ongoing link to the college. We are grateful to include him as an important part of our Marist family."

Perhaps because of the Marist Brothers heritage, a strong family atmosphere is evident within the Marist College community, one in which people genuinely care for one another—whether they're in the administrative offices of Greystone or at the physical plant. "There's a famous old quote that I've always loved that, in higher education, if you don't treat both your intellectuals and your plumbers

"If you don't treat both your intellectuals and your plumbers with the same degree of respect, then neither your pipes nor your theories will hold any water."

with the same degree of respect, then neither your pipes nor your theories will hold any water," says Murray, who himself worked as a spot welder at General Motors for two summers during his college years. "I've always tried to show respect to the people who work on our grounds, our mechanics, our people who do the cleaning and others. Organizations

don't function if those people aren't doing their jobs, and doing them well."

They also don't function if their leaders aren't doing theirs. Luckily for Marist, the kid from California has kept up his end of the bargain. The college has seen 26 consecutive years of balanced budgets and operating surpluses. "The school is well-run, top to bottom, and it's fiscally in great shape," says Dyson, who joined Marist's board 30 years ago. "Parents know that when their kids come to Marist, they're getting excellent value, great facilities, appropriate supervision and safety. Students know they're going to get a great education in a good environment. It cuts both ways."

Murray says credit for Marist's success over the past quarter century should not be attributed to him. "I've been very fortunate during my tenure to work with a strong board of trustees that has provided excellent guidance. We have also had board chairs who have been great leaders. In addition, were it not for an academically talented faculty, we wouldn't have achieved such distinctions as being named one of the country's best colleges by the Princeton Review.

"Each person working on this campus is part of a student-centered team. Strong bonds are formed between students, faculty and staff. That's why our alumni are as loyal and supportive as they are. The Marist experience doesn't end at commencement. It continues to grow with each passing year. As a community, we can all feel proud of fulfilling our mission—helping students develop the intellect and character required for enlightened, ethical and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century."

Murray also says his wife has been an integral partner in the development and success of the college. "You can't do a job like



Dennis J. Murray's Tenure at Marist Since 1979

Under Dennis J. Murray's leadership, Marist has been transformed from a small local college to one of the top colleges and universities in America.

- ▶ Twenty-six consecutive years of balanced budgets and operating surpluses
- ▶ Assets increased \$297 million before depreciation
- ▶ Net assets increased \$206 million before depreciation
- ▶ More than 415 new full-time jobs created
- ▶ Nineteen property acquisitions almost doubling the size of the campus
- ▶ Enrollments increased from 1,633 to more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students
- ▶ 7,200 applications received for 950 seats in last year's freshman class, making Marist one of the most selective colleges in the country
- ▶ Thirty-three new academic programs initiated
- ▶ Academic structure of the college organized into seven new schools
- ▶ School of Management received AACSB accreditation and is recognized by the Princeton Review as one of the best business schools in the world
- ▶ The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion (MIPO) gains national stature as premier research center
- ▶ The 83,000-square-foot James A. Cannavino Library constructed and hailed as one of the top academic libraries in America
- ▶ The Steel Plant Studio and Gallery developed to enhance the visual arts
- ▶ The Lowell Thomas Communications Center, Dyson Center and Fontaine Hall constructed and Donnelly Hall renovated to support academic programs
- ▶ Music program launched—choir and orchestra gain national recognition
- ▶ Student Center constructed to support student programs and activities
- ▶ Six housing complexes constructed for student living: Foy Townhouses, Gartland Commons, Mid-Rise residence hall, Riverview townhouses, Lower West Cedar Street townhouses and Upper West Cedar townhouses
- ▶ Sheahan, Leo and Champagnat dormitories completely renovated
- ▶ McCann Center addition constructed for student training and recreational space
- ▶ \$140 million spent on construction and renovation—all projects completed on time and within budget
- ▶ National Science Foundation awards grants to Marist for Science on the Move and Institute for Data Center Professionals



"The credit for these accomplishments belongs to our faculty, staff, board and alumni. None of these achievements would have been possible without their involvement and support."

- ▶ Princeton Review, *U.S. News and World Report* and *Barron's Best Buys in College Education* ranked Marist among the best colleges and universities in America
- ▶ *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development* recognized Marist for leadership in the field of student character development
- ▶ IBM partnership initiated helping Marist become one of the most technologically advanced comprehensive colleges in America
- ▶ Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Marist form unique partnership to digitize presidential records and make them available over the Internet
- ▶ Internet2 invites Marist to join consortium connecting leading research universities around the nation
- ▶ New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research designates Marist as a Center for Advanced Research and Technology
- ▶ The Open Source Development Lab selects Marist as a site for one of only three research centers in the world to provide state-of-the-art computing and test facilities to accelerate the use of the Linux operating system in organizations around the world

- ▶ *Yahoo Internet Life* named Marist as one of the "100 Most Wired Colleges" for incorporating network technologies into campus life
- ▶ Intercollegiate athletics moves to NCAA Division I (1981)
- ▶ Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) invites Marist to join (1998)
- ▶ Nine new intercollegiate sports teams added (one men's and eight women's)
- ▶ Club and intramural sports programs expanded
- ▶ The Hudson River Valley Institute established and designated as the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area
- ▶ Community development initiatives spurred major economic growth around college, starting with the Route 9 improvements in 1996
- ▶ Longview Park on Marist campus develops through innovative partnership with town, state and federal governments
- ▶ Greystone, Kieran Gatehouse and Saint Peter's placed on National Register of Historic Places

In addition to his duties for the college, Murray has continued the mission of the Marist Brothers to serve the community. He has served on 29 community and national boards including the American Council on Education's Commission on Leadership Development, Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, National Science Foundation Committee and United Way of Dutchess County and he chaired the Vassar Brothers Hospital Foundation.

For his service Murray has received the following awards and honors: Anti-Defamation League's Americanism Award, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Recognition Competition Silver Award, the Community Foundation of Dutchess County's Service Award, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal (along with fellow recipients Lea Rabin, Queen Noor of Jordan and Frances Reese), the Franciscan Award by the Saint Francis Health Care Foundation, a community award from the Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Marist Brothers Affiliation (also given to Marilyn Murray), Saint Cabrini Home's Gold Medal Human Service Award and a service award from the Vassar Brothers Hospital Foundation.

this for more than 25 years if your family is not supportive. Marist would not be where it is today without Marilyn's help."

And if Murray had any doubts about whether he made the right decision by taking the headhunter up on his offer to visit Poughkeepsie back in 1979, they were quickly erased the following year.

English professor Bob Norman approached the new president about creating a School of Communications at the college, with the involvement of famed journalist and local resident Lowell Thomas. As chance would have it, Lowell Thomas also happened to be the narrator of the International Rowing Regatta newsreel Murray was watching on

public television that Saturday afternoon in 1979. Murray approached Thomas about becoming involved with Marist and, in 1987, Murray dedicated the new Lowell Thomas Communications Center.

Maybe it was fate, or maybe it was just a good match. Whatever it was, Murray has transformed Marist over the past quarter century and is steering the small school on the Hudson River toward even better days.

New York State Sen. Steve Saland presented Murray with a \$76,595 state grant in 2004 to fund technology the college will use to develop prototype Web services that help businesses market, sell and deliver their products.



Helping Kids Enjoy a Winter Weekend

Lazarus House, a homeless shelter, recently honored Marist College students with an award for their 12 years of volunteer service. Lazarus House welcomes college students in hopes of teaching them about poverty and how they can alleviate it. Marist volunteers have taken that lesson to heart.

BY LESLIE BATES
PHOTOGRAPHY BY TOM KATES

Running a weekend of indoor activities for children wasn't going to be easy. Marist students were leading their annual winter camp at a community center for the poor and homeless children served by Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, Mass. But this year the camp's two most popular facilities

were out of commission: the swimming pool was closed because of a filter problem, and a basketball league had the gym booked until early afternoon.

The Marist students needn't have worried. The 14 young campers smiled broadly whether they were making nametags, building with Popsicle sticks, playing catch with a rubber ball or crab-walking across the lobby in relay races. Not one camper looked bored throughout the three-day camp led by eight Marist students over the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend this past February.

Lawrence, 30 miles northeast of Boston, is the poorest city in New England and the 23rd poorest city in the United States, according to H. Bridget Shaheen, director of Lazarus House Ministries, which offered the winter camp. Eighty-four percent of the children in Lawrence live below the poverty level.

A dozen other colleges have sent students to help at the shelter, but in November Lazarus House presented Marist students with its Christ the Servant Award for their dedicated



"It was truly a plunge into a world I always knew existed but have never really experienced," says senior Everett Reiss (left), here reading to Kiara Laboy (right) and other campers. "The children just needed people to hug, listen to them and hang out with them. The adults at Lazarus House were dealt a tough hand for the time being and were just living day to day worrying about a roof, food and clothing. And we, as a handful of blessed people, were given the opportunity to bring some hope and light into their lives, while they reciprocated with honesty, smiles and reality-shaking perspectives."

volunteer service. Over the past 12 years, Marist students have volunteered for the organization's enormous Thanksgiving food delivery to 800 families as well as in its soup kitchen, thrift shop and homeless shelter, led by Bro. Michael Williams, FMS, a mentor at the college. Brother Michael has led the City Plunge to Lawrence at least three times a year to put students to work wherever needed. More than 200 students have participated.

"Who else in the dead of winter would drive up here to do a winter camp for kids?" says Shaheen. "Our toughest weekend of the year is the weekend before Thanksgiving, and they work themselves into the ground packing food orders. They don't get any of the glamorous jobs. Making food orders is lifting hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of boxes of food and moving them to sites so that people can have Thanksgiving food.

"They're so committed, they're so flexible, they're willing to do anything. And they have such a spirit of willingness and caring. It's a perfect match."

Lazarus House hosts the colleges in order to educate students about poverty. "It's one more way for us to take young, pliable minds and give them an opportunity to witness the reality of poverty," says Shaheen. "We wanted it to be something they would take home with them. And something that would stick in their craw for the rest of their lives. And then we often say to them, 'No matter what you do with your life, you have something that you can offer to people who are poor and in need.' So they have a life full of opportunity to make a difference if they choose to."

Serving those in need at Lazarus House did translate into everyday life for alumna Beth Mathewson Law '00, a special education teacher working at Yale University with students who have social and emotional disabilities. "I always looked forward to going to Lazarus House as a student because the experience put my life into perspective," she says. "The people of Lazarus House exude energy and hope."

Christine Coco '99 first went to Lazarus House as a sophomore, returning early from

winter vacation to join the City Plunge and create a winter camp for the children in Lawrence. She went back to Lazarus House for two more years as a student and then for three years as an alumna.

"I continued my work at Lazarus House because it was there I witnessed true compassion for the poor through the work of the Marist students and Marist Brothers," she says. "It was always rewarding to see 'small' actions making true differences in the lives of the poor."

Her volunteer experiences in Lawrence influenced both personal and career decisions and continue to sharpen her perspective on life, she says. Today she works with the immigrant population in Long Island's Uniondale School District, teaching English as a second language on the elementary level. She also volunteers as a mentor through the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island. "This program gives me the opportunity to directly work with youth who face difficulties in their own personal lives. This program gives me the same sense of accomplishment that I felt in Lawrence."



The children eagerly awaited their scheduled time in a busy neighborhood gym, looking longingly through the windows of the gym door as a local team held basketball practice. When their time came they burst in. They did cartwheels, back bends, handsprings and headstands on tumbling mats and played games organized by the Marist students. Above, Bro. Michael Williams, FMS, (upper right) gives instructions for an activity that calls for everyone to form a circle on the gym floor.



“Kianna is one of the people I most want to remember years from now,” says sophomore Rachel Worell (left), here with Kianna Olavarria. “I remember the first night at the shelter, seeing her eating dinner and I remember thinking how very stressed her mother looked. Kianna was a handful, that’s for sure. I think our presence in Lawrence that weekend gave the parents a much-needed break from worrying about keeping their children warm and fed. The weekend in Lawrence reminded me how extremely lucky I am.”

City Plunge Scrapbook

Eight Marist students volunteered at Lazarus House Ministries in Lawrence, Mass., in February, running a winter camp for 14 children during the three-day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend. The children signed up for the camp at Good Shepherd Center **A**, which houses a soup kitchen, thrift shop, chapel, PC lab for job training, preschool and administrative offices. Bro. Michael Williams, FMS, Leo Hall mentor at Marist College and leader of the Marist group, drove them



from Good Shepherd to St. Joseph Plains Community Center **B** a few blocks away where most of the camp activities took place.

One of the games led by the Marist students called for everyone to link hands and crawl under and over each other to end up holding hands in a circle. They played in the community center’s lobby **C**



since the gym that morning was in use by a local basketball league. Over the past 12 years Bro. Michael has led more than 200 Marist students to Lazarus House at least three times a year to volunteer. He oversees everything from driving the students to Lawrence to leading evening discussions of what they experienced that day.



He makes sure not only that the children are happily occupied but also that the Marist students are prepared to lead each activity. Here he talks with Jose Ferreira in the community center’s kitchen where the children are tie-dyeing T-shirts **D**. The last day of the camp, Monday, featured bingo at Good Shepherd Center **E**. Each



At first Gabriel Monge (left) didn't want to play kickball and dodge ball because he wasn't sure of the rules and preferred basketball, says freshman Matt Driscoll (right). "But as soon as he got into it he enjoyed it." Matt recalls constantly wanting to play sports himself as a kid, noting that the children at the camp didn't always have that opportunity. "The kids had a great time. They were so excited every day. It was a great experience because we made a difference in their lives."



winner was allowed to choose a prize from dozens of new toys donated to Lazarus House Ministries. Earlier in the weekend, freshmen Jill Koller and Stuart Cohen had selected the prizes from a storage room in Lazarus House filled to the ceiling with toys. Lazarus House Ministries presented its Christ the Servant Award to Marist students

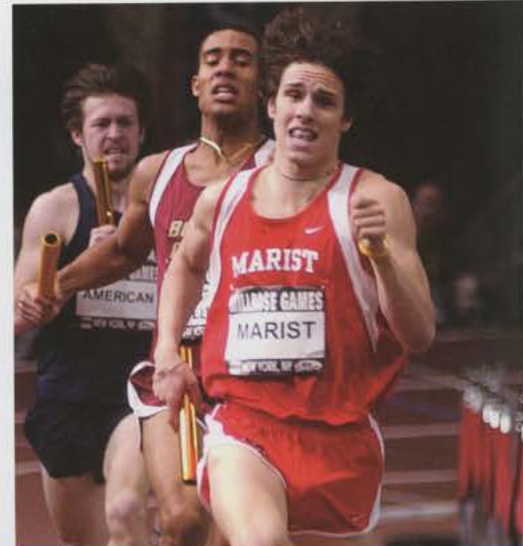
for their consistent service. On the weekend of the winter activities camp, H. Bridget Shaheen, executive director of Lazarus House Ministries (left), presented the plaque to sophomore Jen MacLean (center) and freshman Stuart Cohen **F**. "There's a real persona of Marcellin Champagnat that's present in so many of the stu-

dents," says Shaheen. St. Marcellin Champagnat founded the Marist Brothers order. Lazarus House **G**, a homeless shelter, opened in 1983 after a Marist Brother, Tom Petite, returned from working in India with Mother Theresa, who advised him to help the poor in America. He decided to open a shelter, joined by Shaheen and other members of

a local parish who raised money to purchase a house. Today Lazarus House Ministries serves more than 8,000 people a month through its shelter, soup kitchen, job training, free medical and dental clinics and other programs. The basement of Lazarus House is where Marist students help pack 1,500 boxes of food for needy families the weekend before Thanksgiving each year. Students also have cooked meals for residents and painted rooms in the house.



Sophomore Mike Bamberger at the start of the Millrose Games 4x800 relay in Lane 1.



Mike Bamberger takes the lead toward the latter stages of the first leg of the relay.

Athletics
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An Auspicious Debut at the Millrose Games

To race—and finish fourth—at this legendary track meet in Madison Square Garden was an experience the Marist men’s 4x800 relay team won’t soon forget.

It’s the world’s most famous indoor track meet at the place dubbed the world’s most famous arena—the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden. On Feb. 4, the Marist men’s track team took center stage—for a few minutes, anyway—at the Millrose Games, the first Red Foxes ever invited to participate.

Millrose is the longest continuously running event at the Garden, having celebrated its 98th year in 2005. Some of the world’s best indoor track performances have happened at Millrose, including this year’s scintillating Millrose mile record of 3:52.88 by Bernard Lagat

of Kenya. Millrose is steeped in athletic lore. Did you know that the first time the national anthem was sung at an athletic event was at the 1926 Millrose Games?

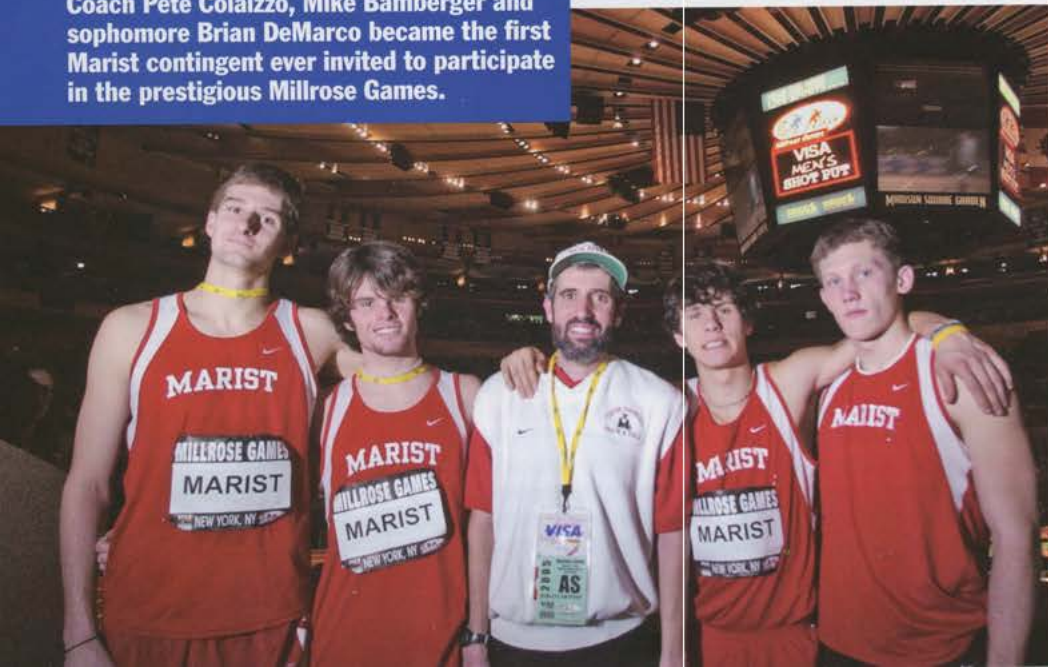
For any fan of the sport, Millrose is the indoor track meet to attend. And on a chilly mid-winter’s evening, four Marist athletes got the chance of a lifetime: to compete at the renowned meet in the celebrated building on 34th Street and 8th Avenue.

We were there to race in the college 3,200-meter relay, also known as the 4x800 relay. In that race, each runner completes 5.5 laps on the tiny banked and boarded four-lane Garden track. And we were in elite company. Among the teams in attendance were Duke University, Boston College and American University—all national or regional powers in track and field.

How did we get into Millrose? That’s a good question. This year, Millrose was affiliated with the New Balance Armory Collegiate Track Invitational, which is held at the Armory Track and Field Center way uptown at 168th Street. When information was sent out about the Armory meet last spring and summer, there was a questionnaire included asking coaches if they would be interested in having a team participate at Millrose.

I checked “yes” on the 4x800 spot. During the winter of 2004, our team of two sophomores (Justin Harris and Sean Prinz) and two freshmen (Mike Bamberger and Brian DeMarco) combined to become the first Marist 4x800 team to qualify for the championships of the IC4A, a 110-team conference including the best track schools in the East. At the 2004 IC4A meet, the team members lowered their own school record to a very strong time of 7:45.42. The future looked bright for this relay.

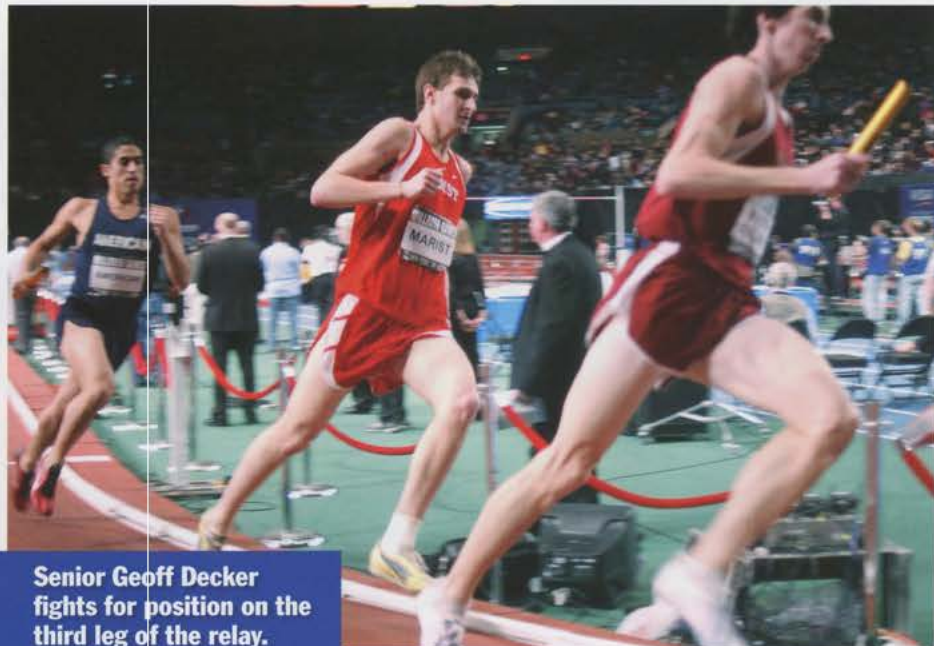
Left to right, Geoff Decker, Bryan Quinn, Head Men’s Track and Cross Country Coach Pete Colaizzo, Mike Bamberger and sophomore Brian DeMarco became the first Marist contingent ever invited to participate in the prestigious Millrose Games.



**BY PETE COLAIZZO '86
PHOTOS BY DARRYL BAUTISTA**



Sophomore Bryan Quinn starts the second leg of the relay in the lead after Mike hands off the baton.



Senior Geoff Decker fights for position on the third leg of the relay.

In September, a second Armory mailing came out. I returned the Millrose page and followed up with an e-mail to meet director Jack Pfeifer at the Armory.

At the NYU Invitational at the Armory, I was at my usual spot near the track, yelling out times and encouragement to my guys in the early season meet. Jack Pfeifer, whom I had never met, asked me if I were the Marist coach. Then he said: "You wanted to run a relay at Millrose, right?" I said: "Yes." He said: "OK, you're in."

Simple as that. And the next thing you know, there we were at the Garden, in front of 10,000 fans, at the Millrose Games.

This year's 4x800 relay team was different than the 2004 version. After a fantastic fall as one of the lead runners on our cross country team, Justin Harris injured his hamstring and was not running indoor track. Sean Prinz, the fastest leg on our 2004 relay team, was studying abroad in Spain for the spring semester.

Mike Bamberger and Brian DeMarco returned, now as sophomores. Joining them were senior captain Geoff Decker and sophomore transfer Bryan Quinn. Bryan and Mike were teammates at Northport High School. Together, they were on the winning Championship of America distance medley relay at the 2003 Penn Relays.

Because we didn't know exactly what to expect at Millrose, our strategy was to put our strongest legs up front in the relay. The Garden track is small and cramped—not the ideal place to post a fast time. Our goal was simply to run as well as we could and put up a respectable showing so we might possibly be invited back.

We decided to lead off with Mike Bamberger. He has been our fastest 800-meter man all year. Mike was in Lane 1, flanked by the lead runners from American, Duke, Boston College, the University of British Columbia, C.W. Post, St. Francis College and Long Island University.

The gun went off and Mike charged out with the leaders. The race field quickly sorted out with the top four teams being American, Duke, Boston College and Marist. As Mike negotiated the tight turns and high banks of the track, several team members who had taken the train down to the city cheered wildly for him.

With about two laps to go, Mike hurtled himself into Lane 2... and into the lead! There we were, at Madison Square Garden, leading the Millrose Games! Mike handed off the baton to Bryan—in the lead! His split time of 1:56.1 was fantastic on that track.

Bryan took off down the straightaway and ran powerfully his first two laps. But these other teams were equally as strong. After about three laps, the Duke runner overtook Bryan, but Bryan hung with him for another 1.5 laps. Bryan started tiring, but with a lap to go sprinted with all his might and handed off to Geoff in second place.

We knew going into this race that it was a tough spot for Geoff. He's a true distance runner, and the 800-meter distance is an unnatural, all-out sprint for him. That, combined with his lanky 6-foot-5 frame on the short track, made it difficult for him.

The runner from Boston College caught him and passed him. Geoff sprinted down the straightaway, handing off to Brian DeMarco

in fourth place.

Brian is the opposite of Geoff. A sprinter, the 800-meter distance is comparatively long for him, so he ran cautiously his first two laps. At this point, we had separated from the back end of the field, but Brian was too far away from the third-place team to close the gap any further. He burst down the final stretch and the team finished in a very respectable fourth place. The time of 7:57.12 was outstanding on this track and in this field.

More important, we put on a good show in front of the big crowd. These boys proved they belonged—much to the thrill of the many alumni who were in attendance and annually go to watch Millrose.

For these alumni—many of them friends of mine with whom I ran countless miles in college or coached at countless meets—seeing the Marist singlet circling the Millrose track was a special thing. Track is a sport that has always had an inferiority complex among its athletes and coaches. It starts with the fact that we are almost always on the road, practicing at local parks and high schools and competing off-campus every weekend. To compete at Millrose was an opportunity and a night that we all won't soon forget. Will we get another opportunity to run at Millrose? That's hard to say. The scope of the meet changes each year. Its primary focus is on world-class athletes, not college teams.

This much I know: For our first time at Millrose, we held our own and proved we can run on the big stage. I speak for my boys when I say I sure hope we get the chance to do it again next year.

Pete Colaizzo '86 is in his 14th year as head men's track and cross country coach at Marist. He also works at the Poughkeepsie Journal, where he is editor of the Players recreational sports section.

Millrose Games Facts

- The meet was first run in 1908.
- It has been held annually since 1914.
- It is the longest-running sporting event in Madison Square Garden history.
- A total of 87 world indoor records have been set or equaled at the Millrose Games.
- A total of 119 Millrose winners have been Olympic champions.
- Past Millrose Games participants won a total of 22 medals at the 2004 Athens Olympics.

The Brady Bunch

The newest edition of the Marist men's basketball program found itself atop the MAAC in the last week of January with a 7-1 league mark, showing signs of the brand of basketball that Head Coach Matt Brady hopes will become the hallmark of Marist basketball for many seasons to come. Highlights included the outstanding play of three student athletes.

The Red Foxes' 2004-05 season marked a new era in Marist basketball. Following Dave Magarity's resignation the Red Foxes turned over the reins of the program to Matt Brady, who had been an assistant at St. Joseph's for 11 seasons. Brady came to Poughkeepsie with impressive credentials, having helped guide the Hawks to four NCAA Tournament appearances, three NIT berths, four Big 5 Championships and three Atlantic 10 titles.

Marist's season began where it usually does, in Poughkeepsie for the annual Pepsi Marist Classic. The Red Foxes gutted out a 72-67 win over Cornell before falling in the title game to Birmingham-Southern. What would soon follow, however, would be the type of success and brand of basketball that Brady hopes will become the hallmark of Marist basketball for many seasons to come.

Following a heartbreaking 2 point loss at home to 2004 Big South champion Liberty,

Marist answered with an unprecedented six-game winning streak, beginning against arch-rival Siena at home on Jan. 7. After that win, the Red Foxes rattled off wins over two-time defending MAAC champion Manhattan, eventual MAAC champion Niagara, Fairfield and a pair of wins over Loyola. After winning just six games a season ago, the newest edition of the Marist men's basketball program found itself atop the MAAC in the last week of January with a 7-1 league mark.

The Red Foxes then struggled down the stretch, but found a way to knock off Siena once again in the Pepsi Arena on Feb. 18



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Head Coach Matt Brady

before ending the season with an 11-17 record.

"I think we showed in January how good this team can be with the run that we had," Brady says. "I'm certainly sad to see our seniors (Brandon Ellerbee, Pierre Monagan and Will McClurkin) leave our program, but I'm confident with our returning nucleus that we'll have the makings of a solid program next season."

Marist did accrue some postseason accolades for the stellar play of three of its student athletes. Sophomores Jared Jordan and Will Whittington were named Third-Team All-MAAC, while redshirt freshman Ryan Stilphen was named to the league's All-Rookie Team.

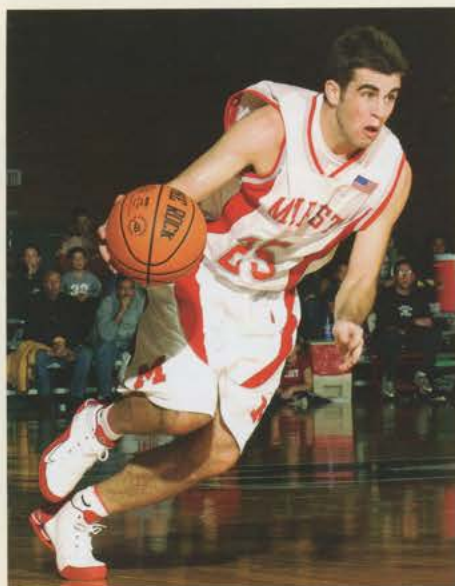
Jordan, a native of Hartford, Conn., finished second in the league in assists and assist-to-turnover ratio. He also stands ninth on the school's all-time assist list with 280 after just two seasons of play. He recorded double-figure scoring efforts 15 times this season with three-straight double-doubles against Rider, Lafayette and St. Peter's in early December.

Will Whittington, who earned MAAC Co-Player of the Week honors this season, had one of the finest seasons for a shooting guard in Marist history. The Kingwood, Texas, native became only the fourth player in NCAA history to finish in the top six in the country in 3-pointers made per game and 3-point percentage. He also finished the season ranked second in scoring improvement over last season with a jump of over 12.5 points after averaging just 4 points a season ago. Whittington led the Red Foxes in 23 of 28 games and netted a career-high 31 points against Big East power St. John's on Jan. 19.

Stilphen, a native of Bay Village, Ohio, started 20 games this season before being sidelined midway through the campaign with a back injury. He recorded four double-doubles this season and averaged 12.5 points and 8.2 rebounds and shot 53.3 percent from the floor in MAAC games. Stilphen was a three-time MAAC Rookie of the Week honoree this season.

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BY JASON CORRIHER



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Left: Sophomore Jared Jordan established himself as one of the premier floor generals in the MAAC, dazzling fans and befuddling opponents with his playmaking ability as well as unselfishness when it comes to finding open teammates. Right: Sophomore Will Whittington, who earned MAAC Co-Player of the Week honors this season, had one of the finest seasons for a shooting guard in Marist history. He became only the fourth player in NCAA history to finish in the top six in the country in 3-pointers made per game and 3-point percentage.

From Worst to First

When Head Coach Brian Giorgis told his players in January that they could not lose anymore, they responded by tearing through the rest of the season on a school-record 16-game winning streak, the fourth longest in the NCAA. The Red Foxes ended the 2004-05 campaign in sole possession of the regular season championship following the best season in program history.

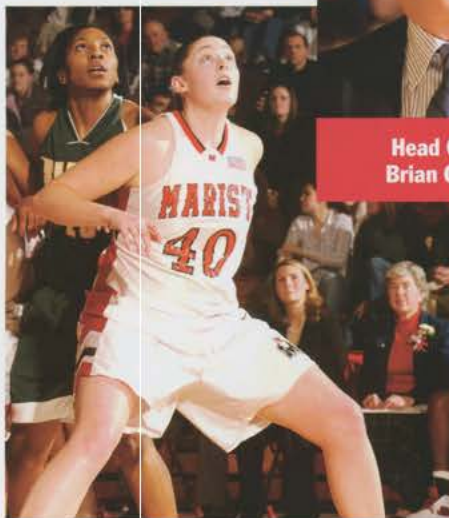
After 2003-04's "season of firsts," the Marist women's basketball team still felt it had something to prove, and did so by turning in the best season in program history, a commanding 22-7 record (15-3 MAAC). Along with that, 21 of their wins came in the regular season for the school's first-ever 20+-win regular season.

Marist went 6-3 in nonconference play for the school's first nonleague winning season since 1999-00 when the team went 7-2. The Red Foxes' record was the best out of all the MAAC schools and included wins over Penn, San Francisco, St. Bonaventure and Lehigh. Marist had its success out of league play but suddenly, three games into the MAAC season, found itself 0-3, having lost to Siena, St. Peter's and Canisius. After a 61-58 loss to Canisius on Jan. 8 at the McCann Center, the defending conference champions were in sole possession of last place and needed a quick turnaround.

Head Coach Brian Giorgis told his players that they could not lose anymore and they responded by defeating Iona 62-49 on Jan. 10 to start the wheels in motion. It seems that they truly took him literally, tearing through the rest of their conference slate on a school-record 15-game winning streak, fourth longest in the NCAA. The Red Foxes went from worst to first. They ended the 2004-05 campaign in sole possession of the regular season championship and the number-one seed in the upcoming tournament. The Red Foxes increased their winning streak to 16 with a 69-49 win over Fairfield in the MAAC Tournament semifinals, setting up a rematch of last year's final against Canisius the next day. In a hard-fought battle, the Red Foxes struggled to build a significant lead and eventually fell to the Golden Griffins 60-59.

Throughout the year, Marist steadily improved in the RPI ranks, sitting at 82 by the end of the season. In addition, they were ranked in the top 25 in five different national categories: personal fouls per game, tenth (13.8); winning streak, fourth (16); won-lost percentage, 29th (75.9); and field-goal percentage defense, 20th (36.1). Perhaps the most notable ranking was fourth in the country for scoring defense, holding opponents to just 51.4 points per game.

BY DARA ELY



Head Coach Brian Giorgis

Senior captain Kristin Keller was a First Team All-MAAC and MAAC All-Tournament Team selection as well as the Fidelis Care Humanitarian of the Year award recipient.

Marist tallied 19 double-doubles as a team, the most in the MAAC, and ranked in the top four in the conference in all but four statistical categories. The Red Foxes ranked first in seven different categories including scoring defense, scoring margin, assist-to-turnover ratio, steals, assists, field-goal percentage defense and turnover margin.

Marist's stifling defense carried the team on its 16-game winning streak, but it finished the MAAC season with three players averaging double figures. Fifi Camara ranked second in the conference at 17.2 points per game, Kristin Keller was fifth with 15.3 and Megan Vetter finished 20th at 10.2. Sophomore point guard Alisa Kresge was tremendous for the Foxes, finishing the season ranked first in assists with 5.89 per game, fifth in steals with 2.06 per contest and, perhaps the most impressive, first in assist-to-turnover ratio at 3.03.

Following a tremendous effort in the regular season, Marist was rewarded with three selections to the All-Conference teams. Senior Kristin Keller, a Preseason First Team selection, and junior Fifi Camara were named to the All-MAAC First Team. Freshman point guard Nikki Flores was named to the All-Rookie Team for her efforts this season. Keller and Camara are Marist's first First Team All-MAAC



Junior forward Fifi Camara, who was named to the First Team All-MAAC and the MAAC All-Tournament Team, led Marist in points, rebounds and steals.

selections and Flores is just the second All-Rookie Team pick.

The Marist frontcourt duo of Keller and Camara was unstoppable this season, with the two averaging a combined 30.4 points per game. Camara, a 6-foot-1 forward, totaled 15 double-double performances, with 13 coming in 18 league games played. She led the Red Foxes in scoring with 15.7 points per game, rebounding with 9.5 boards per game and steals with 5.7. She was fourth in the conference in scoring, second in steals and first in rebounds and won MAAC Player of the Week honors three times during the regular season.

Keller, a 6-foot-3 center and 2004's MAAC Sixth Player of the Year, lived up to her Pre-season First Team selection by averaging 14.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Keller tallied 2.4 assists per game and was a big force on defense, leading the team with 29 blocked shots and 27 steals. She also had a team-high eight 20+ point outings for the Foxes, had four double-doubles and was a two-time MAAC Player of the Week.

Flores, a 5-foot-4 guard, was a vital spark off the bench for Marist this season, appearing in all 27 games and averaging 12.8 minutes per contest.

In addition, Keller, Camara and Flores were named to the MAAC All-Tournament Team for their efforts. Head Coach Giorgis was named MAAC Co-Coach of the Year and Alisa Kresge was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year. Keller received the first Fidelis Care Humanitarian of the Year Award, presented to a student athlete who is "active in her community, a campus leader and humbly reflects and actively represents the shared missions of the MAAC and Fidelis Care."

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Bianca DeLorenz '99 and her daughter, Damani

HEOP: 35 Years of Mentoring and Moral Support

Students and alumni say being part of the Higher Education Opportunity Program family at Marist has helped them succeed in college and in life.

Azulenis Liriano '94 will never forget the first postcard she received from Marist College.

"It was the one with a picture of the crew team rowing down the Hudson River, during the early morning hours, when the mist is still dancing on the waters," she says. "That picture spoke to me. I knew that if I planned to attend such a prestigious school, it would have to be with the help of a program like HEOP."

Liriano, now the reservations manager of a vacation home rental company near Walt Disney World in Kissimmee, Fla., credits Marist's Higher Education Opportunity Program with giving her the tools to conquer "the real world." In 2004 Marist HEOP celebrated its 35th year of helping students not only get into college but also graduate and succeed in a career.

"All of the students are from lower economic classes," says Iris Ruiz-Grech, director of Marist's HEOP, a New York state-funded program. "That is one of the criteria to be part of the program. We try to explain to them that once they graduate and get successful jobs, they will be at a different level, with different responsibilities and opportunities." The majority of the students in Marist's HEOP are from the five boroughs of New York City, as well as Long Island and Rockland County. Some come from as far away as Binghamton and some as close as Poughkeepsie and Pawling.

Marist was one of the original 24 schools to participate, and since 1969 Marist HEOP has graduated more than 260 students. Marist HEOP students have a stellar graduation rate, with 80 percent receiving their degrees within six years, says Ruiz-Grech.

Students accepted into HEOP must meet certain financial needs criteria set by New York state. The HEOP staff interviews prospective students and explains the details of the program, such as the expected financial contribution from the student or family and the fact that the program prohibits students enrolled in HEOP from playing on college sports teams during the freshman year.

That was almost a deal-breaker for Chaderick Greer '03. But he decided to come to Marist after all, with the hope of cajoling his way into trying out for the football team. His pleas were in vain, but in hindsight he recognizes the wisdom in the rule. "When I got here, I realized how many academic problems I had and that I didn't have the preparation I



Iris Ruiz-Grech, HEOP Director

needed. If I had come to Marist as a regular student, I would have sunk. HEOP provided the guidance and tutors I needed."

Greer credits HEOP with putting him on the right track to succeed and showing him how to achieve his goals. While his family was very supportive, he says they didn't know how to help because they had no college experience.

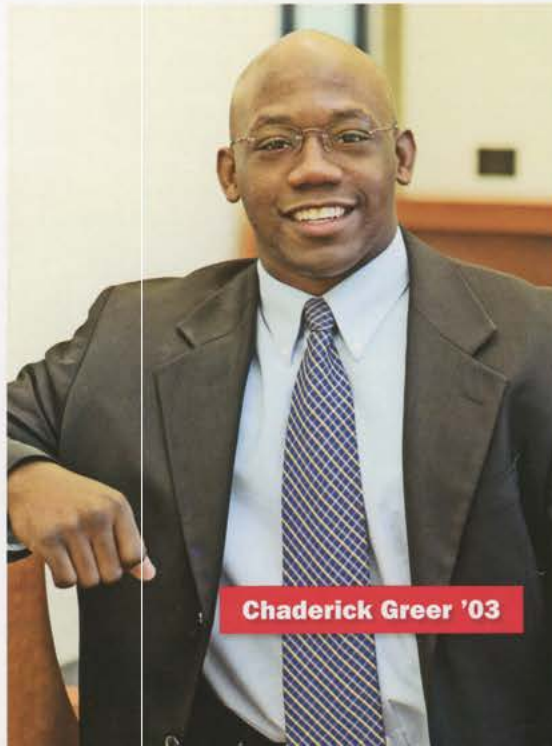
While he did play football following his

freshman year, Greer chose not to play during his final year of college. "When the time came, I realized that my education and getting a job were more important than playing football." He says HEOP helped him stay focused; although he passed the state police test to attend the state police academy while still in college, he decided to finish his bachelor's degree in criminal justice. After graduating from the Maryland Police Academy, he became a New York State Trooper in December 2003 and is now headquartered in Wappingers Falls.

Greer is just one example of an HEOP graduate who decided to return to the Mid-Hudson Valley to settle down. Graduates of the HEOP program help the economy of the county by working in the area, according to Ruiz-Grech. Eighty percent of Marist's HEOP graduates stay in New York state and most are employed and contribute to the tax base. Marist HEOP staff stressed that fact with their catchphrase "HEOP: A Profitable Investment—Students of Today are Taxpayers of Tomorrow. Support HEOP!" for a regional event, "Contact the Governor Day," in 2002. The HEOP Professional Organization, a group made up of HEOP administrators who meet to discuss program development and networking, adopted the saying as the statewide motto for its 2003 and 2004 HEOP lobbying campaign.

Maintaining adequate funding for HEOP is an ongoing challenge. On Feb. 8, 10 Marist students joined more than 800 students from around the state to protest New York State Gov. George E. Pataki's proposed budget cuts to funding for various academic programs. Currently, HEOP grants cover financial aid, which supplies funding for tuition and room and board, and supportive services, which include the HEOP staff and tutoring programs. In Pataki's proposed budget for 2005-2006, the financial aid portion of HEOP's funding was cut completely although money was allotted for supportive services. The legislature has since restored funding for 2005-06.

Marist President Dennis J. Murray is squarely behind HEOP. At the program's 35th anniversary luncheon Nov. 10, HEOP presented him with a special award of appreciation for his longtime support. Every year he meets with the incoming students and their families to welcome them



Chaderick Greer '03

BY KERRY MCQUADE

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personally to Marist. When the program was in danger of being eliminated from the state budget in 1995, he assured the students that they would be able to continue their education at Marist regardless of the outcome of the budget battle. Although the program was not eliminated, its budget was cut by 25 percent and did not receive an increase until 1999.

HEOP works to fully integrate its students into the Marist community, where they often take on leadership roles and excel academically. "Many current students are leaders on campus in programs like Habitat for Humanity," Ruiz-Grech says. "A few years ago a hurricane hit Puerto Rico and some HEOP students wanted to help. They couldn't afford to actually travel to Puerto Rico to help so they raised funds through Campus Ministry."

One of the strengths of the program is its six-week summer orientation, when incoming HEOP students are introduced to the Marist campus. During this time, students take Intermediate Algebra and Introduction to College Writing classes and have mandatory study time every day. They participate in 30



HEOP students (left to right) Tara-Lee Peart '05, Andrew Candelario '08, Joel Caceres '05 and Yuvelqui Rivera '07 were in the HEOP office recently serving on a Search Committee to interview candidates for a counselor/tutor coordinator's position. HEOP Director Iris Ruiz-Grech and HEOP Assistant Director Nadine K. Lewis (center) joined them for a photo.

workshops on a variety of aspects of college life such as time and money management, domestic violence and substance abuse. They also take a field trip around Poughkeepsie to help alleviate the culture shock of moving to the smaller Mid-Hudson Valley community.

This past summer, HEOP added a new series of six workshops, designed by Nadine K. Lewis, assistant director of HEOP, to address issues of self-esteem.

Triumph for One HEOP Graduate

I always wanted to go to college; that was never a question in my head. But I hated high school. I was unable to pass simple mathematics in ninth grade and by the eleventh grade I was still in the same-level math class. I started skipping school and eventually dropped out that March. My guidance counselor was of no use and was there to knock me down anytime she got a chance. According to her, the only future she saw for me was that of a drug dealer's girlfriend. She told me I would be nothing more than that and that she was sure I would one day find myself in a small apartment cutting up coke. She told me I am the kind of student you end up reading about years later in the newspaper because of some crime they had committed. I was 16 and this was her perception of me.

I proceeded to attend a GED class, but not because of her; it was already a part of my plan. I took the test, passed and attended two colleges before ending up at Marist. Both colleges served their purpose, but none of them gave me the satisfaction I was looking for.

At Marist I became an HEOP student. HEOP provided me with tutoring for algebra and statistics and although I was never able to pass basic ninth grade math, I was able to pass college math with A's. HEOP also provided me with the book for my statistics class as well as the scientific calculator I needed for the course, and this was done for me through the lending library that they have. When I was taking biology courses they networked with

older students in the program and introduced me to another HEOP student who helped me tremendously with my course work and questions I had about the medical field. Also, HEOP has what is now called the HEOP Alumni Fund and through that fund I was able to become member of Psi Chi, a national honor society for psychology students.

HEOP helped me become the kind of person and student I wanted to be. When others said I would become nothing, HEOP stood by my side. The services they provided me with were excellent. Through hard work and dedication I was able to maintain myself on the Dean's List every semester since I arrived at Marist. I remember walking with my class in May 2004 and shaking President Murray's hand. My sash said "HEOP" because I wanted him to know what a great job they had done with me. I graduated with high honors and I wanted him to see that the program he supported helped me. I wanted to hug him and thank him so much for giving us HEOP students a chance when so many other people had turned their backs on us. I wanted him to know how grateful I would forever be for my years at Marist and how his support equaled my triumph. But it was the first time I ever graduated, the first time I ever stood on a podium and shook someone's hand as they called my name, so I just smiled at him and quickly said

BY ILIANA YORDAN '05



thank you because I could already feel the tears forming in my eyes and the knot in my throat. But I think he got the message.

I graduated from Marist officially Jan. 15 and have since applied to NYU, Columbia University, Fordham University and the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. Some day I hope to become a school psychologist and help other kids who like me might have gotten lost in the cracks were it not for a group of dedicated people who cared. Now I have some free time to read books for pleasure and volunteer in literacy groups while I wait for graduate acceptance letters, and for that I say, "Thank you, HEOP. Thank you, President Murray!"



Andres "Tony" Santiago '88

Robert "Tito" Robles '08

Freshman Robert "Tito" Robles felt going through the six-week summer program gave him a great head start. "When all of the students came at the start of the semester, I already knew everything. I knew about time management, how to look for information on databases and how to deal with obstacles. I knew how many hours to expect to spend doing work." Robles was named to the Dean's List this past fall semester while working approximately 15 hours a week with Sodexo, the college's dining services provider, as part of his work-study program. He has come a long way since his first two years of high school in the Bronx, where he made barely passing grades. In the city he didn't have any textbooks to study with at home, so "if you didn't get it in class, that was your problem," he remembers.

Every summer several HEOP alumni come back during orientation to encourage the incoming students. They serve as role models, people who have been through the program and accomplished goals that many of the current students have.

Andres "Tony" Santiago '88, a master control operator for Lifetime Television, is proud to serve as a role model every summer. "HEOP has helped me, has been a part of my success, and whenever they need me, I'll help them out," he says. "I give tips on how to handle college life and job interviews. I'll look at résumés for people." He shares stories of what life was like when he was a student, illustrating how the counselors were always there to help him when he had a problem. "HEOP was always there for me as I was trying to acclimate to college life. I never felt let down by them."

During the school year, students meet with counselors once a week for about 45 minutes to discuss grades and any problems they may be having in classes. Students have to discuss with a counselor any academic decisions such as adding or dropping classes.

Robles said these meetings are beneficial, not only for academics. "You can also talk about

minor stuff to get it off your chest. You can tell them about outside things, external factors that affect your academic performance."

Many of the HEOP students come from different cultural backgrounds than the majority of Marist students. In 1985, Santiago became the first rap DJ at the Marist radio station. He got a lot of flak for it, he recalls. "People told me, 'We don't want to ghetto-ize the institution.'" He says the same people now apologize to him at reunions, telling him, "You were ahead of your time."

Bianca DeLorenz '99 says support from the HEOP community got her through a difficult time. In 1996, during the spring of her sophomore year, DeLorenz became pregnant and was devastated. She didn't know what to do and didn't think she could continue with school. DeLorenz took the next semester off to have her daughter, Damani. In January 1997 her friends in HEOP and her family helped her find an apartment off campus for her and her daughter, and she resumed her studies. "I would take the baby with me to classes and, if necessary, friends from HEOP would come into the room and just stroll her out. Everyone was supportive. There was not one naysayer among staff or my friends."

As DeLorenz neared graduation, her professors were an integral part of her decision to go on for a master's degree in social work. "They just kept telling me I could do it." After graduating from Marist with a degree in social work, she immediately began a master's program at the University of Albany.

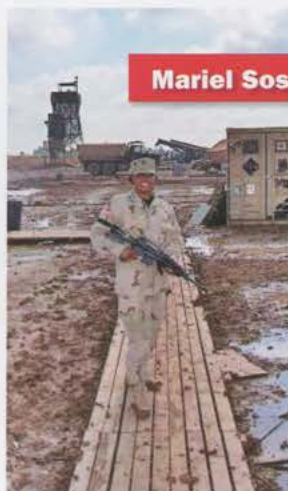
She now works as a budget examiner for the New York State Department of Budget. "It's an amazing thing I've been able to get this far

with the barriers that have been put in front of me, but I'm here for a reason. ... You never know what the future holds."

HEOP was the key, she says. "You're part of a family in the program. It's a support program with tutoring and mentoring, but you also always know there are other HEOP students going through similar things. You feel like a cohort. You are in a group with people of similar backgrounds and that familiarity brings you close. We're all feeling like outsiders together; we're not alone. You feel a little stronger. If I was having a bad day, I could always go to the office and someone was there to say they've been through the same thing."

Many alumni speak of a long-lasting bond with the staff and counselors of HEOP. Army Cargo Specialist Mariel Sosa '02, who graduated with a degree in social work, says the HEOP staff, especially her counselor at the time, Kristine Cullen, was nervous about her joining the Army. "But I have their blessings and I made it through OIF 1 [Operation Iraqi Freedom]," she writes via e-mail from Iraq, "so I should be OK the second time around." She is in her last year of a three-year hitch, scheduled to return home in October.

It was because of her bond with HEOP staff that in 2003 Sosa started a special alumni fund with a gift of \$800 dedicated to supporting Marist HEOP. "I didn't know what the plan for the money was, I just wanted it to be put to good use," she says. "Iris wanted to start the alumni fund and needed help." The money assists current HEOP students in paying for things that the regular operational fund or financial aid can't cover, such as a suit for a job interview.



Mariel Sosa '02

"I'm glad I was able to start something that many people will benefit from," Sosa says. "All we need now is continued help from alumni."

Meanwhile, she is planning a future after the military that includes more education. "When I get out, after taking a

long shower, I plan on applying to graduate school. I want to become a guidance counselor, get married and have tons of children. I may also join the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard.

"HEOP allowed me to go to Marist, and for that I am very grateful," she says. "Some of my best years were spent at Marist, a school I wouldn't have been able to afford without HEOP."

Azulenis Liriano, like other Marist HEOP alumni, is also grateful. "I strongly feel that the program is a gift to those of us fortunate enough to be accepted into it. It offered me a safe place to learn, live and explore."

Chapel Anniversary Recalls Dedication of Founders



New Chapel Endowment to Sustain Student Activities

A unique part of Marist's past and a special dimension to Marist's future were recognized when several hundred alumni, friends and Marist Brothers gathered to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel last summer.

The spiritual roots of the college and its unique chapel were celebrated with a mass, anniversary recollections and a luncheon that included a special salute to the original builders. On the historic occasion, President Dennis J. Murray announced the establishment of the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Chapel Endowment at Marist College.

"As an enduring symbol of Marist College's heritage, this chapel will continue to reflect the Marist Brothers' ideals and will remain the spiritual center for generations of Marist students," the president said. "Thanks to the generosity of two wonderful friends of the college—Charlie and Betty Conklin—the needs of our chapel and the many student activities

that emanate from this spiritual center will be met in perpetuity." A commemorative clock was presented to the Conklins, who were warmly applauded.

The mission of the Conklin Chapel Endowment is to expand, deepen and initiate programs that keep Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel central to the lives of Marist students and the college community. It has been designed so that the campus minister has flexibility in carrying out activities that support the spiritual and liturgical needs of current and future Marist students. Among its numerous goals are enhancement of the chapel's liturgical environment, broadening spiritual and religious education opportunities for students, development of spiritual retreats and leadership training of students for Campus Ministry and future roles as lay

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC

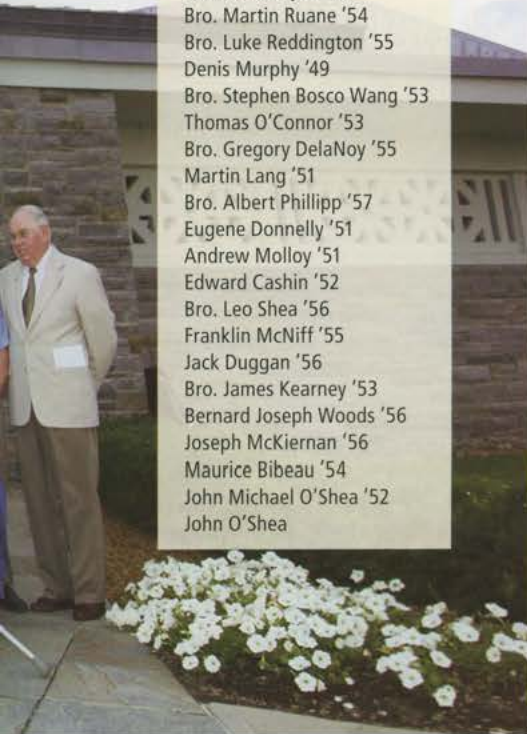
Thirty-six members of the original construction crew of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel were among the more than 250 guests who attended the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel July 17, 2004. Among the guests were more than 100 Marist Brothers who capped a weeklong retreat at the college with a liturgy in the chapel. At the farthest right is Marist Trustee John O'Shea, whose father, an electrical contractor, helped the Brothers with their construction projects, including the chapel, for many years.

leaders in parishes.

Known at one time as "the college that built itself," Marist emerged from the resourcefulness and literal labor of the Marist Brothers, whose core campus dramatically expanded over five decades to now serve 4,000 undergraduates and 2,000 adult learners. To many the chapel, perhaps more than any building constructed by the Brothers here, symbolizes the vision and spirit that shaped Marist College. Its unique history and unusual design also make

Seated (left to right):
 Thomas Murphy '55
 Gerard Cox '55
 Laurence Sullivan '54
 Harry Henky '56
 Bro. Richard Rancourt '53
 James Friel '56
 Bro. Philip DeGagne '53
 Bro. Patrick McNulty '56
 Bro. Dominic O'Brien '56
 Bro. Robert Ryan '55

Standing (left to right):
 John Nolan '55
 Richard La Pietra '54
 Bro. Donald Kelly '65
 Augustine Nolan '52
 Frank Reilly '52
 Kevin Carolan '54
 Bro. James Ryan '53
 Bro. Martin Ruane '54
 Bro. Luke Reddington '55
 Denis Murphy '49
 Bro. Stephen Bosco Wang '53
 Thomas O'Connor '53
 Bro. Gregory DelaNoy '55
 Martin Lang '51
 Bro. Albert Phillipp '57
 Eugene Donnelly '51
 Andrew Molloy '51
 Edward Cashin '52
 Bro. Leo Shea '56
 Franklin McNiff '55
 Jack Duggan '56
 Bro. James Kearney '53
 Bernard Joseph Woods '56
 Joseph McKiernan '56
 Maurice Bibeau '54
 John Michael O'Shea '52
 John O'Shea



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college, also played a major role in the chapel construction.

These facts and others were recounted in the program that complemented the anniversary mass offered by the Most Reverend Edwin Broderick, retired Bishop of Albany. The bishop at one time served as secretary to Cardinal Spellman and has had a long acquaintance with the Marist Brothers. Concelebrating the mass was Fr. Richard LaMorte, campus minister at Marist, who also helped plan the anniversary activities. More than 100 Marist Brothers participated in the event, which coincided with the end of their weeklong retreat on the Marist campus. Offering concluding remarks was Bro. Sean Sammon '70, who as superior general of the Marist Brothers leads the order worldwide. A highlight of the event was a robust acknowledgement by the guests of the 36 men in attendance who were among the several hundred Brothers involved in the landmark project.

Among alumni who worked on the chapel but sent regrets that they were unable to attend the event were: Thomas Casey '55, Martin Cullinan '57, William Deschene '56, William Egan '57, Timothy Falkenstein '53, James Gormley '53, Brendan Haggerty '54, Martin Harte '51, William Krueger '55, Jephtha Lanning '53, Gerard McCann '55, John McGuire '58, Denis Proulx '55, Rudolph Ramirez '57 and Rev. Williams Sears '56.



At the end of the mass President Dennis J. Murray announced the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Chapel Endowment at Marist College, established by a gift from community leaders Charlie and Betty Conklin (above).

The president gave special acknowledgement to Bro. Luis Garcia Sobrado, vicar general of the Marist Brothers, and Bro. John Klein '70, provincial of the Marist Brothers of the United States. Also recognized was Bro. Frank Kelly '73, director of Campus Ministry at Marist. With more than 1,300 members, Campus Ministry is the largest student organization on campus.

A longtime member of the Marist College community, Shaileen Kopec currently serves as senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support.

it one of a kind among American college and university chapels.

On May 2, 1954, Francis Cardinal Spellman observed at the dedication of the chapel, "This is the church of the future." The chapel's octagonal shape was innovative for its time, allowing worshippers to sit anywhere and be equidistant from the altar. The structure was the first round chapel completed on a college or university campus, according to college archivist John Ansley. The chapel was also unusual in that it was hand-built by Marist Brothers who lived, studied and worked on the campus of what was then Marian College, exemplifying the motto of the Marist Brothers, *Orare et Laborare*, to pray and to work. Bro. Nilus Donnelly, director of construction at the college, led the effort. For an architect, Bro. Nilus tapped Clarence H. Pratt of Ash-ton, Huntress and Pratt in Lawrence, Mass., with whom he had worked previously. Bro. Paul Ambrose Fontaine, the superior of the



The Most Reverend Edwin Broderick, retired bishop of Albany (third from left), and Fr. Richard LaMorte, campus minister at Marist (second from right), concelebrated a mass in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel. Also shown (left to right) are Charles and Mabel Conklin, Marilyn Murray and President Dennis J. Murray.



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1955

Bro. Vincent Jerome, FMS, is retired and living in the Marist Brothers' community on 89th Avenue in Miami, Fla.

1956

Professor James Friel is co-chair of the Long Island Philosophy Society, editor of *Humanities Magazine* and director of the Center for Philosophy, Law and Citizenship Inc. at SUNY Farmingdale in Farmingdale, N.Y.

1957

Rudolph Ramirez sends kudos to his fellow builders of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Marist College campus. Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the chapel.

1959

Bro. John Malich, FMS, received the National Brotherhood Award in Atlanta, Ga., last summer at the annual convention of the Religious Brothers Conference.

1962

William Lenehan is enjoying retirement. He would like to hear from former football and crew athletes whom he coached. Bill can be reached at wjl@aol.com. ■ **Dr. Gerald McKenna** is the CEO of the McKenna Center, a treatment facility for professionals in Honolulu, Hawaii. His son, Sean, is a member of the pediatrics faculty at the University of Virginia. ■ **Dr. M. John O'Connell** is semi-retired and lives with his wife, Sandy, on the coast of Maine in Boothbay Harbor. He enjoys his ideal work schedule, a four- to five-day work month, consulting on character-based discipline and academics. Prior to retiring, John was the superintendent of the Wiscasset School District in Wiscasset, Maine. ■ **Dr. Frank Swetz** has developed and is co-editing an e-magazine for teachers devoted to using the history of math in teaching. The Mathematical Association of America is sponsoring the e-magazine, *Convergence*, at <http://convergence.mathdl.org>.

1963

Francis "Frank" Sutton is now a retired French teacher who runs a bed and breakfast called Sutton's Place in Manchester, Vt.

1964

La Roche College in Pittsburgh awarded **Bro. Rene D. Roy, FMS**, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2004. The college honored him at the graduation of a group of students whom he taught in Rwanda 10 years ago and then helped to achieve a goal of attending college in the United States. He is principal of Bishop Donahue High School in McMechen, W.Va.

1965

Jerry Dahowski and high school friend Art Atkins have formed a nonprofit agency, Work Works Inc., that provides job training in the construction trades in the Hudson Valley. Jerry is chairman of the board of the agency, which is collaborating with the Dutchess County Department of Social Services and the Poughkeepsie Housing Authority and seeking grants from foundations. ■ **Dennis Feeney** boasts two new grandchildren, Kate Ann and Griffin. He is looking forward to the 40th reunion of the Class of '65 in October 2005. ■ **Peter Lordi** is president of American Scientific Resources Inc., which acquired a company he founded, Ulster Scientific Inc. Baxter International Inc. presented him with its prestigious annual New Product Development Award in 1992. ■ **Martin J. Lyden, PhD**, a licensed psychologist, has been working in the Albany, N.Y., area since 1974. In addition to a private practice, he is director of the Psychology Department in the residential division of the Center for the Disabled, a large not-for-profit agency. In 2003 and 2004 he had articles published in professional journals. He has presented more than 30 papers at professional conferences. ■ After living in Middletown, N.Y., for 35 years, **Robert Petruski** and his wife, Diane, have moved to Marshalls Creek, Pa., to be close to their grandchildren. ■ **Ronald Streck's** son, Ryan, completed his MBA and his daughter, Kylie, completed her bachelor of professional studies. Both received their degrees from Marist in May 2004.

1966

Dr. Thomas J. Berger has worked for the past 23 years in the Microbiology Department of the Hospital Products Division of

Abbott Laboratories. In May 2004, Abbott spun off the division to become the pharmaceutical firm Hospira Inc. Both of Tom's sons, Andrew and Alex, work at Abbott. His daughter, Charlotte, is a pharmacist in Seattle, Wash. Tom and his wife, Linda, are the proud grandparents of twins, Kaden Avry and Ashlen Kristen, compliments of son Andrew and his wife, Kari. Tom's twin brother, John, is also a member of the Class of '66. ■ **Bruce C. Davidson, Esq.**, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. Bruce is a partner in the Milwaukee, Wis., law firm of Quarles & Brady, LLP. *Best Lawyers* bases its listing on an exhaustive study of the legal profession in which attorneys nationwide are asked to rank the top practitioners in their specialties in their jurisdictions. In 2004, more than 16,000 attorneys throughout the country cast more than 500,000 votes. ■ **Fred Gilmore** would like to inform his classmates that he is still around, retired and enjoying traveling in his RV. He has two beautiful granddaughters thanks to his son Kevin and his wife. His son Andrew is a professional engineer in Arizona who specializes in groundwater projects, and his son Tim graduated cum laude from SUNY New Paltz in the English master's program. Tim teaches at New Paltz, Dutchess Community College and Marist. ■ **Peter Nesteroke** is retired. He and his wife, Sandy, say that life is good: "Rock on!" ■ **James E. Patrick, PhD**, retired from his position as group director for drug disposition at Schering-Plough Research Institute in Kenilworth, N.J. He and his family have relocated to Aiken, S.C. Jim and his wife, Michele, have a son, Jimmy, who is a student at Clemson University. ■ **Vincent Sheridan, PhD**, is principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Tempe, Ariz. Profiled in an article in the *Arizona Republic*, Vince said that the qualities of a great teacher are "finding a way to relate to students." ■ **John D. Sullivan** retired from the Social Security Administration in March 2004 after more than 28 years of service. He now works part-time as a beer tender at Apple Annie's Deli & Pub in Florence, S.C. ■ Since May 2004



The Class of '69 inducted Jo-Ann Wohlfahrt (center) as an honorary member of the class at its 35th reunion. Members of the class enjoying the reunion at the Poughkeepsie Grand in October included (above, left to right) Bob Hatfield, Jr., John Doherty, Jim Conroy, Jack Eberth, Sean O'Neill and Bill Rowley, Jr.

Guests at the Class of '69's 35th reunion included Barbara (center) and Bob Hatfield, Jr. '69 (right), shown with Executive Director of Alumni Relations Amy Coppola '97.



Dear Alumni,

The 2004–2005 school year has been a great one for the Marist College Alumni Association. The Alumni Career Network has reached a membership of 1,100 graduates, close to 40 chapter events were held across the country and Homecoming & Reunion Weekend in October brought almost 2,000 alumni back to campus. Homecoming also marked a milestone for the Class of '69, which became the first class in the history of Marist to collectively raise \$100,000 for the Marist Fund.

Speaking of the Class of '69, one of its most active classmates, Robert E. Hatfield, Jr., has served as president of the Marist College Alumni Association for the past three years. Bob has been extremely supportive of me in my role as alumni director and he's been a wonderful leader of the Alumni Association over the past three years. He even volunteered to serve an extra year as president while we filled the vacant vice president position. Now that this position has been filled, Bob's term has officially ended. Fortunately, he will continue his service to the Alumni Executive Board as a member-at-large for the next few years. I look forward to working with James E. Daly '72, president-elect, throughout the next two years.

Another vital member of the Marist alumni "family" will be moving on as well. Jo-Ann Wohlfahrt, alumni assistant, came to Marist in January of 1980, shortly after Dennis Murray assumed the role of president. Twenty-five years later, Jo-Ann has decided to retire so she can enjoy her new home with her husband, Lenny. It amazes me how one person can remember

so many names, faces and voices. Jo-Ann has the uncanny ability to recognize an alumnus on the phone even before hearing the person's name. I don't know how we'll get along without her, but I'm sure she'll be back for various alumni events (especially since she was named an honorary member of the Class of '69 last fall). Dr. John Doherty '69, a member of the Alumni Executive Board for the past 30 years, has known Jo-Ann throughout her entire tenure at Marist and recalls "her smiling, efficient, helpful personality." In reference to honoring her as a '69 class member, he says, "We always felt that she was a member of our class anyway ... the Class of '69 expects Jo-Ann to be our guest at our 40th, 45th, etc."

I look forward to a very busy but rewarding 2005–2006 year for the Marist Alumni Association. Please mark your calendar for Homecoming & Reunion Weekend '05, Oct. 7–9. We are planning many exciting activities. We'd love to hear your input, so if you have ideas or comments about alumni events, please contact Alumni Relations at maristalumni@marist.edu or (845) 575-3283. And continue to visit our Web site, www.marist.edu/alumni, for updated alumni information.

Thank you!

Amy Coppola '97
Executive Director of Alumni Relations

Charles Zoeller has been the associate program director of the Alzheimer's Association of New Hampshire and Vermont. Chuck's son, Jacob, was married in May 2004.

1967

David Fouts is a professional artist with a studio in Stanfordville, N.Y., and a gallery in Kennebunkport, Maine. **John Gelchion** has retired after working for 32 years for the

Victaulic Company of America in Easton, Pa. **Michael Gilfeather** is enjoying retirement, traveling a lot and "getting children through college." Everything is good, he reports. **Peter Higgins** is principal consultant with the Higgins-Hermansen Group LLC in Washington, D.C. His company merged its consultancy with another group in 2003. **Robert Johnson's** daughter, Jennifer, is co-producer for the ABC-TV show

"Lost," which premiered on Sept. 22, 2004. She was the primary writer of episode No. 5. **Anthony LaRocco** continues to enjoy retirement. He spends winters in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and summers at Fire Island Pines and in New York City. Each year is highlighted by travels such as a cruise on the Queen Mary II and trips to Venice and the Greek islands. **Robert Mathews** welcomed grandchild No. 5, Fiona Clare, in June 2004.



MARRIAGES

1966

Robert Tirone to Pamela Rimato,
June 5, 2004

1982

M. Diane "Dee" Nell to Glen Hardgrave,
September 2004

1985

Patrick Hadden to Christine Murphy,
Oct. 9, 2004

Christopher Sulger to Janine Raad,
Sept. 3, 2004

1986

Susan Lecki to Joseph Gural, Aug. 7, 2004

1987

Marydale Dolezal to Michael Leonard,
June 19, 2004

Jeanne Isler to **Oliver Maletz '88**,
June 5, 2004

William Wright to Helen Street,
April 10, 2004

1988

Debra Bramley to Paul Carkner, July 3,
2004

1990

Kathleen Cassels to Paul Woodley,
April 23, 2004

Donna Duncan to John DuBois,
Sept. 28, 2003

Jeanine Gasbara to Christopher Urba,
Sept. 13, 2003

1991

Jacqueline Conroy to Sean O'Donnell,
Sept. 10, 2004

Jo-Anne Prokopowicz to Harry Sears,
Oct. 4, 2003

Jeffrey Thibeault to Melanie McCoy,
Nov. 1, 2003

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MARRIAGES

1992

Suzanne Engles to Thomas Dolan,
July 31, 2004

Maria Martinez, Esq., to Paul Lamort
Haggerty IV, Sept. 18, 2004

Nicholas Valente to Leslie Mayer,
Oct. 2, 2004

1993

Donna Abrami to Brian Buback,
July 4, 2004

Carey Allaband, Esq., to Tim LeRoux,
Sept. 25, 2004

Thomas Mulryan to Jill Cowen,
May 29, 2004

Christopher Weston to Michelle
Mancuso, Aug. 28, 2004

1994

Eileen Kaylor to James Bunch,
Aug. 15, 2004

Joel Kraft to Stacy Marie Torchio,
June 19, 2004

Jason Michaleas to Cristina Chane,
Sept. 10, 2004

Matthew Miller to Gina DeVincenzi,
June 26, 2004

Michelle Pontecorvo to
Daniel Costello, Oct. 4, 2003

Heather Scofield to Jay Brooker,
May 29, 2004

1995

Deena Barsky to James Spencer,
July 30, 2004

Marla Colletti to Michael Huber,
Aug. 14, 2004

Wendy Crocker to Michael Egan,
Aug. 22, 2004

Paul DiGiacomo to Nicole Vivona,
Aug. 14, 2004

Marlo Dyson to Kevin Schorling,
Oct. 4, 2002

Lucia Fraboni to John McCalmont,
July 5, 2003

She joins Finn, Nora, Quinn and Beck. ■ **Charles McDermott** retired in July 2004 so that he and his wife, Linda, can enjoy life and their two grandsons, Brian and Matthew. They hope to travel with their fifth wheel and continue riding their "tourer." Chuck was a detective in the arson squad for the Suffolk County (N.Y.) Police Department. ■ **Tim Nagle** retired in July 2002 after 34 years in secondary education. He is now an adjunct professor at William Paterson University and Caldwell College. He supervises student teachers at both institutions. ■ **Richard Sinkoski** retired after 31 years of teaching high school social studies at Pathfinder Regional Technical High School in Palmer, Mass. His daughter, Katherine, teaches Spanish at the school. Richard previously taught at Burke Catholic High School in Goshen, N.Y., and at Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, Mass.

1968

Donald Brown, Esq., has been recognized by New York-based Trial Lawyers Care for his effort in a nationwide endeavor to provide free legal service for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Don represented two victims before the federal Victim Compensation Fund and received an award of \$1.5 million for both of them. Trial Lawyers Care is the largest pro bono program in the history of American jurisprudence, formed within days of the terrorist attacks by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America to assist victims with claims to the federal fund. ■ **Paul D'Ascoli's** son, Christopher, entered Marist as a freshman in fall 2004. Paul changed jobs and returned to Apple Computer as a region sales manager. ■ **Dr. Charles Howlett** has been appointed professor of graduate education at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y. He retired after 27 years as head of the Social Studies Department for the Amityville, N.Y., public school district. A former Marine now with the Air Force, Chuck continues to serve his nation and state. Aside from his duties as admissions liaison officer for the USAF Academy, he is currently the public affairs officer/historian for the New York Guard Air Division's 106th rescue wing in Westhampton

Beach, N.Y. Chuck's two sons also serve in the military. Sean, USAF Academy Class of 2002, is a C-21 pilot stationed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo. Patrick, a third-year cadet at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, is a contributor to the award-winning book *Encyclopedia of the American Civil War*. Chuck thanks Dr. Ed Cashin '52 for his love of history. ■ **Daniel Kuffner** plans to retire in June 2005 after a 37-year career as an elementary teacher. Dan has taught for 32 years in classroom No. 10 at Violet Avenue Elementary School in Hyde Park, N.Y. ■ **Thomas Nolan** has an individual and family therapy practice in Paramus, N.J. Tom's daughter, Jaclyn, is a junior at Marist majoring in communications. She spent the fall 2004 semester in Italy. ■ **James Pucci**, first vice president of Advest Inc./The Pucci Investment Group in Goshen, N.Y., has earned membership in Advest's Chairman's Council. He was Advest's top producer in 1998 and 2002. ■ After 34 years **William Romito** will retire in June 2005 from his position as a foreign language department coordinator at Marlboro (N.Y.) High School. ■ **Edward Weyant** "retired" from teaching history at New London High School in 2002 after 30 years. He is the public address announcer for the University of Connecticut soccer team, the University of Hartford basketball teams and the Norwich Navigators, an AA affiliate of the San Francisco Giants.

1969

Floyd Alwon's youngest child, Kate, entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor as a freshman in September 2004. ■ **Richard Berg's** first granddaughter, Aubrey Rose, was born in 2002. His daughter, Janet, received a master's in marketing from Johns Hopkins. His son, Eric, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's in biochemistry. Eric now is a third-year medical student at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Charles Button** teaches part-time at Santa Ana College in Santa Ana, Calif. ■ **Harry Carroll** continues to serve as president of the Phoenix (Ariz.) St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Faire and the Arizona Colleen pageant. Harry lives in Tolleson,

Ariz., with his wife, Sandra Jean. ■ After 30 years in public service and after serving as deputy mayor in Troy, N.Y., for the past eight years, **James Conroy** has retired and begun a new career in commercial real estate in the Albany, N.Y., area. Life is great, he reports. Jim and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 36th anniversary in 2004 and their daughter, **Jacqueline Conroy '91**, was married on Cape Cod to Sean O'Donnell. Jackie works in the development office of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, N.Y. Son Jim (USMC and Siena) is a vice president with the New York Business Development Corp. in Albany. He and his wife are the parents of Madeline, 6, and Julia, 3. Son **Chuck '00** works for the New York State Senate and is active in several Democratic political campaigns. Phyllis is director of computer technologies for the Sage Colleges in Troy and Albany. ■ **Dr. Richard Dickinson's** daughter, Lindsay, is an attorney and chief of staff for the deputy secretary of commerce in Washington, D.C. His son, Richard, Jr., plans to enter dental school in 2005. ■ **Daniel Fitzpatrick** received the Time International City Management Association Award four times. He also received the 2004 National Public Service Award from the National Academy of Public Administration and the American Society of Public Administration. Dan is city manager for Peekskill, N.Y. ■ **Gerard Gretzinger, Sr.,** was appointed superintendent of schools in the Kingston (N.Y.) City School District, the same district in which he did his student teaching when he was a senior at Marist in 1969. ■ **Peter Hayden** was promoted to chief of the Fire Department of New York. He leads 14,000 uniformed and civilian employees of the FDNY. He was in charge of the World Trade Center North Tower command post on Sept. 11, 2001, and spearheaded the effort to rebuild the FDNY in the days and months following the attack. He received the Marist College President's Award during the college's 2002 commencement ceremony and accepted the honor on behalf of all firefighters. ■ **Steven Johnson** has a 14-year-old son, Kevin, who is a freshman in high school. ■ **Anthony Kondysar's** grandson, Stephen Kondysar, is

Alumni Enjoy Florida Reception

President and Mrs. Dennis J. Murray hosted a reception for Heritage Professors, trustees, alumni and friends at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, Fla., on Feb. 24.

The president recognized Tony Campilii '62 for his 42 years of outstanding service to Marist College as

its chief financial officer. Tony will begin to enjoy his retirement this spring with his wife, Ginny, who also attended the reception.

In between rain showers the following day, several faithful golfers were able to squeeze in nine holes at Tiburon Golf Club.



Guests at the president's reception in Naples, Fla., included (left to right, standing) former Dean of Students and Director of Development Thomas Wade, Heritage Professors Dr. Lawrence Menapace, Dr. Edward O'Keefe, Gus Nolan '52, Dr. Casimir Norkelinas, Dr. Jephtha Lanning '53 and Theodore Prenting, Heritage Executive Tony Campilii '62, (seated) former Director of Teacher Education Elizabeth Nolan and Heritage Professor Dr. Richard La Pietra '54.



Three members of the Marist Board of Trustees, Patrick Lavelle '73, John O'Shea and James Cannavino, also attended.

following in his grandfather's footsteps. Stephen entered Marist as a freshman in September 2004. Tony and his wife, Maryellen, have two other grandsons, Christopher and Nicholas, who live in Williamsburg, Va. ■ **Richard Measel** is a human resources specialist with Applied Marine Technologies Inc. (AMTI), a government contractor. ■ **Vincent Mooney's** daughter, Erin, graduated from Holy Cross College in May 2004. She is a program coordinator at the Age Center of Worcester, Mass. Vinny's son, Chris, is an employment specialist

for Schenectady ARC. ■ **Paul Reichhart** is director of employee training at the Seneca Cayuga Association for Retarded Citizens in Auburn, N.Y. Paul and his wife, Teresa, are grandparents to Haley and Jared, with whom they have a great time. ■ **Joe Sommers** remembers the great times he had with the Marist crew team, especially the daily practices, crew races on the weekends and the team's Florida trip in 1967 when Frank Egan '68 (R.I.P.) was captain. ■ **James Walsh** retired on Oct. 31, 2003, as a special agent for the FBI after 25 years of service.



After a 32-year career in commercial banking, **George N. Jarvis** is now president of Rhona Silver Enterprises. George is also the executive vice president of Rhona Silver's Huntington Townhouse in Suffolk County, N.Y., a catering operation servicing nearly 1,800 events a year. ■ **Harold Luebbert** provides international food service training for the 7-Eleven Corp. He enjoys his three grandchildren. ■ **Tim Sinnot**, formerly executive officer of Crossroads Centre, Antigua, has been promoted to



MARRIAGES

Kimberly Meehan to **Bartholomew Steinhorn '93**,
July 14, 2004

Stefanie Novy to **Jonathan Makowsky**,
Dec. 21, 2002

Brian Smith to **Nadia Lubow**,
June 12, 2004

Susanne Yanusz to **Nick Belibasakis**,
May 8, 2004

1996

Elizabeth Batista to **Jeff Anthony Zappone**, Oct. 4, 2003

Michael Davis to **Jennifer Tredy**,
August 2003

Sarah DeRoberts to **Eric Roche**,
Sept. 5, 2004

Helena Henderson to
R. Todd Brantley, July 8, 2004

Vicky Keresztes to **David Saco '95**,
July 3, 2004

Ray Panepinto to **Molly Quinn**,
Oct. 11, 2003

Laura Stoll to **Jay Sukow**,
July 4, 2004

Jennifer Trainor to **Bradley Auleta**,
May 31, 2003

1997

Jessica Alfieri to **Kenneth Casamento**,
Oct. 8, 2004

Kara Chrzescijanek to
Joseph O'Donnell, Sept. 25, 2004

Andrei Gisetti to
Jacqueline Ann Weisberg, May 31, 2004

Andrea Johnson to **James Serra**,
Sept. 4, 2004

Tisha Jordan to **William Loney**,
Nov. 2003

Ellen Kalas to **Robert Wolfe**,
May 8, 2004

Kristen Koehler to **Michael Kubert, Jr.**,
Sept. 25, 2004

Cathy McPeck to **Matthew Ticcony**,
June 4, 2004

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John Seifert to Rebecca Lyon,
Oct. 9, 2004

Laura Smith to Scott Florio,
June 28, 2003

Cynthia Stein to John Krozser,
Oct. 12, 2003

Michelle Trabona to Jason Schwartz,
Oct. 4, 2003

Christopher Webb to Rebecca Lopez,
June 7, 2003

1998

Michael Accuosti to Suzanne Roddy,
Oct. 2, 2004

Bridget Foy to Jason Pomerantz,
June 7, 2003

Cybil Golas to Eric Lovly, May 8, 2004

Susan Goodwin to Kevin Mewhiney,
Oct. 2, 2004

Russell Heigel to Suzanne Santucci,
July 4, 2004

Tiffany Lamance to Michael Douglass,
May 28, 2004

Mathew Laskowski to Erin Rizzo,
Sept. 27, 2003

Melissa Manso to Adam Pennucci,
Oct. 9, 2004

Teresa Marcotrigiano to
Darren Meyer, Nov. 27, 2004

Kimberly McHugh to Christian Toelle,
Feb. 14, 2004

Christopher O'Connor to Ashley
Hotze, July 3, 2004

Melissa Podgurski to
William Shimukonas, June 26, 2004

Patricia Rendon to **Andres Ospina**,
Sept. 12, 2003

Christine Tripodi to Brian Carlile,
October 2003

CEO of the company. The addiction rehabilitation treatment facility was founded in 1998 by famed guitarist Eric Clapton. ■ **Arthur Smith** was appointed Ulster County administrator in June 2004. The unanimous appointment was based on Art's 23 years of experience with the county.

1971

Audrey Bellarosa, PhD, continues her affiliation with Marist through her supervision of students completing their field placement in psychology. ■ **Capt. Michael Cahill '98 MPA** has joined the board of directors of the United Way of New York State. He also serves on the board of United Way of Orange County as well as on the town of Highland's recreation commission and the town of Crawford's Vision Committee. Peter is a Zone Two commander with the New York state police. ■ **Robert Donaldson** retired from teaching at Rhinebeck High School after 32 years. He continues to teach at Dutchess Community College where he is an adjunct instructor of law. ■ **Thomas Ferrara's** company, Ferrara Jerum International, is representing Wal-Mart in upstate New York. Real estate consultants, they are developing shopping centers in Victor, Geneseo and Johnson City, N.Y. ■ **William Fil's** daughter, Laura, graduated from Marist in 2004 with a bachelor's in biology. Laura now attends New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ **John Gallagher** retired from teaching high school chemistry in public schools after 31 years. He now teaches chemistry at a private school in Manhattan. ■ **Stephen Larkin** was recruited by Trinity Rail Group, a manufacturer of freight rail cars, as executive vice president. ■ **Alfred Pfluger** has been deployed to Wurzburg, Germany, as a major with the 348th General Hospital. As a civilian, Al is an occupational health nurse with IBM in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. ■ **Patricia Mikus Rittenhouse** teaches Spanish at Tyburn Academy, a small Roman Catholic high school in Auburn, N.Y.

1972

George Alberti graduated from Johns Hopkins in May 2003 with a master's in systems engineering and accepted a position with the Department of Defense. A retired

Air Force lieutenant colonel, he previously served as a senior member of the technical staff at Lockheed Martin Corp. ■ **William Anderson, PhD**, is acting vice president for academic and student services at the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, N.J. ■ **Salvatore Assenza, Jr.**, is working for the National Archives and Records Administration at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park. ■ **Raymond DelMaestro** is principal of the Casimir Pulaski School in Yonkers, N.Y. He received the Pathfinder Award for outstanding educational improvement presented by the Business Council of New York State, which cited the Pulaski School as a model for educational success. Twenty schools in New York State were selected for the award. In fall 2004, the state education commissioner named the Pulaski School and its principal to the list of the top 100 schools with sustained systemic improvement in New York State. Ray and his school were also honored by COPA, the Congress of Polish Americans, for setting outstanding educational standards in the City of Yonkers and the State of New York. Ray's daughter, Christina, is a member of the Class of 2008 at Marist where she is a business management major. ■ **Jack Glennon** and his wife, Linda, have two granddaughters and three grandsons ranging in age from 8 months to 13 years. ■ **Frederic Ross** retired twice in 2002: first from his position as a probation officer with the New York State Probation Office and second from the U.S. Army Reserves, where he held the rank of master sergeant.

1973

Robert Coffin and his wife, Cindy, moved from New York City to Orlando, Fla., to have a new adventure and escape city life. ■ In February 2004 **Daniel Faison, Jr.**, was named acting director of Access, the Assessment and Referral Unit for treatment in the New York State Division of Parole. ■ **Bro. Henry Hammer, FMS**, is the assistant provincial for Marist Brothers of the USA and the director of Marist evangelization for Marist schools and ministries. ■ **Mark Mahoney** moved to Seal Beach, Calif., and bought Energy Brokers Inc. Prior to the move,

Mark was senior editor at Oil Price Information Service in Lakewood, N.J. ■ **Kurt Strolis** celebrated 20 years with Finkelstein & Partners, Esqs., in June 2004.

1974

David Cassaro is president of Comcast Network Advertising Sales, a new department being established by Comcast's Programming Investments Division to oversee advertising sales for Comcast's national networks: E! Entertainment Television, the Style Network, G4techTV, International Channel Networks and Outdoor Life Network. ■ **Eric Garrison** teaches at New Canaan Country School. He spends vacations and summers on the road playing music. His most recent CD is available at www.cdbaby.com. ■ **Michael J. Harrigan** is pleased to announce that his children's book, *What Does the Tooth Fairy Do With All Those Teeth?*, was published in January 2004 by Publish America (www.publishamerica.com or www.harrigan.4t.com). ■ **Dr. Susan Kelly** has been appointed director of curriculum and instruction for grades K-12 for the Island Trees School District in Levittown, N.Y. Susan is also a past president of the New York State English Council. ■ **Dominick F. Mucci, PhD**, is the new school superintendent for the North Bellmore (N.Y.) School District. ■ **Mark Takacs** marked his 30-year anniversary with IBM in May 2004. He is a senior engineer/chemist working at the company's Hudson Valley Research Center in Fishkill, N.Y. ■ As of September 2004, **Craig Vogel** is the director of the Design Research Institute at the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning.



1975

Pastor Maryann Paradiso Berry's biographical profile was published in the May 2004 edition of *Marquis Who's Who of American Women*. ■ **Vincent Caruso** was promoted to general superintendent for the New York City Department of Sanitation. ■ **Jack and Margaret Darragh Castell's** son Joseph Matthew is pursuing a master's in national securities studies at Georgetown University. He plans a career in federal law enforcement. Their son

James J. Corcoran III '73: Inventing Systems to Make Aviation Safer

A patent for an invention by James J. Corcoran III '73 is making airplane travel safer.

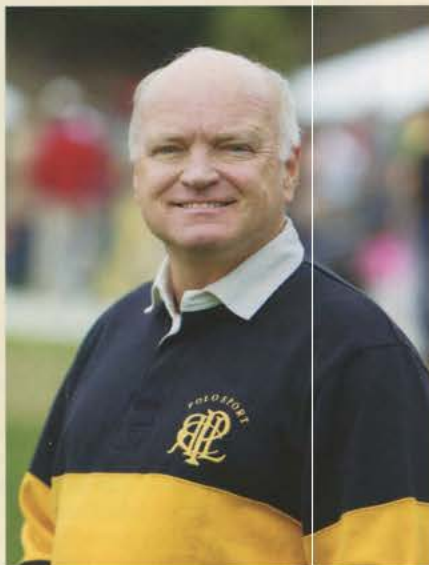
While employed at Honeywell, the multinational aerospace company, Corcoran was awarded a U.S. patent for software he designed to reduce the number of aircraft accidents on airport surfaces. Honeywell incorporated the software in its Runway Awareness and Advisory System (RAAS), a product designed to reduce aircraft collisions with other planes and vehicles on runways and taxiways.

RAAS, approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), uses a Global Positioning System coupled with an internal airport runway database to monitor a plane's location and provides voice advisories of such possible dangers as a runway that is too short for a safe takeoff or landing. RAAS customers include the Cessna Aircraft Co. and Alaska Airlines.

The FAA predicts a rise in the number of aircraft operations over the next decade that will increase safety management challenges. Reducing the risk of runway incursions and runway collisions is a top priority of the agency, according to its August 2004 *Runway Safety Report*. The FAA defines an incursion as any occurrence on the runway involving an aircraft, person, vehicle or object that creates a collision hazard. During the four-year period 2000 to 2003, the agency reports an average of one runway incursion per day with seven runway incursions resulting in collisions. In March 2000, one collision resulted in four fatalities.

Corcoran's experience in aviation and computer science helped him invent the system. Born in Milwaukee, Wis., he moved with his family to the Hudson Valley in 1950 and graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School. While a student at Marist he took flying

lessons at Dutchess County Airport and then flew aircraft for a law firm in Poughkeepsie to earn tuition money. After working at IBM from 1974 to 1983, he spent eight years as a corporate pilot for Gannett and designer Ralph Lauren, logging more than 5,000 hours in the air.



James J. Corcoran III '73

Following four years with Computer Sciences Corp., in the Washington, D.C., area, he went to work for Honeywell in 2000, most recently managing a global sales and marketing program for Honeywell Technology Solutions in Phoenix, Ariz.

Now president of his own consulting firm specializing in aviation, insurance and computer-related international businesses, Corcoran says his Marist education led to his patent. "My years at Marist College contributed to the curiosity and intellectual ability that enabled me to come up with this solution."

He now lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife, Lana Harris, a former photojournalist who worked for

-UPI and later for the Associated Press as part of the White House press corps covering President Ronald Reagan. He says he recently received word from the U.S. Patent Office that his next patent has been approved. "It should be a great deal of fun implementing this one," he says.

The patent, Automatic Formation Flight Control System, would allow the mission commander leading other aircraft while flying in formation to control the other aircraft even in bad weather conditions. Corcoran says the invention also would make it possible for a military aircraft to take control of a commercial airliner that has been hijacked. He reports he is in talks with a major avionics manufacturer to license the patent.

Thomas expects to graduate from Marist in May 2005 with a degree in criminal justice. Their daughter Anne Marie is pursuing a communications/public relations degree from Marist and expects to graduate in May 2007. Margaret teaches at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Poughkeepsie and Jack marked his 25th anniversary with IBM in February 2005. ■ **Col. Thomas Herman** retired in 2003 from his position as presidential communications officer at the White House after seven years of service there and 21 years of service in the U.S. Army. He is now

the executive director for ManTech International Inc. The company designs, develops, procures, implements, operates, tests and maintains enterprise information technology, communication systems and infrastructures for federal government customers in the United States and more than 30 countries worldwide. Tom's son, Sean, is a freshman at East Carolina University. ■ **Dr. Robert E. Lee** marked his 20th anniversary as a chiropractor in Tuckerton, N.J., in December 2004. ■ **Maureen O'Toole Reimers** is school treasurer for the Palm Beach County

School District. She resides in Wellington, Fla., with her husband, Karl, an electrical engineer at East-West Technology. Their oldest daughter, Meghan, is studying to be a medical coding specialist. Their youngest daughter, Jaclyn, is a junior at Florida State University where she studies housing/property management. ■ **Gary Slavin** received an award from the Massapequa Chamber of Commerce for spearheading an effort to get athletic fields for his community. ■ **Carla Taylor** is the director of the Winchester (Va.) Department of Social Services,



MARRIAGES

1999

Roni Brasen to **Steven Beatty**, Oct. 5, 2004

Dr. Steven Conroy to **Dr. Melinda Healy**, Feb. 21, 2004

Kara Elliott to **Eric Wohlleber**, May 23, 2003

Amanda Flood to **James Farrell**, Nov. 5, 2004

Tara Griffin to **John Duggan**, Dec. 27, 2004

Amanda "Mandy" Liles to **Andrew Hughes**, May 22, 2004

Christine Lubas to **Andy Ryba**, Sept. 4, 2004

Jennifer Miranda to **Andro Buneta**, May 1, 2004

Julie Morin to **George F. Heudorfer III**, June 5, 2004

Rachel Oswald to **Thomas Craparo**, Oct. 16, 2004

Chantal Poirier to **James Glancy**, Nov. 20, 2004

Jessica Pomaco to **Stephen DiMarco**, June 27, 2003

Emily Snayd to **Benjamin Scurto**, June 28, 2003

Kimberly Ann Svoboda to **Dr. Patrick Biegel**, Aug. 28, 2004

Kristy Ann Yacovone to **Ross Farbman**, July 4, 2003

2000

Sara Bartsch to **Robert Battaglia**, Nov. 1, 2003

Matthew Greenstein to **Joy Alessandro**, June 26, 2004

Raychel Grestini to **Michael Marcil**, Sept. 18, 2004

Shelly Napoli and **Christopher Yapchanyk '01**, Nov. 6, 2004

Kathryn Peterson to **Felix Tapia**, June 26, 2004

Karen Zeidan to **Aaron Zobel**, Jan. 2, 2004

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MARRIAGES

2001

Seneca Beck to Ryan McCue,
Oct. 10, 2004

Amanda Kelly to Ryan Coyle, June 5,
2004

Michael Quick to Debra Ann Matola,
June 12, 2004

Ryan Streck to Anna Marek,
Aug. 21, 2004

2002

Jessica Edwards to Kevin Culloo,
March 20, 2004

Jennifer Thomas to
Benjamin Staskiewicz, June 25, 2004

2003

Danielle Blank to Warren Lambert II,
Aug. 28, 2004

Jacqueline Collins to Ashley Prester,
Dec. 13, 2003

Jillian Duffy to **Steven Black**,
June 12, 2004

Jarrod Manfro to Denise Dietter,
Oct. 9, 2004

Amy Riopko to **Paul Sydlansky '99**,
Sept. 18, 2004

2004

Jessica Fitzgerald to
Erich Schaefer '02, June 11, 2004

Jacqueline Gonzalez to Hector
Camilo, Jr., Dec. 24, 2004

Jill Priano to John Fiori, July 24, 2004

responsible for directing 22 employees and more than 100 volunteers. Carla is also a consultant for the George Mason University Human Subjects Review Board, a member of the Governor's Prisoner Re-entry Policy Group and an appointee to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Domestic Violence Prevention Policy and Coordinating Council.

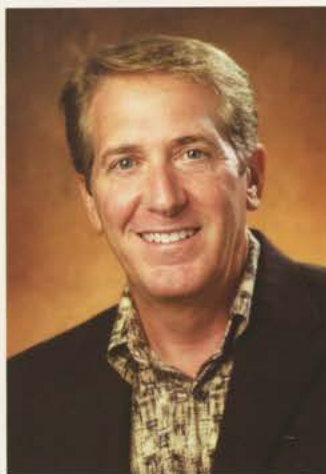
1976

Florida Chapter President **Ernest A. Arico, Jr.**, and his wife, Donna, were named Foster Family of the Year for hosting more than 30 foster children. They adopted one of the children who has special needs. Ernie is Florida network coordinator for *Florida Today* and an adjunct professor of communications at Brevard Community College in Melbourne, Fla. **Joseph Callo, Jr.**, has retired as a peace officer for Nevada's State Gaming Control Board. He now works part-time for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. **Linda Dickerson-Hartsock** is the executive director of the Cortland County Business Development Corp. and Industrial Development Agency in Cortland, N.Y. **James Fitzgerald, Esq.**, is general counsel for the Albuquerque (N.M.) International Airport. **John Marrone** plans to open an antique barn and to expand his business, Millbrook Estate Services. **Mary Beth Pfeiffer** recently completed a yearlong fellowship from the Open Society Institute, a George Soros foundation based in New York City. As a Soros Justice Media Fellow, Mary Beth researched the growth of the mentally ill prison population in various states and examined treatment options and opportunities for reform. Among her publications was an Oct. 31, 2004, article in the *New York Times Magazine*. The six-page article profiled the life and death of a 21-year-old woman who committed suicide in a New York State prison. Mary Beth, who has taken an extended leave from her position as projects editor at the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, has written extensively on prisons in New York State and on the treatment of the mentally ill. She has focused on suicides in state prison disciplinary units, to which psychotic inmates are often relegated for long periods without

adequate mental health care. **Cmdr. John Tomkovitch** retired from the U.S. Navy in September 2004 after 28 years of service.

1977

Dr. Nancy Church was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Marketing and Management at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh. The rank is awarded by the SUNY Board of Trustees and recognizes those who have achieved national or international prominence and a distinguished reputation in a chosen field. She joined the Plattsburgh faculty in 1977 and was promoted to professor in 1996. **Steven Forrestal** has been named general manager and controller for *La Raza*, a major Spanish-language publication in Chicago. **John Gavigan** was promoted to senior vice president of Odyssey Reinsurance in New York, N.Y. His daughter, Stephenie, attends NYU and his son, Michael, attends Kellenburg High School. John lives in Malverne, N.Y., with his wife, Eileen. **Jeffrey Nick** is senior vice president and chief technology officer at EMC Corp., a provider of systems, software and services for information storage and management. Previously Jeff spent 24 years at IBM. He held the title of IBM Fellow, the highest technical honor that IBM bestows on its IT innovators. Jeff has filed more than 80 inventions and holds more than 50 U.S. patents in computer systems technology. **Barbara Stern** is happy to be involved with the Center for Lifetime Study, sponsored by Marist College for people over age 55.



Jeffrey Nick '77

1978

In August 2004, **Nicholas Candito** marked his 17th year of service as a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the state of Arizona. He hopes to retire in three years. **Debra Bowers Citrone** is pursuing a master's in childhood education at Mercy College. She teaches computer science and religion at two schools. **Capt. John W. Covell, USN**, is assistant chief of staff for plans and policy on the staff of Commander United States Fifth Fleet, located in Bahrain. **Winnie Saitta Dunn** is a production assistant on ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* and network news. **Marcia Grubel** has set up a practice for executive, business, career and life coaching. She works with national and international clients. Her address is mgcoach@verizon.net. **Kristin Jane Keller '05**, daughter of **Virginia Heaton Keller** and the late **Robert Keller '80**, was a member of the Marist women's basketball team that won the 2003-04 MAAC championship and went on to compete in the NCAA Tournament. She also played on the team that won the 2004-05 MAAC regular season title. (For more on Kristin, see Page 19.) One of Kristin's sisters, Caitlin Joyce, is an undergraduate at Marist. **Teresa Manzi Manlowe** received the U.S. State Department's Cobb Award at a ceremony in November in Washington, D.C. Terry is the economic commercial officer at the U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka. The Cobb Award recognizes the Foreign Service officer who is most effectively advancing U.S. commercial interests. Terry mediates between American companies that are interested in investing in Sri Lanka and the economic and employment needs of Sri Lankan citizens. She negotiates with administrations as well as businesspeople from both countries and is also in charge of holding trade fairs for American investors. **G. Brian Morgan, Esq.**, was appointed attorney for the town of Wawayanda in Orange County, N.Y. He was elected to the executive committee of the Dutchess County Bar Association and the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Arts Council. He also serves as chairman of the Legislative Action Committee of the Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce. Brian is an attorney



Keith Hollman '79 hosted a Marist mini-reunion at his home in New Jersey in August for 13 former classmates. Alumni traveled from as far as Pennsylvania, Vermont and Maryland to reminisce about their days at Marist. The group included (left to right) Paul Ceonzo '79, Keith Hollman '79, Thomas Crane '79, James Flynn '79 and Bro. Paul Keenan '79 (seated).

with the law firm of Jacobowitz and Gubits LLP in Walden, N.Y.

1979

Doreen Bachman Burger is a service coordinator with the Family Empowerment Council in Middletown, N.Y. ■ **Maria Grace Diaz Decken** received a Barbara H. James 2004 Teacher Award from the South Carolina Office of Career and Technology Education. She is president-elect of South Carolina's Health Science Technology Educators' Organization and was nominated for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2003-2004*. ■ **William Gerlach** sold his office supply business to Staples in August 2004. He is now a mortgage consultant with the Bank of Greene County. ■ **Michael Ragusa** is vice president of worldwide channel sales with Net IQ Corp. in Melville, N.Y.



1980

Michael Lanza's son, Mike, is a sophomore at Marist College. ■ **Paul Meseck** has been a PGA golf professional for 20 years. He is the head PGA teaching professional at the Darlington Golf Center in Mahwah, N.J. ■ **David Shaw** left MSG Networks after 23 years of service to become president of Venue Services Group in White Plains, N.Y. The company is a

wholly owned subsidiary of National Mobile Television, a provider of TV production trucks and crews across the country.

1981

William Ciraulo was promoted to restaurant manager at the Polo Restaurant at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City, N.Y. ■ **Matthew Cole** writes that all is well at the Hendersonville, N.C., YMCA where he works. ■ **James Gilligan** was honored by the Blood Center of New Jersey for his outstanding work and long-term commitment to the recruitment and retention of blood donors. He is the founder and chairman of the monthly blood drive in West Milford, N.J., which has collected more than 3,750 blood product donations since its inception in 1999. Other communities have successfully followed his model. Jim lives in West Milford with his wife, Ana, and their children, Danny and Kevin. ■ **Brian McGowan** and his wife, Lori, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary in 2004. Their family business, Kaaterskill Farm Natural, is in its ninth year in the natural food industry. His daughter, Chelsea, is a high school freshman who is simultaneously taking college courses. ■ **Malcolm Schick, Esq.**, is a partner with the law offices of Gray and Prouty and managing partner in the San Diego, Calif., office. ■ **M. Susan**

Dubatowka Spratt teaches math at Haldane High School in Cold Spring, N.Y. She is completing a master's in educational psychology at Marist.

1982

Evelyn Greco Ashworth is superintendent for the New York City Transit Authority buses in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she has worked for the past 17 years. She lives in Mahopac, N.Y., with her husband, John, and their daughter, Emily. ■ **Virginia Luciano Brophy** completed the Kona Marathon, a fund raiser for the American Stroke Association in Kona, Hawaii. ■ **Elaine Doremus** celebrated the one-year anniversary of her business, *Résumés Written*, last year. ■ **John Dyer's** oldest daughter, Bridget, graduated from Lehigh University in May 2004 with a degree in economics and finance. John, and his wife, Elizabeth, adopted three Russian siblings, ages 6, 7 and 10, in January 2004. ■ **M. Diane "Dee" Nell Hardgrave** works as a medical anthropologist at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. She was awarded the President's Fellowship for research in anthropology. ■ **Dr. Clair Hesselton** is the national secretary and a member of the Board of Directors of the United Spinal Association in New York, N.Y. ■ **Stephen Hopson** is training to become the first deaf pilot in the world to obtain an instrument rating. The rating allows pilots to fly in bad weather using instruments only. In 2001 he earned a private pilot's license and in 2003 became the first deaf person in Michigan to earn a commercial pilot's license. ■ **Donald C. Miller** was elected president of the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials Inc. for the term beginning in May 2004. Don is the county director of central services and one of only 246 procurement professionals in the nation to be certified as both a public procurement buyer and a public procurement officer. Don was co-founder of the Inter-Agency Purchasing Cooperative, which offers opportunities for county agencies to reduce costs. ■ **Mary Alice Russo** is executive director of the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Health Center Foundation in Albany, N.Y. She also serves as vice president for marketing for the



NEW ARRIVALS

1962

Ginny and **Anthony Campilii**, a grandson, Justin Anthony Sapp, Oct. 27, 2003

1965

Althea and **Dennis Feeney**, a granddaughter, Kate Ann Feeney, Nov. 18, 2004, and a grandson, Griffin Kollhoff, Nov. 29, 2004

1966

Linda and **Thomas Berger**, twins, a grandson, Kaden Avry, and a granddaughter, Ashlen Kristen, Aug. 16, 2004

1967

Lillian and **Joseph Gajda**, a grandson, Michael Allen, May 8, 2004

Robert Mathews, a granddaughter, Fiona Clare, June 2004

1969

Jeanne and **Richard Cole**, a grandson, Ryan Tyler Munger, Oct. 29, 2004

Francine and **Gerard Gretzinger, Sr.**, a granddaughter, Nicole Elizabeth, Aug. 27, 2004

1973

Rowina and **Robert Kennedy**, a granddaughter, Jessica Lynn Kennedy, August 2004

1980

Marie and **Dennis O'Doherty**, a son, Daniel Connor, March 2, 2004

1981

Shirley and **Robert O'Reilly**, a daughter, Peyton, Aug. 31, 2004

1983

Joanne Wynne and David Bald, a son, Alex, May 31, 2002, adopted from Siberia, Russia, on May 24, 2004

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NEW ARRIVALS

1984

Cheryl Bowering and **Peter Fredsall '83**, a son, Arthur Peter, July 12, 2004

1985

Trisha Denham and **Nicolas Gikakis**, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, Jan. 10, 2004

Christine and **Steven LoDestro**, a son, Thomas Connor, Aug. 5, 2004

Margaret and **Nicholas Salleroli**, a son, Nicholas Michael II, June 2, 2002

Christopher Sulger to Janine Raad, Sept. 3, 2004

1986

Patricia Clark and Thomas Michels, a son, Thomas Christopher, June 2004

Anne and **Paul Gamerdinger**, a son, Justin Ryan, Aug. 24, 2004

Catherine "Casey" Marra and Rich Karel, a daughter, Katrina Grace, May 27, 2004

Mary Jo Stempsey and Eugene Lorini, a daughter, Elizabeth Virginia, Aug. 14, 2003

1987

Joelle Charlot and James Duffy, a son, Eamonn Charles, April 27, 2003

Elizabeth and **Kevin Cushing**, a daughter, Kaleigh, March 21, 2004

Michele and **Sean Dougherty**, a daughter, Erin, July 14, 2003

Elizabeth Geary and Gerard Nolan, a daughter, Erin Marie, Sept. 29, 2003

Christine Hart and **Thomas Heer '88**, a son, Hans-Martin, May 18, 2002

Maureen Melley, CPA, and Philip Angelastro, twin sons, Peter and Paul, Aug. 14, 2003

Julie and **Timothy Nelson**, a daughter, Rebecca Anne, Feb. 9, 2004



Ian O'Connor '86

O'Connor's Jump

Rodale has published *The Jump: Sebastian Telfair and the High Stakes Business of High School Ball* by Ian O'Connor '86. *The Jump* chronicles the rags-to-riches path of New York sensation Sebastian Telfair, at 5-foot-11 the first small high school player to skip college on the way to NBA fortune and fame. O'Connor tracks Telfair's journey from high school point guard phenom to Portland TrailBlazers rookie with an estimated \$18 million sneaker endorsement deal. O'Connor is a sports columnist for *USA Today* and the *Journal News* of New York who has won numerous national writing honors including the Sigma Delta Chi Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. He lives in New Jersey with his wife, Tracey, and son, Kyle.



health center. She is developing a philanthropic program for the foundation and promoting the health center's visibility in the region. Mary Alice was previously executive director of the Seton Health Foundation in Albany. ■ **Unda Simeti** has started her own business, Square-U-Away. She is a professional organizer for homes and small businesses.

1983

Barbara Demeter Alessandrello moved with her family to Celebration, Fla., in 2004. She and her husband, Tano, sold the restaurant that they ran for 20 years and made the move with daughters Daria and Nicole to escape the cold Northeast winters. She now very happily drives a safari truck in "East Africa" in Disney World's Animal Kingdom and reports that she could not be happier. ■ **Scott Bennett** is senior vice president for the financial group at Advest Inc. in Jericho, N.Y. ■ **Anthony Cardone** received the Marvin Sims Award for business promotions in Orange County and the Ken Wolfe Award from the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Tony is the owner of Fran's Hallmark in Monroe, N.Y. ■ **Donna Garcia** writes that her son, Ryan, started kindergarten and her daughter, Chelsea, started high school in September 2004. Donna lives in Bayport, N.Y., with her husband, Richard. ■ **Patrick O'Donnell** moved from Tokyo to Shanghai with his wife, Nichola, and their three children, Sarah,

Elaina and Ronan. As vice president of IBM.com Asia Pacific, Patrick is responsible for IBM's teleweb sales centers in Asia. ■ **Joseph Stoeckler, Jr.**, was elected to the Ulster County Legislature. He is the director of planning and plant operations at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

1984

Geoff Dylong is the director of news publications at *The Recorder*, a daily newspaper in Amsterdam, N.Y. ■ **Donald Eustace** relocated to New York state after living in South Carolina and Virginia for the past few years. He is a school psychologist and chairperson for the Committee on Special Education for Jefferson-Lewis BOCES in Watertown, N.Y. Don is a former at-large member of the Marist College Alumni Executive Board and is an associate member of the New York State Department of Corrections Emerald Society. ■ **Stephen Funk** is self-employed in Litchfield, Conn. He and his wife, **Elizabeth Cook Funk**, live in Litchfield with their four children, Sam, Madeline, Jane and Nellie. ■ **Maj. Timothy Keough**, U.S. Army Reserves for Civil Affairs, was deployed to Iraq from April 2003 to March 2004. He served with the 1st Marine Division in Central Iraq and the 82nd Airborne Division in Fallujah. He is the recipient of a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. As a civilian, Tim is vice president at Aon Consulting in New York, N.Y. He lives in Tinton Falls, N.J.,

with his wife, Chong Hui, and their daughters, Eileen and Bridget. ■ **Kathy Kimball-Wurster** received the Mid-Hudson Social Studies Council 2004 Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award. She teaches global history and geography II as well as an elective course on human rights at Washingtonville (N.Y.) High School. ■ **Lawrence McNeill** is senior vice president with UBS Financial Services in New York, N.Y. ■ **Margaret Good Patterson** is director of print media and out-of-home for Corinthian Media. She lives in West Caldwell, N.J., with her husband, Todd, and their daughters, Farrell and Lindsey. ■ **Daniel Rogers** joined J.B. Hunt Transport and is in charge of dedicated logistics services and sales for North Texas and Northern Louisiana. ■ **Mark SantaCroce** is president and general manager of CIGNA HealthCare's operations in North Carolina and South Carolina. Mark's home base is Charlotte, N.C. Mark is responsible for external operations in North Carolina and South Carolina and oversees a sales team of more than 70 professionals.



1985

Michael Berardinelli received an MPA from Marist in May 2003. Michael lives in Newburgh, N.Y., with his wife, Sherri Lynn, and their children, Kayli and Colin. ■ **Donna Berger**, coordinator of aca-

demarc grants at Marist, earned a PhD in educational administration and policy studies from SUNY Albany in December 2003. Donna's dissertation was titled "The Effects of Learning Self-Management on Student Desire and Ability to Self-Manage, Self-Efficacy, Academic Performance and Retention." She received two awards from SUNY Albany. The School of Education faculty honored her with a \$1,000 Arvid J. Burke Scholarship in recognition of her academic achievements. She also received an Initiatives For Women award of \$1,000 to support her dissertation research. Donna is the first among her doctoral cohort members to receive the degree. ■ **Cindy Bennedum Kashan** received an MPA from Marist in May 2003. She was promoted to executive assistant to the president of Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, N.Y., in September 2003. ■ In 2004, **John Loughlin** achieved "Chairman's Circle," State Farm's top level of recognition based on sales and profitability. ■ **Susan Marcy** is the vice president of the United Way of Ulster County in Kingston, N.Y. ■ **Edmund McKenna, Jr.**, established Keel Systems LLC, which provides computer consulting services for small offices and home offices. ■ **Paul Malley** received an MBA in December 1999 from the University of Phoenix. Paul lives in Phoenix, Ariz., with his wife, **Nora Sakell Malley**, and their three children,

Kristen, Tommy and Michael. ■ **Charlene Bernazza Mitchell** and her husband, David, live in Bartlett, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis. David works for the U.S. Navy and Charlene is the human resources manager for the Brooks Museum. ■ **Shawn Mulligan** is district president of Robert Half International Inc., a specialized staffing company where he has worked for 19 years. ■ **Maureen A. O'Rourke, Esq.**, was appointed interim dean of the School of Law of Boston University in July 2004. She became a full professor at BU in 1998. She teaches upper-level courses in intellectual property and commercial law and has been a visiting professor at Columbia University's School of Law in New York, La Trobe University in Australia and the University of Victoria Law School in British Columbia. ■ **Lisa Pilewski** and her husband, Tom, are very busy with work and family responsibilities. Their oldest child, Kelsey, started middle school in September 2004. ■ **Larry Roll** and his wife, Sharon, have opened a yoga studio in Sugarloaf, N.Y., called Eyes of the World Yoga. ■ **Roger Romano** was promoted to vice president of sales at REA Publishing after 15 years as national sales manager. REA publishes study guides and test prep and reference books. Roger serves Marist as an at-large member of the Alumni Association Executive Board. ■ **Margaret Soltis** is an adjunct composition/college

writing professor at Marist. She also teaches the Marist "bridge" course at Our Lady of Lourdes High School. ■ **Maria Walski** reports that in July 2003 she purchased a 1,450-square-foot colonial home.

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Kenneth Briggs III continues to succeed in his senior analyst/technology developer role at New York Independent System Operator and is now a part of the finance systems development team. Daughter Amy, 6, joined mom and dad on stage at the 2005 Fleet Blues Fest in July 2005 in their Nite Train Band (www.nitetrainband.com) performance. Little sister Lily, who was born on June 29, 2003, hopes to join the band some day. ■ **Sheila Glasheen Crosby** writes that turning 40 is not so bad, especially when you're still in touch with old friends like Cathy Gilio, Allison Schwab, Fred Schuster and Joan St. John. ■ **Alan DiGiovanni** was promoted to national sales vice president for Compensation Risk Managers LLC in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Mark Greiner** completed his 17th year as a bilingual school social worker at the Westchester School for Special Children. ■ **Patricia Lercara** received a certificate in advanced study in educational administration from SUNY New Paltz. She teaches at Middletown High School in Middletown, N.Y. ■ **William Losey** recently published his first book, *101 Stock Market Guarantees*, available at www.101guarantees.com. ■ **The Hon. Howard D. Mills III** is acting superintendent of the New York State Insurance Department. He was nominated to the post by New York State Gov. George E. Pataki. ■ **Karen Neevel** is a reading specialist at Brinckerhoff Elementary School in Fishkill, N.Y. ■ **Michael O'Brien** is president and general manager of public relations firm Cohn & Wolfe. ■ **The Hon. Alfred Piombino** won reelection as the Register of Probate for the County of Cumberland, Maine. He approves wills, appoints estate executors and serves as the surrogate and guardian for deceased and incapable persons. A Harvard Law School-trained mediator, he is a member of the National College of Probate Judges and the National Association of Court Management. He lives in Portland,



NEW ARRIVALS

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- Cynthia Cole and Robert Munger '91**, a son, Ryan Tyler, Oct. 29, 2004
- Pamela and **Robert DelGrande**, a son, Joseph, March 25, 2004
- Larisa and **Charles Fetterly, Jr.**, a daughter, Christina Elizabeth, July 14, 2004
- Jamie Gajda** and Eric Bloom, a son, Michael Allen, May 8, 2004
- Wira Kuzmyn** and Stephen Romasco, a daughter, Natalie, Feb. 28, 2004
- Stephanie Sowinski** and Robert Bondar, a daughter, Lyndsey Rose, Feb. 7, 2004
- Aline Sullivan** and Michael Magee, a son, Aidan Michael, April 25, 2003

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- Maureen Blake** and James Mercer, a son, Ronan Michael, Dec. 26, 2003
- Leslie Currant and John Lake**, a son, Matthew, May 1, 2004
- Kathleen De Riso** and Brian Mitchell, a son, Dylan Donovan, June 19, 2003
- Lydia Dougherty** and McBee Butcher, a son, Charlie, Feb. 5, 2004
- Mary Duffy** and David Purdy, a son, Andrew Dawson, Dec. 25, 2003
- Michelle Graham** and Timothy Plummer, a son, James Joseph, March 1, 2003
- Janine Lukowiak** and Tom Finnegan, a daughter, Alexa, Aug. 2, 2003
- April and **Patrick Pacenza**, a son, Zachary, Feb. 9, 2004
- Donna Revellese** and Andrew Smith, a son, Andrew, Nov. 12, 2003
- Susan Ryan** and Thomas Gallo, a daughter, Alexa Victoria, April 5, 2003
- Shannon and **Thomas Taylor**, a daughter, Kelly, Oct. 11, 2004

Dr. Bridgette Sacco and Marc Laurens, a daughter, Mary Rachel, March 2, 2003

Marta Powers Decker '87 Joins Advancement Office at Marist



Marta Powers Decker '87 has joined the Office of College Advancement at Marist as assistant vice president for College Advancement. She graduated from Marist with a B.A. in communication arts, magna cum laude.

Decker comes to Marist after a 16-year career at IBM where she provided day-to-day communications support for the chairman and CEO; managed major product and crisis media campaigns; served as an executive speechwriter and event producer; and was the managing

editor for several corporate Intranet sites. She has been recognized on numerous occasions for writing and producing award-winning sales and marketing materials.

She and her husband, Michael, live in Fishkill, N.Y., with their two children, Kate and Jack.

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Christina Suglia and Peter Cleary, a son, Matthew Augustus, Aug. 13, 2004

Kelly Timmons and Bill Devens, a daughter, Jennifer Rose, Aug. 8, 2004

Patricia Walsh and Greg Andersen, a daughter, Lauren Patricia, Jan. 5, 2003

Deborah Wizeman and Kenneth Treadway, Jr., a son, Riley Garin, Oct. 17, 2003

Jennifer and **John Woodhour**, a son, Jack Thomas, Aug. 9, 2003

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Laurie Aurelia, Esq., and David Cerveny, a son, Brady John, July 17, 2003

Marybeth Baran and James Halinski '88, a son, Martin, June 19, 2004

Loriann Bonati and Patrick Close, a son, Griffin Patrick, April 21, 2003

Nancy Carney and John "Jay" Cody '89, a son, Patrick John, Dec. 16, 2003

Krista Coniglio and Patrick Flinn, a son, Connor, June 12, 2003

Karen Daly and Sergio Amoedo, twin sons, Hunter and Logan, March 20, 2003

Yolanda Lynch and Gregory Head, a son, Garrett James, May 1, 2004

Michelle and **Tom McCarthy**, a son, Andrew, Oct. 16, 2003

Regina Moeller and Kenneth Kempster '89, a daughter, Victoria Marie, March 7, 2002

Betsy and **Edward Ryan**, a daughter, Mollie Quinn, Oct. 9, 2003

Janet Ryan and Hans Lubbeck, a son, Donald Ryan, Jan. 21, 2004

Jennifer Schiffer and Vincent Freeh, a daughter, Anna Maria, Jan. 18, 2004

Michele Ward and Victor Triolo, a son, Tristan James, July 16, 2003

Doreen Williams and Tom Ricci, a daughter, Heather Ann, Sept. 4, 2003

Maine. ■ **Allison White** received a Connecticut realtor's license. She is a realtor with RE/MAX First.

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Fred Dever, a member the Marist men's swimming team from 1983 to 1987, is still swimming and has added running and biking to his workout regimen. He was ranked 10th in the 34-39 age group in the U.S. master's swimming championships and in the top third in the U.S. Triathlon Association. He qualified for the U.S. triathlon nationals and the Boston Marathon. He and his partner purchased a new house in the northwest area of Washington, D.C. ■ **Kevin Kaley** was selected as the executive officer for 1-355th field artillery, U.S. Army Reserves, in Round Rock, Texas. ■ **Geoffrey Milne** completed the fourth edition of *Connecticut Foreclosures*, a prominent legal treatise that has been published for more than 25 years. Geoff is an attorney/partner with the law firm of Hunt, Leibert & Jacobson PC in Hartford, Conn. ■ **Scott Neven** purchased a 6,000-square-foot building in Hudson, N.Y., so he can expand his business, Neven and Neven Moderne, specializing in '50s and '60s vintage furniture. ■ **Kathleen O'Sullivan Roghair** is married to Dr. Chad Roghair and they have two daughters, Paige, 7, and Sydney, 5. They live in Walnut Creek, Calif. ■ **Todd Wysocki** earned a PhD in educational psychology from SUNY Albany in August 2003. He was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award in May 2004. Todd was promoted to associate professor in the Liberal Arts Department of Hudson Valley Community College in May 2004.

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Judith Abruzzo-Wasilewski, Esq., is inspector general for the New York City Housing Authority. ■ **Kathleen Szarek Dawson** is a senior international underwriter for AIG/HSB Inspection and Insurance Co. in Hartford, Conn. She works in the company's newly formed international underwriting unit where she is responsible for underwriting and pricing re-insured portfolios from Latin America and the United Kingdom. ■ After 12 years in the pharmaceutical industry, most of them in sales, **Thomas DeStefano** has

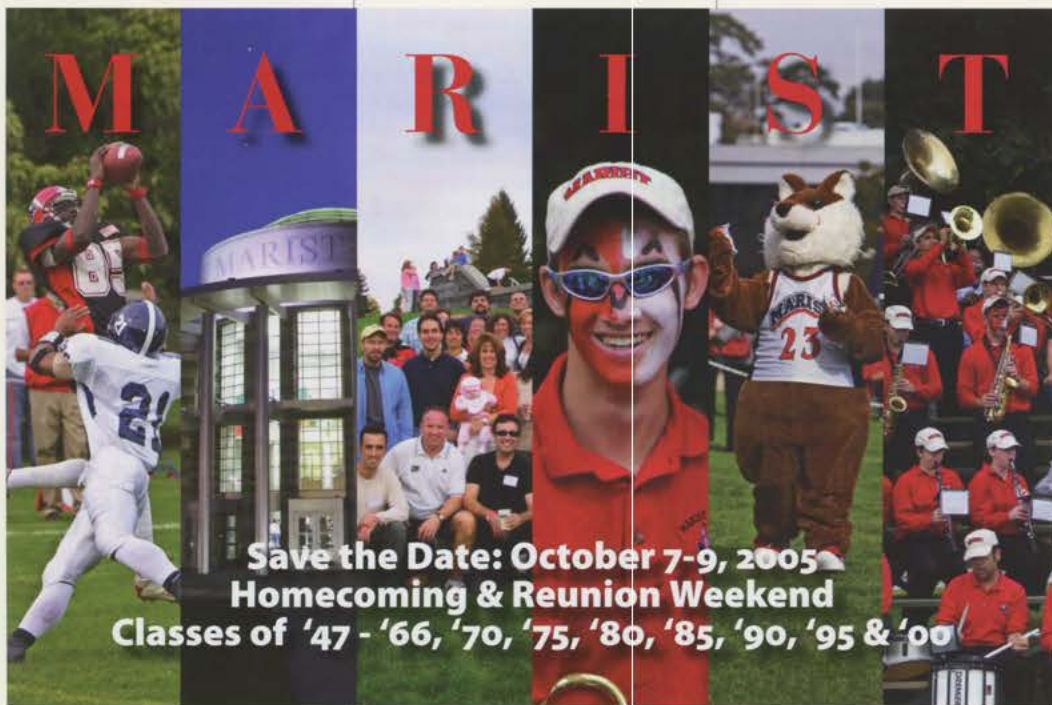
started his own company with two other partners. The new company, Vision Pharma, is a generic prescription pharmaceutical that boasts eight products and anticipates 24 more over the next two years. Its Web site is www.vision-pharma.us. ■ **Aline Sullivan Magee** and her husband, Michael, own and operate the Food Mill Gourmet Deli in Napa, Calif. Michael is a Culinary Institute of America graduate. ■ **Antonio Mazzarelli** is an IT architect with IBM in Poughkeepsie, where he happily resides with his wife of six years, Maria, and their three children. ■ **John McGurk**, CEO and president of Tolan Inc. in Providence, R.I., won his first bid for elective office. He is the vice president of the East Greenwich, R.I., town council. ■ **Robert O'Connor, Jr.**, writes that he is continually grateful for his Marist education and experience. ■ **Peter Oppenheim** and his wife, Carolyn, completed the November 2004 Philadelphia Marathon together. They have two children, Casey, 4, and Abigail, 1. ■ **Peter Prucnel** was named vice president of human resources programs and project management for Washington Mutual's retail banking and home loans group. Peter lives in Long Beach, Calif. ■ Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands awarded by royal decree one of the country's civilian orders, the Knight in the Order of Orange Nassau, to **Rik Smits**. The Office of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands said in a statement that Rik "is not only Holland's best basketball player ever, he has also been a great ambassador for the Netherlands and has rendered exceptional service to the community, his alma mater and other worthwhile causes." An official from the consulate of the Netherlands in Chicago presented Rik with the order, a medal, ribbon and certificate Jan. 22 during half-time of a game in Indianapolis between the Wizards and the Indiana Pacers, for whom Rik played from 1988 until his retirement in 2000.

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Alan Affuso is one of three owners of a technical consulting and executive search firm, the Garrett Sayer Group LLC in Parsippany, N.J. ■ **Tara Dowd** has been a notary public and a member of the National Notary Association since 2002. She became a certified personal trainer through Hofstra University's certificate program. She is self-employed as a real estate title closer in Patchogue, N.Y. ■ **Joseph Eriole** is the managing associate at Veneziano & Associates in Armonk, N.Y. The firm specializes in land use, real estate development and related litigation in and around Westchester County, N.Y. ■ **Renee Hewitt** has started her own full-service, creative service company called E-volution Media. The company's Web site is www.e-volutionmedia.com. ■ **Carol Ann Catucci Kinane** was named Distinguished Teacher 2004 by the Huntington (N.Y.) Union Free School District where she works as a special education teacher. ■ **Christopher Kippins** is a developmental aide with the New York State Autism Program. ■ **John B. Lake, CFA**, is a research analyst for Victory Capital Management in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife, **Leslie Currant Lake**, is manager of the Administrative Service Department for Antares Management Solutions in Westlake, Ohio. They live in Middleburg Heights, Ohio, with their two sons, Christopher and Matthew. ■ **Michael LoFaro** is a marketing manager for the Esselte Corp. in Melville, N.Y. His wife, **Christine Lefferts LoFaro '90**, received a professional diploma in school district administration. She is an enrichment/gifted teacher in the Huntington (N.Y.) Union Free School District. Michael and Chris live in West Sayville, N.Y., with their two children, Alyssa and Michael, Jr. ■ **Pierce Redmond** is an eight-year member of the Rockland County AOH Edward V. Larkin Memorial Pipe Band. The band marched in the Bacchus Parade during Mardi Gras 2004 in New Orleans, La. Pierce lives in Bardonia, N.Y., with his wife, **Catherine Tagliaferro Redmond '90**, and their two daughters, Faith and Abigail. ■ **Richard K. Sabol** was promoted to director, customer service and fulfillment-Americas for the scientific book and journal publisher Springer



(www.springeronline.com). Richard lives in Ridgewood, N.J. ■ **Wendy Bender Slesinski, CSW**, opened her own counseling business in May 2003 in Pine Bush, N.Y. The group provides counseling for children, adults and families as well as marital counseling for couples. ■ **Philomena Martin Smith** received a master's in social work from Fordham University in 1994. She is a licensed clinical social worker. Philomena lives in Lake Worth, Fla., with her husband, Randall, and their two children, R.J. and Gianna.

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James Baumann is the vice president/media for the Ad Council in New York, N.Y. He and his wife, **Jessica Buchan '89**, relocated from Alexandria, Va., to Carmel, N.Y. ■ **Kimberly Beckius** is a self-employed travel writer. Voyageur Press released her second book, *Back Roads of New England*, in fall 2004. ■ **Laurie Aurelia Cerveny** is an attorney with the firm Testa, Hurwitz and Thibault LLP in Boston, Mass. ■ **William Johnson** was deployed to Baghdad with the Rhode Island Army National Guard in May 2004. ■ **Lucille Budd Ogden** is the coordinator of the English Department at Arlington

High School in LaGrangeville, N.Y. She lives in Salt Point, N.Y., with her husband, Don, and their two children, Rachel and Daniel. ■ **Melissa Reilly** accepted her second Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video in June 2004 in Orlando, Fla. She received the award for the animated children's film *Giggle, Giggle, Quack*, based on the book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. Narrated by Randy Travis, with music by Robert Reynolds and Scotty Huff, *Giggle, Giggle, Quack* has won numerous other awards. Melissa has produced and/or directed dozens of award-winning children's films for Weston Woods Studios, a division of Scholastic Inc., based in Norwalk, Conn. ■ **Dan Welch** is the owner of New York Video Crews. He is a freelance videographer with more than 10 years of experience shooting corporate productions, sporting events, medical procedures, educational videos, premieres and infomercials.

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Shamus Barnes writes that his company, Fitco Moving & Storage, is expanding to larger warehouse facilities to accommodate its growing list of Fortune 500 clients. Shamus and his wife, **Deborah Joyce Barnes '90**, live in Breezy Point, N.Y., with their two children,

Shamus and Kayla. ■ **Laura Forcade Brundage** and **Charles Brundage** have two children, Sarah, 3, and Allison, 1. The family lives in Ossining, N.Y. ■ **Laura Demeri** is pursuing a master's in exercise science and nutrition. She is also enrolled full-time in a chef's training program at the Natural Gourmet Cookery School in New York, N.Y. She is employed as a personal trainer, nutrition counselor and private chef. ■ **Joseph F. Heavey** has been elected vice chairman of the Board of Directors of MVP Health Care, an employee health benefits company serving more than 540,000 members throughout upstate and central New York and Vermont. Joe is CEO of the Children's Medical Group, a large pediatric practice with six offices in the Hudson Valley. He is a member of the board of Dutchess County United Way, Rehab Programs Inc. and the Anderson Education Foundation of Anderson School. Dutchess County Executive William Steinhaus has appointed Joe to the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board. ■ **Dr. James Jozefowicz** was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of economics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa. Jim was also elected vice president for membership of the Pennsylvania Economic Association. ■ **Marianne Kemp**



NEW ARRIVALS

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- Debra Alleva** and Kenneth Kirby, a daughter, Shannon Margaret, Dec. 14, 2004
- Veronica and **James Boccieri**, twin sons, Luke and Jonathan, Oct. 28, 2003
- Allison Campilli** and Jay Sapp, a son, Justin Anthony, Oct. 27, 2003
- Stephanie and **Kevin Desmond**, a son, Matthew Denis, Jan. 31, 2005
- Mary and **Christopher DeStefano**, a daughter, Kathryn Ann, July 6, 2004
- Sharon Driscoll** and Richard Spiers, a daughter, Jessica Lynn, Oct. 29, 2002, and a daughter, Alexa Nicole, Sept. 17, 2004
- Patrice Gentner** and Dewey Rose, a daughter, Georgia Claire, Sept. 8, 2004
- Jane and **Ritchie Gomez**, a son, James Edward, Sept. 17, 2003
- Denise Gormley** and Sean Brennan, a son, Kevin Patrick, March 19, 2004
- Jeanie and **Desmond Kenneally**, a daughter, Meghan Rose, March 28, 2004
- Mary Killeen** and Joe McDermott, a son, Riley, Dec. 28, 2001, and a daughter, Cynthia, March 15, 2003
- Maureen Louney** and Patrick Heffernan, a daughter, Maeve Ann, Jan. 26, 2004
- Regina and **Timothy Meskill**, a daughter, Breanna Elizabeth, March 29, 2004
- Mary Nowak** and **Michael Lynch**, a son, Connor Robert, May 7, 2003
- Rebecca and **Richard Pastor**, a son, Logan Reese, Feb. 23, 2003
- Beth Prestiano** and Christopher Dolis, a daughter, Amanda Rose, July 28, 2003
- Jo-Anne Prokopowicz** and Harry Sears, a son, John "Jack" Atlee, June 30, 2004
- Susan and **Kevin St. Onge**, a daughter, Nora Jane, Sept. 1, 2004

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Francesca Burns and John Huss, twins, a son, John Joseph III, and a daughter, Ava Francesca, Oct. 30, 2004

Amy Cairo and Vincent Lamendola, a son, Tyler Alex, May 3, 2004

Patricia Camperlengo and **Robert Meindl**, a son, Andrew Joseph, Aug. 20, 2004

Patricia "Trish" Coffey and Ken Fischer, a son, Thomas John, July 6, 2003

Cynthia Donaldson and **Anthony Mercogliano**, a son, Ryan Anthony, Aug. 18, 2004

Lisa Giordano and **William Burns '93**, a son, William Francis III, April 26, 2003

Elena Kodis and Christopher Bergin, a son, Ryan Patrick, June 5, 2003

Marie Lupone and Ken Kantor, a daughter, Grace Elisabeth, Oct. 15, 2004

Christine Martorana and Peter McCann, a daughter, Lauren Christine, Aug. 6, 2004

Tara Mason and **Brian Mulry**, a son, Brendan Thomas, Feb. 6, 2003

Elizabeth "Liz" Murphy and Timothy Lynch, twins, a son, Christopher Michael, and a daughter, Shannon Aurora, Feb. 3, 2005

Leslie Moore and Richard Massaro, Jr., a daughter, Alexis Dilyn, June 24, 2003

Renee and **Michael O'Farrell**, a son, Aidan Michael, May 8, 2004

Kerriann Patton and **Joseph Gambino '94**, twins, a daughter, Kate, and a son, Alexander, March 27, 2004

Diane Raven and Brian McLaughlin, a daughter, Brenna Claire, Oct. 26, 2003

Johanna and **Joseph Santarelli**, a son, Joey, Dec. 8, 2003

Stacy Swierk and **Tom Ashburn**, a son, Matthew Dylan, Jan. 29, 2004

bought an Express Personnel Service franchise in September 2003. She owns the Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., location. ■ **Mary Killeen-McDermott** received a master's in speech-language pathology from Hofstra University. Mary lives in Brightwaters, N.Y., with her husband, Joe, and their two children, Riley and Cynthia. ■ **Jason Lerner** is vice president and business administrator for the Little Learner Academy in Dover, N.J. Jason received an MBA from the University of Phoenix in March 2004. He is also president of the Whippany Rotary Club. ■ **Sally Ann McNamara** was appointed director of admissions and marketing for the Phoebe Richland Health Care Center in Allentown, Pa. ■ **Suzanne Jelinek Nies**, her husband, Jerry, and their sons, Connor and Gavin, live in Granger, Ind. ■ **James O'Hara** is vice president for enrollment management at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J. Previously, Jamie served for six years as the director of enrollment management at Pace University. ■ **Christopher Sheldon** was promoted to vice president of financial institutions at the Bank of New York in New York, N.Y. He, and his wife, **Lisa Harrington Sheldon '91/'92 M**, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in June 2004. Lisa also works at the Bank of New York as a manager with the insurance custody division. They live in Glen Rock, N.J., with their children, Christopher and Victoria.

1992

James Alecca is trying his hand at professional songwriting. ■ **Thomas Badura** started a new consulting assignment. He is working on a Web development project at Scholastic Publishing in Danbury, Conn. ■ **Mary Sisson Delmar** purchased a new home with her husband, Jeffrey, and they are enjoying moving in and making it their own. They have a son, Craig, 3. ■ **Christopher Jones** was promoted to region appraisal manager for World Savings Bank in New Jersey. His wife, **Kristine Kickenweitz Jones '94**, became a real estate appraiser trainee. Their daughter, Katie, entered kindergarten and their son, Matthew, entered nursery school in fall 2004. ■ **Peter Jones** is a manager for Mercedes Benz, USA. He is also a founder of Power to Become Consultants,

where he conducts strategic planning sessions, best-practice workshops and business process redesigns. As a cultural diversity specialist, Peter addressed the Montgomery, N.J., school district staff and administrators on the topic of culture and learning. ■ **Dean Mastrangelo, Esq.**, started his own law practice in Garden City, N.Y. ■ **Gerrit Roelof** is a police officer for the City of Salem, Ore. Gerrit and his wife, Sarah, live in Salem. ■ **Donna Sacco** was promoted to director of media services and new business development for InterMedia in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The company is an award-winning agency in the South Florida area. ■ **Mark Tobia** left at the beginning of 2005 for a three-year assignment in Basel, Switzerland. His wife, Brenda, and their two sons, Matthew and Nicholas, will be joining him. ■ **Debra Waller-Frederick** is the director of residence life at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y.

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Terri Bambakidou's son, Eric, is 10 and plays soccer, basketball, baseball and golf. ■ **Susan Brown** left her position at *Reader's Digest* to take the position of deputy director for communications at *Fortune* magazine. ■ **Tara Groll Carrubba** received a Pennsylvania real estate license and is a realtor with Davis R. Chant Realtors, serving Pike and Wayne counties

in the Poconos. ■ **Valerie Gajdzis-Reyher** was promoted to vice president of rehabilitation services at the Kennedy Center Inc. in Trumbull, Conn. ■ **Kevin Gilmartin** graduated from the Westchester County Police Academy in May 2004. He is a police officer for the Village of Pleasantville, N.Y. ■ **Kendra Lawlor** was promoted to senior software developer with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She earned a certification as a personal trainer in fitness instruction. Kendra teaches fitness in Thornton, Colo. ■ **Maria Licari** produces cooking segments for ABC-TV's *Good Morning America* and has worked with Emeril Lagasse, Sara Moulton and Rocco DiSpirito. She also produces other lifestyle segments with *Good Housekeeping* magazine. ■ **Marco Resseque** teaches reading in the Hauppauge (N.Y.) School District. ■ **Paul and Annmarie O'Connor Rudolph** live in Lynbrook, N.Y., with their two sons, Liam and Kieran. ■ **J.W. Stewart** represented Marist President Dennis J. Murray at the inauguration of James F. Jones, Jr., as the 21st president of Trinity College in October 2004.

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Rachel Smith Baldwin and her husband, **Robert '93**, have purchased a new home in Freehold, N.J. ■ **Amy DeFazio Barsanti** and her husband, Tom, have

Alumni are Networking!

The Alumni Career Network created by Marist College's Alumni Relations Office and the Center for Career Services is now searchable online. The network, at www.marist.edu/alumni/career.html, contains almost 1,100 names of individuals who are willing to be contacted by fellow alumni and current students about career choices and paths. Alumni and students can search the network by various fields, i.e., occupation type, business name or title, geographic location or name of person.

The Marist graduates who are members of the Alumni Career Network have agreed to assist Marist students and alumni with their job search process, give feedback on résumés, offer advice on where to look for openings, provide information about industry trends and make suggestions on how to succeed in careers similar to theirs.

The network is open only to Marist community members with valid student, faculty, administration and/or alumni accounts ("A," "J" or "K" accounts). Anyone who has received a degree from Marist College may fill out an online request form to obtain an alumni User ID. For more information, contact Alumni Relations at maristalumni@marist.edu or (845) 575-3283.

Are you willing to share your knowledge about your career field with a Marist student or graduate? Complete an online form at www.marist.edu/careerservices/acnform.html. Students and alumni who wish to contact people in your profession or geographic area can find your information on our secure database. For more information, contact Chet Koulik in the Center for Career Services at chet.koulik@marist.edu or (845) 575-3547.

two children, Christa Rose and Tommy. They have lived in North Carolina for nine years. ■ **Renee Carolin** was elected president/chairperson for the Syracuse chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery for 2004-05. Earlier, she was vice president for two consecutive terms. ACM is a nonprofit organization that promotes community awareness of changing computing technology. ■ **Michael DeFelice** has been named the new head coach of the Medford High School football team in Massachusetts. ■ **Michael Gearing** received an MBA from Binghamton University. ■ **Marisel Herrera**, coordinator of student leadership programs at Arizona State University, was among 22 Latinas in the country selected to participate in the National Hispana Leadership Institute, dedicated to developing Latinas into ethical world leaders. She was selected because of her community service record and her leadership in and commitment to the Hispanic community. ■ **Gabriel Hidalgo, Esq.**, is the executive director for legal and compliance affairs for the Delgado Group of Companies. He handles the anti-money laundering and legal affairs of the three companies. The Delgado Group handles approximately \$750 million in money transfers per year from around the world. ■ **Jeffrey Hurley** is director of environmental health and safety for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Operations for the Drinking Water Quality Division. ■ **Corin Sherwood Kelley** is enjoying her second year as a preventive services case-worker with the Warren County Department of Social Services. Corin and her husband, Dan, manage the Little League organization for the town of Lake Luzerne, N.Y. They have two children, Greg and Reagan. ■ **JeanMarie Komyathy** was elected membership development vice president for Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Inc. in June 2004. JeanMarie is a supervisory examiner for the National Credit Union Administration. She lives in Omaha, Neb. ■ **Joel Kraft** opened his own photography business specializing in local landscapes. Joel's Web site is www.catskillstills.com. ■ **Kristin Lamberti-Lloyd** purchased and opened a horse farm in Dutchess County. The farm

is now operating as a full-service equestrian facility. ■ **Jay LaScolea** is a news anchor at NewsChannel 36. He was the only journalist from Elmira, N.Y., to cover Ground Zero just days after the attack. His news team received a 2002 Associated Press Award for its coverage of the one-year anniversary of 9/11. Jay became a licensed minister at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church in Painted Post, N.Y., where he is completing his pastoral internship. He is also taking classes to be an ordained pastor. ■ **Mary Ann McGovern** teaches special education at Bethpage High School in Bethpage, N.Y. ■ **Beth Keenan Meyers** resigned from MBNA America in September 2003 to pursue a career in real estate. Beth is a realtor with Weichert Realtors in Media, Pa. She works from home so she can spend more time with her family. ■ **Jason Michaleas** and his wife, Cristina, received MBA degrees from C.W. Post College/Long Island University in 2004. The two met while both were graduate students.



Susanne Yanusz Belibasakis is currently employed at WPIX in New York as the technical coordinator for the WB11 morning news. She resides in Colonia, N.J., with her husband, Nick. ■ **Bonnie Briggs** left IBM/Fidelity to work in the Accounts Payable Department of Bearing Distributors Inc., a supplier and service provider to manufacturing companies worldwide. ■ **Vincent Bugge** received an MBA from the University of New Haven in July 2003. He is a production planner for Ansonia Copper & Brass Inc., a manufacturer of seamless tubing for customers such as Electric Boat and for use in nuclear submarines. Vinny lives in North Haven, Conn., with his wife, Amy, and their infant daughter, Alyson Michaela. ■ **Dr. Nicole Buzzetto-More** relocated from Manhattan to the eastern shore of Maryland, where she is a faculty member at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the Department of Human Ecology. ■ **Ana Castillo-Farrell** is an assistant vice president in the Internal Audit Department with the Bank of New York in New York, N.Y. She

lives in Smithtown, N.Y., with her husband, Terence, and their two daughters, Natalie and Olivia. ■ **Eric Cavoli** was named a partner in the Lang/Durham Advertising Agency in Farmington, Conn., where he is also a senior copywriter. ■ **Marla Colletti** is a licensed practical nurse. She has worked at Four Winds Hospital in Katonah, N.Y., as a psychiatric nurse since October 2003. ■ **Deirdre Devlin**, a senior graphic designer, received a four-year contract at AstraZeneca through an international talent agency called Aquent. ■ **Kathleen Dick** is an exhibitor relations associate at Screenvision in New York, N.Y. ■ **Michael Dunne, CSW**, is the director of social services for HELP Suffolk in Bellport, N.Y. ■ **Jeanne Brennan Dunne, CSW**, is a social worker for Good Shepard Hospice in Long Island. They live in Sayville, N.Y. ■ **Gregory Ilukowicz** is a regional vice president for Kelmoore Investments in San Francisco, Calif. ■ **Brian Kenworthy** manages video production for Deluxe Digital Studios in Hollywood, which released the *Star Wars* trilogy, *Spiderman 2* and *The Girl Next Door* on DVD. ■ **Rick Monte** was promoted to the position of on-air director at the Golf Channel in Orlando, Fla. ■ **Theresa Geremia Pallozzi** is a human resources generalist in the Matching Gift Department at the Benjamin Moore Co. in Montvale, N.J. ■ **Francis Pizzani** is a drummer with his band, Liquid Carousel. He and band mates **Sean Ryan '95**, **Dave Whitehead '95** and **Mike Alfano '94** hosted "Rock in the Woods," a concert to benefit the Union Arena Community Center in Woodstock, Vt. Fran is the son of Eleanor and the late **Jim Pizzani '64**. The group has released its first CD, *In a Moment of Clarity*. ■ **Siegfried Richter, Jr.**, is using his Marist MBA every day in his position as vice president of performance measurement for Prudential's Group Insurance subsidiary. He happily resides in Cedar Knolls, N.J., with his wife, Yelena, and their sons, Ivan and Vladislav. ■ **Jeffrey Rose** took a job in March 2004 at BAE Systems, the international defense contractor, where he is responsible for assisting the company on matters of federal legislation and regulation. He previously spent eight years as a congressional staffer for New



NEW ARRIVALS

Rebecca Thew and **Thomas Cronin**, a daughter, Kathleen Rose, November 3, 2003

Jennifer Trainor and **Bradley Auleta '96**, a son, Liam Andrew, June 10, 2004

Laura Ulbrandt and **Dean DiPierro**, a son, Dean Vincent, May 13, 2004

Mary Voelker and **Raymond Zachevics '93**, a son, Alexander Shane, April 7, 2004

Sandra Wilhelm and **Peter Wagner**, a son, Thomas, Dec. 19, 2003

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Denise and **Chris Arrigali**, a daughter, Mia Noelani, Jan. 21, 2004

Christa Baumgartner and **Ralph Mallozzi '94**, a daughter, Grace Mary, May 1, 2004

Elisa Cannizzo and **Major Patrick Kinsman**, a son, Ethan Thomas, Sept. 15, 2003

Christina "Chrissy" Cassidy and **Charlie Romano**, a son, Charles Remington ("Remi"), May 21, 2004

Lisa Dudek and **Greg Bold**, a son, Leo Matthew, May 11, 2004

Noel Feehan and **Robert Babcock**, a son, Nate, June 4, 2004

Ann Ferrante and **Keith Soutar**, a daughter, Abigail Grace, July 27, 2004

Melissa and **Steven Ferro**, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, Feb. 27, 2004

Nanci Forman and **Michael Posner**, a daughter, Morgan, April 18, 2004

Farrah Mead and **Paul Fiedler**, a son, Kyle Joseph, May 30, 2003

Kendra Mulvey and **Kevin Lawlor**, a daughter, Naia Lynn, March 15, 2003

Tara Pantony and **Edward Moore**, a daughter, Hannah Frances, Feb. 28, 2004

Jean Petroski and **Ben Ford**, a son, Patrick James, Oct. 19, 2004

Audrey Pflug and **Tracy A. Beer, Sr.**, a daughter, Charlotte, Oct. 14, 2003

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NEW ARRIVALS

Victoria Pratt and Daniel Kirichok, a son,
James Daniel, July 2004

Michele Rubis and Jeffrey Francisco, a son,
Brandon James, Dec. 8, 2003

Deanna Sapala and Peter Reisert,
a daughter, Ashley Noelle, March 12, 2004

Amy Wegman and Drew Forsythe,
a daughter, Anna Lily, Jan. 17, 2004

Kristin Williams and **Harry DiAdamo**,
a son, Liam Edward, Oct. 28, 2003

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Victoria and **Evans Ashong**, a daughter,
Jeannette-Ashley, Nov. 19, 2004

Moirá Breen and Joe Long, a daughter,
Olivia Marie, April 22, 2004

Suzanne Brown and James Gill,
a daughter, Julia Rose, April 17, 2004

Elizabeth Daniello and **Al Faraday**,
a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, May 3, 2003

Ami and **Michael Gearing**, a son,
Andrew Michael, Oct. 4, 2003

Paula and **Gerard Gretzinger, Jr.**,
a daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, Aug. 27, 2004

Michelle Guerriero and Bill Maisel, a son,
Christian Jake, Sept. 18, 2003

Patricia Harten and **Eugene Keener, Jr.**,
a daughter, Ella Rae, Sept. 16, 2004

Beth Keenan and Stephen Meyers, a son,
Nolan Philip, May 19, 2004

Stephanie Levandusky and
Michael E. Schultz, Sr., a son, Michael
Edward, Jr., May 23, 2004

Noreen McQueeney and James Cronin,
a son, Aidan, March 21, 2003

Janis Netschert and **Gregg Simat '93**,
a son, Christopher Gregg, April 6, 2003

Annamarie O'Connor and **Paul Rudolph**
'93, a daughter, Bridget Ann, Jan. 10, 2005

Andrea and **Michael Olivapotenza**, a son,
Michael Joseph II, June 15, 2004

Chantal Pecourt and
John Daigneault, a daughter, Sophia,
Oct. 15, 2004

Hampshire Republicans. ■ **Ann Marie Bunnell Spielman** graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a master's in geography in May 2004. She is a GIS analyst at the Metropolitan District, a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly that provides water, sewer and household hazardous waste collection services to its member municipalities. ■ **David Strong** lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with his wife, **Beth Potts**, and their children, Hannah and Andrew. ■ **Mark Zeck, Esq.**, is a partner in the law office of Jalowiec and Zeck LLC, which is celebrating its fourth year in business.

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Christina Adzima teaches kindergarten at Eli Whitney Elementary School in Stratford, Conn. ■ **Elizabeth Buonaguro** is a medical malpractice insurance underwriter for ACE USA. ■ **Todd Coulson** revamped and revised the Web site for Haley Productions. The company is located in Media, Pa. Todd invites visitors at www.haleypro.com. ■ **Kristin Daly** teaches third grade at Margaret Chase Smith School in Sanford, Maine. ■ **Paige Furlong D'Anna** is a client relations manager at Attentive Personnel, a staffing firm in Albany, N.Y. She resides in Clifton Park, N.Y., with her husband, John. ■ **James Ellis** is a New York State psychologist II serving dually diagnosed clientele in residential settings. ■ **Joshua Gaynor** is assistant director of new student orientation at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y. He is responsible for a year-round orientation program, parent orientation, welcome-back activities and a family weekend. Josh also assists with the leadership of new student programs that assist first-year students, transfers and parents in making the transition from their previous environment to St. John's. ■ **Andrea Hadrhazy** is a gondolier at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. She sings classical music and rows a boat on the "canals of Venice" for Best Agency, an acting agency that manages the relationship between the Venetian Hotel and gondoliers. ■ **Matthew Kelly, Esq.**, was recently named partner at the law firm White, Carlin and Kelly PC in Providence, R.I. ■ **James McCarthy**

and his wife, **Susan Gullotta**, live in Braintree, Mass., with their son, Colin. Jim is a vice president/portfolio manager with Gannett, Welsh & Kotler, an investment firm in Boston, Mass. ■ **Thomas McNulty's** daughter, **Lorene**, graduated from Marist in 2001. Lorene is a graduate student at Marist and a retirement benefits examiner for the Teachers' Retirement System in New York, N.Y. ■ **Susan Ferinde McWhirter** has moved to New Canaan, Conn. She is the staffing manager at InBev USA, a global brewer of more than 200 brands. ■ **Robert Moyer** has been working with his friend **Jermaine Allen** at netComponents for two years. Bob reports that his wife, Katy, is pursuing a master's in education at Florida Atlantic University, from which she expects to graduate in spring 2005. ■ **Stacey Nunes-Ranchy** lives in Danbury, Conn., with her husband, Bruno, and their two daughters, Alexandra Laurianne, 5, and Amelie Juliette, 2. Stacey is pursuing a master's in TESOL and cross-endorsement in elementary world languages at Fairfield University. ■ **Betsy Polityka-Wilson** was featured in *Who's Who of American Teachers 2004*. ■ **Jennifer Doorly Smith, MSW**, is program director at Alma Rangel Gardens, a residential care facility in Harlem, N.Y. Jennifer's husband, **Kevin Smith '95**, is pursuing a PhD in education administration at Fordham University. He is the principal of Sacred Heart School in Bronx, N.Y. ■ **Laura Stoll** is the national account director for leisure sales with United Airlines in Chicago, Ill. She and her husband, Jay Sukow, were married in a Fourth-of-July-weekend celebration in Chicago in 2004. ■ **Brandon Tierney** is the host of "New York SportsNight," which airs Monday through Thursday from 10 p.m. to midnight, and the "Brandon Tierney Show" on Sunday mornings. Listeners can hear both programs on 1050 AM ESPN Radio.

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Cynthia Botticello received a master's from SUNY New Paltz in 2001. She teaches math at the McGee Middle School in Berlin, Conn. ■ **Betzaida Torres Burns** and her husband, Peter, moved to Memphis, Tenn., in September 2000. She is an applications analyst for International Paper

in Memphis. ■ **Andrew Fleming** was promoted to associate head men's soccer coach at Boston University and helped lead BU to its 20th straight winning season and a second-round appearance in the NCAA tournament in fall 2004. Collegesoccernews.com named Andy one of the "Nation's Top Assistant Coaches." ■ **Andrei Gisetti** is the alumni relations manager at Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo. He will serve as the West Coast university representative for all Johnson & Wales graduates. ■ **Brian Hatfield** is a federal security screener with the Department of Homeland Security for the Transportation Security Administration at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, N.J. ■ **Claudia Corso Healy** and her husband, Scott, bought a house in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. ■ **Cynthia Stein Krozser** is a clinical social worker for Connecticut Department of Mental Health addiction services in Stamford. Cindy lives in Bridgeport, Conn., with her husband, John. ■ **Kristen Koehler Kubert** was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society for education, in spring 2004. She is completing dissertation requirements for a doctoral degree. ■ **Michelle Lopez** received a master's in elementary education from Saint Peter's College in May 2003. She teaches kindergarten with the West New York (N.J.) Board of Education. ■ **Christopher Mellow** is a communications specialist with High Point Communications Group in Bow, N.H. Chris is responsible for a variety of integrated communications plans and materials, implementing media relations programs and designing publicity strategies for the firm's clients. ■ **Sean O'Connor** graduated from the FBI National Academy's 214th session. Approximately 240 law enforcement professionals from around the world attended. Sean is a sergeant with the New York City Police Department. ■ **Kyle Reeves** received an MBA from the University of Denver. ■ **Daryl Richard** is the director of public relations and marketing at United Healthcare in Connecticut. Previously he worked for a public relations firm in Boston. ■ **John Seifert** received an MBA from Seton Hall University. He has been promoted to team leader



Seven Marist alumni worked for NBC Olympics Inc. at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The seven were (standing, left to right) Erin McCarthy '00, production associate; Angela Peluso '01, merchandise and wardrobe coordinator; C. J. Bottitta '93, associate director; Kaare Numme '00, associate producer; Ryan Soucy '99, programming administrator; Rob Faris '94, associate director; and (seated) John Gilmartin, producer/director.

at Proformance Insurance in Freehold, N.J. ■ **Sandra Dougall Stromberg** lives with her husband, Christian, and their two kittens in Saxton's River, Vt. They are restoring their first home, a farmhouse built in 1870. ■ **Ellen Kalas Wolfe** is director of the Marywood Fund at Marywood University in Scranton, Pa. ■ As an official STOP DWI officer for Dutchess County (N.Y.), Sheriff's deputy **Tyler Wyman** has many duties. They include patrolling in areas without local police coverage, manning sobriety checkpoints, educating fellow officers, giving presentations at area schools and assisting the Dutchess County Council on Alcohol and Chemical Dependency. STOP-DWI stands for Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated.

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Thomas Ajello has been named vice president, group creative director for itraffic, Agency.com's interactive marketing group. Tom will lead the conceptual development, marketing strategy and insight and campaign delivery for such premiere brands as

Discovery Channel, Discovery Kids, TLC, Travel Channel, British Airways, BrownCo, JPMorgan Invest and more. ■ **William Bell** is an accounting supervisor at Bank One. He is pursuing an MBA at Villanova University. ■ **Christian Bladt** is a contributing writer and performer on CNBC's *Dennis Miller*, airing Monday through Friday at 9 p.m. and midnight, EST. He is also a producer for Inside Joke Productions and co-founder of the Web site www.insidejoke.tv. ■ **Elizabeth Brophy** is a member of the New Jersey State Bar and was admitted to the New York State Bar as well. She is an attorney working for a law firm in Florham Park, N.J. ■ **Nicole Carino** received a master's in education from Western Connecticut State University in May 2004. ■ **Gregory Christman** is a sales manager at Resort at Squaw Creek in Olympic Valley, Calif. He also has competed in three Ironman Triathlons since 2002, most recently in Lake Placid, N.Y. ■ **Michele Donovan** received an MBA from the University of Central Florida in July 2004. She is a junior financial analyst at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista,

Fla. ■ **Meredith Engler** became the main anchor for the local edition of CNN Headline News in Philadelphia. ■ **Angela Galgon** received a master's degree in education from Millersville University in Millersville, Pa. A reading teacher at Manor Middle School in Penn Manor, Pa., she is training for the 2005 Ironman USA Triathlon. ■ **Michael Goot** has been promoted to Portsmouth bureau chief for *Foster's Daily Democrat*, a newspaper in New Hampshire. ■ **David Hartman** has established a second business of renovating homes and reselling them. ■ **Russell Heigel** is a residential property manager for Rose Associates, a real estate development and management firm in New York City. ■ **Maj. Thomas P. Kelly, Jr.**, commander of state police Troop C in Sidney, N.Y., has been promoted to staff inspector and assigned to the State Police Division Internal Affairs Bureau in Albany, N.Y. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** is a free-lance interpreter and translator. She completed translation studies at New York University in May 2004. ■ **Deanna Makin-Dwyer** received an MBA with the honor of distinction from Bentley College's McCallum Graduate School of Business. Deanna's husband, **Robert Dwyer '04**, received an MBA from Marist. ■ **Ronald Markowitz** graduated from Empire State College in 2004 with a master's in liberal studies. Ron is a production control analyzer with IBM in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Elizabeth McCarthy** is a product manager for FoodHandler Inc. Previously, Liz worked for Canon USA Inc. ■ **Melissa Monahan** is a news editor for the *Dateline Journal* in Passaic, N.Y. She is also pursuing a master's in drama therapy at New York University. ■ **Kevin Moore** works for ad agency McCann Erickson in New York, N.Y. ■ **Melissa Manso Pennucci** and her husband, Adam, are television producers for World Wrestling Entertainment and reside in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Ellen Seifert** left her position as communications manager at the Women's Sports Foundation to join the Public Relations Department at ESPN, where she works on publicity for *ESPN the Magazine*. ■ **Mary Beth Ostrowski Sica** moved to Maine with her husband, Matthew, and their four dogs. Mary Beth is a medical technologist at Inland Hospital in Waterville, Maine. Matt



NEW ARRIVALS

Kirstin Rinn and Ryan LeTellier, a son, Rowan McCarick, Sept. 23, 2004

Nicole Silenzi and **Randy Desrosiers '95**, a daughter, Bailey Catherine, Feb. 23, 2004

Louise Tompkins and Gregory Tompkins, a son, Merrick Dennis, Sept. 23, 2004

Annette and **David Triner**, a son, William Angus, Feb. 2, 2004

Joan Wietrzykowski and **William Ferguson**, a son, Liam Francis, Feb. 21, 2004

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Dana Avagliano and Thomas Blount, a son, William George, March 27, 2004

Kersti Bowes and **Robert Hopkins**, a son, Cal Philip, Jan. 19, 2004

Amy and **Vincent Bugge**, a daughter, Alyson Michaela, April 27, 2004

Dr. Nicole Buzzetto and Robert More, a son, Ryan Robert, March 23, 2003, and a son, Anthony Giovanni, July 25, 2004

Ana Castillo and Terence Farrell, a daughter, Natalie Alexis, April 11, 2003, and a daughter, Olivia Jade, July 21, 2004

Pamela Conlon and **Joe Saitta '93**, a daughter, Victoria Melone, Nov. 2, 2002

Claudia Dolan and Scott Heckert, a daughter, Emma Catherine, June 1, 2003

Maryanne and **Sean Dumas**, a son, Colin James, Aug. 13, 2004

Marina Emrey-Arras and **Jeffrey Wright, CFP '94**, a son, John, Nov. 5, 2003

Jayne Gabay and Lloyd Stofko, a son, Jordan Thomas, May 15, 2004

Kathleen Hull and Scott Elson, a son, Connor Burke, Dec. 10, 2003

Debbie and **Gregory Ilukowicz**, a son, Jake Robert, Nov. 29, 2004

Suzanne Jacobs and **Marc Gasperino**, a son, Jake Kenneth, Oct. 10, 2002

Allison Martin and David Brown, a son, Colin Ted, Aug. 29, 2004

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NEW ARRIVALS

Joann Puma and Walter Pfaffenberger II, a son, Walter III, Feb. 24, 2004

Maureen and **Jeffrey Riva**, a son, Luke, May 6, 2004

Jennifer Schaivone and Mark Levy, a daughter, Addison Grace, Nov. 2, 2003

Suzanne Schiano and Gerard Scully, a daughter, Brooke Margaret, June 3, 2004

Emily Sediva and **Willard Bink II**, a daughter, Sarina Jadvyga, Sept. 12, 2004

Jennifer Smith and Peter Natoli, a daughter, Madeline Renee, Feb. 1, 2004

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Jeana Alves and **Doug Closinski '95**, a daughter, Sydney Jo, March 20, 2004

Jennifer and **Bradley Auleta**, a son, Liam Andrew, June 10, 2004

Ursula Bender, Esq., and Geoffrey Hall, a son, Griffin Thomas, Sept. 14, 2003

Megan Dowden and Michael Carette, a son, Michael Colin, May 19, 2004

Melanie Fester and John Dawson, a daughter, Reese Elizabeth, Oct. 31, 2004

Amy and **Brian Grandjean**, a son, Ethan Henry, March 18, 2004

Jennifer Groot and David Brown, a daughter, Kyla May, May 19, 2003

Christine Guerci and **Zoran Milojevic**, a daughter, Sofia Rose, March 6, 2004

Lynn Lesenger and **Shannon Alpert**, a daughter, Erin Alyssa, Nov. 28, 2003

Courtney Loeser and **Joseph Zarzycki**, twins, a son, Joseph Thaddeus, and a daughter, Madelynn Brooke, March 8, 2004

Katie McMahon and Doug Horstman, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, March 19, 2004

Becky Paulo and **Christopher Riviezzo**, a daughter, Samantha Rae, Aug. 24, 2003

Kimberly Pressmar and **James W. Luciano, Sr.**, a son, James William, Jr., Feb. 22, 2004

is the certification officer for all of the environmental labs in the state.

■ **Sean White** received a master's in education from SUNY New Paltz in December 2003. He teaches Spanish in the Pine Plains (N.Y.) Central School District.

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Jennifer Canonico Avroch teaches third grade at Samuel J. Preston Elementary School in Westchester County, N.Y. Jennifer lives in Stamford, Conn., with her husband, **Bryan Avroch '00**. Bryan teaches sixth grade at the Eagle Hill School in Southport, Conn. ■ **Kimberly Svoboda Biegel** was granted a Johnson & Johnson/Center for Organizational Development and Leadership fellowship at Rutgers University, where she completed a master's in communication in May 1999. In 2004 she and her husband, Patrick Andrew Biegel, moved to Scotland where she is the outreach manager at Scotland's National Health System at the Centre for Change and Innovation. Kim resigned from her position as the Marist equestrian team coach in fall 2004 and has resumed competing in equestrian events in Scotland. ■ **Robin Monk Bilotta** completed and passed the licensed clinical social worker exam. ■ **Diane Bonsignore** co-produced, assistant-directed and edited a short film that won Best Comedic Short film at the 2004 Long Island International Film Festival. ■ **Carrie Amrich Bowen** and her husband, **Seth Bowen**, moved to Iowa in September 2004. Carrie is assistant director of development at Grinnell College. ■ **Steven Conroy** has completed his first year as a resident in emergency medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa. His wife, Melinda, is doing a residency in internal medicine and then one in dermatology, also at Lehigh Valley. They graduated from Nova Southeastern University Medical School in May 2004. ■ **Jamie Conway** received a master's in reading from SUNY Albany. Jamie teaches fifth grade at Violet Avenue Elementary School in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Julie Curtin-Palmer** writes that she and two other Marist alumni, **Sean Dougherty '87** and **Mike McGuire '87**, all work for the Concord, N.H., Police Department. They were each named Police Officer of the Year,



Carrie Bowen '99

in 2004, 1998 and 1999 respectively. ■ **Donna-Marie Facilla** is a fifth grade special education teacher for the Lindenhurst, N.Y., Public School District. ■ **Robert Fagan** is a teacher at the Hudson County School of Technology in Jersey City, N.J. He is also a graduate student at City University of New Jersey. ■ **Tara Griffen** has been an officer with the Federal Reserve for four years. ■ **Kerri Harris** has been certified to teach secondary biology on Long Island, N.Y. She is enrolled in a master's program at Dowling College. ■ **Colleen Hoffmann** is pursuing a graduate degree in early childhood and special education at Touro College in Bay Shore, N.Y. She expects to graduate in May 2005. ■ **Edward Kenyon** completed his third New York City Marathon in 2004. ■ **Peter McEvily** won a New York Emmy for live sports coverage of the New York Islanders hockey team during the 2002-03 season. He also received a New York Emmy nomination in 2002 for live sports coverage of the Outback Steakhouse Empire Challenge on July 6, 2002. Peter is a graphics producer for MSG Network and Fox Sports New York. ■ **Michael Milby** works in the fixed-income department at State Street Global Advisors in Boston, Mass. He plans to pursue an MS in finance at Brandeis University. ■ **Jody Mirto** received a master's in education from the University of Georgia in May 2004. Jody is a special education teacher for students with autism at the Walter F. White Elementary School in Atlanta, Ga. She lives in Marietta, Ga., with her life partner, Mendy. ■ **Carol Moran** is program director for the New York State Office of Managed Care in the metropolitan area regional office. She earned a Service Award in recognition of 30

years of employment with New York state. ■ **Erin Mulholland** was promoted to assistant principal at P.S. 247 in Brooklyn, N.Y., in April 2004. ■ After a year on Wall Street and two seasons of photographing Bill Blass fashion shows, **Rachel Murphy** has taken a great job in her hometown of Stanfordville, N.Y. She is director of marketing for Duffy Layton Contracting. ■ **Steven Napolitani** is a graphic coordinator for the New York Rangers at MSG Network in New York, N.Y. ■ **Jessyka Greer Peeters** and her husband, Dan, celebrated their first anniversary in February 2004. ■ **Dominique Pino-Santiago** opened a bridal gown showroom in New York's garment district in January 2004. Her company's Web site is www.dominiquedaniela.com. ■ **Audrey Wood** was elected president of the Argyle Alumni Association and the Argyle Community Scholarship Fund committee. Audrey teaches third grade in the Argyle, N.Y., Central School District.



Craig Adelhardt graduated in May 2004 from Stevens Institute of Technology with an MSIS in information management. He is a senior associate with UBS Financial Services Inc. ■ **Sara Bartsch Battaglia** and her husband, Robert, bought a house in Middletown, N.Y. Sara plans to pursue a master's in education at Long Island University. ■ **Heidi Bock** is finishing her last semester at Antioch New England Graduate School. She is pursuing a master's in conservation biology. Heidi will be working on her thesis with Hudsonia Ltd. in summer 2005. ■ **Jennifer Boudreau** has been promoted to clinical care coordinator for children in residential facilities at the Wheeler Clinic in Plainville, Conn. ■ **Lori Burgess** is a special education teacher at Plainville High School in Plainville, Conn. ■ **Allison Clough** is a student activities program advisor at Stony Brook University. ■ **Patrick D'Amore** works in sales at Raymour & Flanigan furniture store and in an Ebay business from home. ■ **Caroline Davis** and her co-worker, Anthony Ramirez II, run a music industry program for teens ages 14 to 18 called "Mandelbaum Music



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Roberto "Bobby Jo" Hatton '00 (right) was a member of the Puerto Rico basketball team that upset the United States 92-73 during the Athens 2004 Summer Olympic Games. Bobby Jo had five points coming off the bench for Puerto Rico. Above, he brings the ball upcourt against Allen Iverson of the United States.

Project." They received a second grant that allows them to continue the program for a third year. ■ **Jessica DeCicco** is a fifth grade special education teacher with the Rocky Point (N.Y.) School District. ■ **Erica DeTraglia** graduated from Albany Law School where she was the justice president of the Rockefeller Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. She participated in the Civil Rights and Disabilities Law Project while working for an attorney in the Albany area. Erica is an associate with the law firm Rizzo & Kelley in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Lisa Douglas** received a certificate in advanced graduate studies from Northeastern University in 2004. She is a school psychologist with Rockland, Mass., public schools. ■ **Jacqueline Dowd** is a caseworker at Mercy First, a foster care agency in Rockaway, N.Y., where she works with adoption cases. She plans to pursue a master's in education at Adelphi University so that she can work with special needs children. ■ **Barbara Forman** and her husband, Michael, restored and moved into an 1888 farmhouse with their three children, Emily, Devin and Aiden. ■ **Elizabeth Foster** has been a spe-

cial education teacher at Anderson School in Staatsburg, N.Y., for five years. ■ **Elizabeth Ann Johnson** is a blood bank technologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, N.Y. ■ **Kelly McHugh Joseph** owns and operates the Aaron Stockholm House bed and breakfast on Beekman Road in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. ■ **Jennifer Matarazzo** has been promoted to associate editor at *Fitness Magazine*. ■ **Jennifer Mercury** teaches at a charter school, South Boston Harbor Academy, in Dorchester, Mass. The mission of the school is to send every student to college. The first graduating class, in 2003, had a 100 percent acceptance rate. The school prepares students by placing them in an "advisory" named after the teacher's alma mater. In 2003 a group of 22 fifth graders became "Marist 5." ■ **Victoria Neville** received a master's in corporate public relations from Boston University in September 2003. ■ **Allison Occhicone** is a member of the Long Island Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training program. Allison participated in the Vytra-Tobay Triathlon on Aug. 22,

2004, in memory of her friend's sister, Heather, who lost her battle with lymphoma in 2003 at age 29. Since that time, Allison has completed three Team in Training events. As an undergraduate student at Marist, she played lacrosse; she now coaches field hockey and lacrosse at Carle Place (N.Y.) High School, from which she graduated in 1996. ■ **Nicole Ornek** successfully completed the Creating a Community of Scholars 2004 summer institute at Northwestern University. Nicole is a teacher at Windsor High School where she also coaches girls' soccer. ■ **Elizabeth Owens** is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Upsher-Smith Laboratories. ■ **Amanda Parrillo** was one of only three women to graduate from the 62nd class of the Morris County Police Academy in New Jersey. She is an officer with the Morris County Sheriff's Office. Mandy is pursuing a Spanish degree at the College of Saint Elizabeth. ■ **Thomas Peters, Jr.**, teaches social studies and advanced placement psychology at Lakeland High School in Shrub Oak, N.Y., where he has received tenure. He is the voice of the Hornets as well as the junior varsity girls' basketball coach. ■ **William Quinn** graduated in May 2003 from SUNY Albany with a master's in social work. He has since passed the social work licensure exam and is qualified to practice at the beginning master's level. ■ **Jonathan Reiss** is an associate producer for the launch of the History Channel en Español, a 24-hour Spanish language cable network. Jonathan is responsible for quality control, translation accuracy and preparing and formatting all of the programs. ■ **Lisa Roberts** teaches history at Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle, N.Y. ■ **Nicholas Ross** is building a business around an online cartoon series called "Strategy Guide." The first three episodes have been released and have been seen more than 500,000 times. More information is on the company's Web site, www.sgcartoon.com. ■ **Andrew Sama** is a member of the Air Force Special Operations Command. He was awarded the 2002 16th Mission Support Group Professional Performer of the Year as well as two Air Force Achievement Medals and an Air Force Commendation



NEW ARRIVALS

Victoria Puorro and Richard Pancoast, a son, Bennett Elijah, May 16, 2004

Danielle Ciranni and Adam Ciranni, a daughter, Emily Lisa, Dec. 8, 2003

1997

Kristine and **Michael Bogush**, a daughter, Emily Victoria, July 6, 2004

Eileen Bruce and Jon Kulhawy, a daughter, Katelyn Grace, June 23, 2004

Kimberly Caldwell and John Kehoe, a daughter, Shauna, Nov. 4, 2004

Elizabeth and **Gavin Cronin**, a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, Dec. 4, 2003

Jennifer Delosso and **Michael DeMilio**, a son, Michael Rocco, Sept. 11, 2001

Bernadette Goebel and Marcel Cekuta, a son, Austin John, Oct. 16, 2003

Patricia and **Robert LaBarbera**, a son, Patrick Robert, May 25, 2004

Casey and **Eric Mandeville**, a daughter, Danielle Rita, Aug. 6, 2004

Kristen and **Charlie Melichar**, a daughter, Kailey Ann, April 16, 2003, and a daughter, Hanna, July 14, 2004

Heather Wallace and Stephen Coletta, a son, Stephen, Jan. 2, 2004

Erica Wittman and **David DeLorey**, twins, a daughter, Kiersten Rose, and a son, Tyler Charles, June 23, 2004

1998

Danielle Beck and Brian Diglio, a son, Jackson Vincent, April 9, 2004

Brandi Cascio and Toby Albanese, a daughter, Alyssa Jae, Sept. 24, 2004

Deborah Duphiney and Robert Russ, a son, Griffin Robert, Feb. 17, 2004

Jessica Gonzalez and **Jason Brochu '96**, a daughter, Emily, April 22, 2003

Heather Marriott and Kevin Martino, a son, Kevin Anthony, Jan. 10, 2003

Alumni news



NEW ARRIVALS

Christine and **William Rall, Jr.**, twin sons,
Aidan William and Daniel Michael,
March 16, 2004

Jaime Wallace and Greg Ochojski, a son,
Tyler Joseph, Dec. 17, 2003

1999

Missie Backes and Larry Dunn, a daughter,
Alexis Olivia, Dec. 20, 2004

Lisa Bing and John Sizer, a daughter,
Grace Elizabeth, Sept. 4, 2004

Corry Durdovic and **James Devin**, a son,
Jack Michael, Oct. 26, 2003

Jessica Monck and Timothy Trifilo,
a daughter, Rose Marie, Oct. 24, 2003

Kristi Morris and Matthew Morris, a son,
Ryan Alexander, Feb. 12, 2004

Janel Scarponi and Joseph Pauser, a son,
Evan James, June 17, 2004

Emily Snayd and **Benjamin Scurto**,
a daughter, Sadie Kathryn, June 19, 2004

2000

Laurie Bellucci and Jason Nolan, twins,
a son, Nicholas Jason, and a daughter,
Isabella Elizabeth, May 20, 2004

Carolyn Gonzalez and Aaron Peck,
a son, Adrian Jay ("AJ"), Jan. 24, 2004

Keri Stevenson and Sean Healy,
a daughter, Clara Jane, June 7, 2004

2001

Jennifer Breslin and Eric Mulholland,
a son, Aiden Thomas Walter,
Feb. 16, 2004

Kassia Cappillino and
Michael Messina, a daughter,
Maryn Concetta, Sept. 24, 2004

Heather Clarke and
Jeffery Novakouski '99,
a son, Jeremy David,
Jan. 17, 2004

Medal for distinguished contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad, Iraq, and at Hurlburt Field, Fla. Andy has completed four years of service in the Air Force. He attends the prestigious Mendoza School of Business at the University of Notre Dame where he is pursuing an MBA in entrepreneurship. After graduating in 2006, he plans to open a consulting business. ■ **Erin Smith** is a print production manager for the Grow Network, a company recently acquired by McGraw-Hill Education. ■ **Heather Suydam, Esq.**, was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania. She works as a judicial law clerk for Judge Annette M. Rizzo and the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia. ■ **Kate Tamas** received a master's in remedial reading at Southern Connecticut State University. ■ **Vanessa Tamarro** received a master's in social work from Fordham University in May 2001. She is a social worker in a nursing facility in Great Neck, N.Y. ■ **Adam Weissman** is an account executive with Dobbin Bolgla Associates in New York, N.Y. He belongs to the Hoboken Ski Club and is a voucher representative for the New Jersey Ski Council. ■ **Jill Weston** is a copywriter with the Virtucom Group, a third-party Web content provider in Syracuse, N.Y. ■ **Patrick Whittle** graduated from Columbia University in February 2004 with a master's in American studies. Pat lives in Venice, Fla., where he is a staff writer for the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune*, part of the *New York Times* regional newspaper group.

2001

Christina Allgeyer completed the sixth-year certification in school psychology at Southern Connecticut State University. She is a school psychologist at Great Oaks Middle School in Oxford, Conn. ■ **Christy Barr** earned the Group Benefits Associate designation from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in September 2004. She is pursuing the Certified Employee Benefits Specialist designation, also from the Wharton School. She is a benefit services specialist with Reimbursement Services Inc. in Mt. Laurel, N.J. ■ **Scott Bauman** has worked at the Town of Blooming Grove

Police Department since August 2003. Previously he worked at the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Town of Highland Police Department. ■ **Stacey Tapinis Belonsky** has opened a home design, furniture and accessories store called House-to-Home in Babylon, N.Y. Within the first 10 months of being in business, Stacey moved to a location seven times larger than the original store. She is in partnership with her sister, Laura. ■ **Christopher Blasie** is a supervisor for his "dream" company, Continental Express in Washington, D.C. Since being employed at Continental, Chris has traveled to Portugal, Italy, Las Vegas, Hawaii and the Caribbean. ■ **Jocelyn Broughton** is a paralegal with the law firm of Larkin, Axelrod, Trachte and Tetenbaum in Newburgh, N.Y. She hopes to return to Marist to obtain a master's degree. ■ **Megan Bruno** is a special education teacher at Sayreville (N.J.) War Memorial High School where she also coaches track and field. She expects to complete a master's in educational leadership in spring 2005. ■ **Tracey Carangelo** is a Web production coordinator for Ann Taylor Direct in New York, N.Y. Ann Taylor Direct also includes Ann Taylor and Ann Taylor Loft Web sites. ■ **Jaron Cohen** successfully completed the 2004 Creating a Community of Scholars program at Northwestern University. Jaron teaches at Windsor High School in Windsor, Conn., where he also coaches football. ■ After being a practice manager for a veterinary hospital for the last 10 years, **Jennifer Cole** is now a self-employed event planner and publicist in Red Hook, N.Y. ■ **Graig Corveleyn** graduated from Rutgers Law School in May 2004. In September 2004 he was hired by Sterns and Weinroth, a law firm in Trenton, N.J., where Graig practices bank law and business litigation. He follows in the footsteps of his very proud father, attorney Daniel Corveleyn. ■ **Amanda Kelly Coyle** has volunteered for 10 consecutive summers at the Appalachian Service Project through a local church in New Jersey. Volunteers build and repair homes for those less fortunate in Appalachia. Amanda is a residence hall director at SUNY Cortland. She lives with her husband, Ryan,

in Cortland, N.Y. ■ **Leah Duggan** teaches eighth grade Spanish at A.W. Coolidge Middle School in Reading, Mass. ■ **Linda Fakhoury** graduated from Western New England College School of Law in May 2004. She was Senior of the Year and was selected to be the class speaker at graduation. Linda also passed the New York Bar. ■ **Elizabeth Fletcher** graduated from Albany Law School in May 2004. She received the 2003 Medal of Excellence from the American Bankruptcy Institute and Albany Law School. At graduation Lisa was presented with the 2004 Capital Region Bar Association Justin Mahoney Memorial Prize. ■ **Dominick Giordano, Jr.**, is an advertising consultant for the Superpages, which also helps businesses advertise nationally through the world's largest online "yellow pages," Superpages.com. ■ **Russell Gray** started his own accounting and bookkeeping practice called Hudson River Bookkeeping & Consulting LLC. The company specializes in bookkeeping, payroll and tax return services for individuals and small businesses. His practice also addresses the financial needs of senior citizens. Russ is a member of the Hudson Valley Ski Club. ■ **Christopher Grogan** was promoted to 5:30 p.m. news co-anchor at station KRTV-CBS 3 in Great Falls, Mont. In 2004, Chris was nominated for an E. B. Craney Award for breaking news coverage of the Reavley double murder trial verdict. ■ **Martha Hackett** is a special education teacher with the Smithtown School District. She received a master's from SUNY Stony Brook in May 2004. ■ **Randy Harders** is a reporting analyst at Olympus America Inc. ■ **Brian Higgins** is an infantry

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Brian Higgins '01

officer in Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division. He was activated on Oct. 1, 2003, and has been in Iraq since February 2004. He expected to be home in 2005. He is a platoon leader in charge of a rifle platoon of approximately 35 soldiers. Two Marist graduates are serving in the same task force. As a civilian, Brian is a police officer with the New York Police Department. ■ **Marisa Iannacito** was promoted to conservation director in the Public Affairs Office of the Adirondack Mountain Club. ■ **James Infranca** is a special education teacher at Garden City High School in Garden City, N.Y. ■ **Amy Kuhar** teaches sixth grade in the Clarkstown Central School District in West Nyack, N.Y. ■ **Gregory LaPointe** received a master's in survey research from the University of Connecticut in 2002. He is pursuing an MBA from Marist. ■ **Peter Matina** received a JD degree from Western New England College School of Law. ■ **Kristen Nocerino** graduated in May 2004 with a master's in school counseling from New York Institute of Technology. Kristen has completed 600 hours of internship at Amityville High School. ■ **Lee Park** is a communications specialist with Nextel Communications in Reston, Va. He was employed at Nextel less than a year when he was awarded the Circle of Excellence Award for his contributions to

Nextel. Out of approximately 17,000 employees, Lee was one of 420 employees nominated and one of 263 who received the award. ■ **Christine Romer** is pursuing a master's in higher education administration at Baruch College in New York, N.Y. ■ **Aileen Sargeant** received a master's in education from Trinity College in May 2004. She teaches third grade for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. ■ **Gretchen Schaert** received an MBA in technology management with a concentration in human resource management from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, N.Y. ■ **Barbara Mentry Schuler** was promoted to probation director for Oswego County in Oswego, N.Y., in May 2003. ■ **Timothy Sorensen** received a master's in teaching from SUNY Cortland. He moved from Syracuse to Stratford, Conn., where he teaches sixth grade writing in the Darien Central School District. ■ **Patrick Spence** is a free-lance news assistant in the newsroom at WTOP Radio in Washington, D.C. ■ **Julio Torres** is employed in the Department of Communications and Alumni Relations at Boys and Girls Harbor Inc. in New York, N.Y. ■ **Lauren Vecchio** graduated from Monmouth University in summer 2003 with a master's in special education. She began her fourth year of teaching special education as a resource room teacher in September 2004. ■ **Pierre Vinh** is a fourth-year extern in the Doctor of Optometry program at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He expects to graduate with the Class of 2005. ■ **Christopher Yapchanyk** received a JD degree cum laude in 2004 from New York Law School (NYLS). Honors he received upon graduation from NYLS included induction into the Order of the Barrister; selection as NYLS best oral advocate in 2004; selection as member of the NYLS National Moot Court Team; a national award for Best Brief at Catholic University of America Law School National Constitutional Law Competition in Washington, D.C., in April 2003; and a ranking of fifth in the nation in oral advocacy at the John Marshall Law School Privacy and Technology Competition in Chicago in October 2003. Chris is an attorney for the New York City Corporation Counsel.

2002

SPC Gary Albaugh, U.S. Army, remains in Iraq with the 226th Medical Battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. ■ **Eric Deabill** has changed jobs. After working as a reporter/producer for WRNN-TV he moved to Pennsylvania to assume a similar position at WYOU-TV, a CBS affiliate, covering breaking news, politics and crime. ■ **Maria De Dallin** is an Alzheimer's Association Policy Action Committee member who is setting up an Alzheimer's Spanish-speaking support group at Catskill Regional Medical Center in the Hudson Valley. ■ **Phil DiMartino** offers this sage advice: "Work is not hard to find. Good jobs are hard to find. Keep your head up and network, network, network!" ■ **Jeremy Doran** teaches eleventh grade English at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, N.Y. He is pursuing a master's in education at Molloy College. ■ **David Gariglio** is a claims representative for GEICO Direct in Woodbury, N.Y. ■ **Amanda Hrinkevich** is an alumni information specialist at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa. She is also a full-time law student who is enrolled in the four-year law program at Widener University School of Law. She expects to receive a JD degree in 2008. ■ **Nicole Kulik** is a VIP marketing coordinator at the Bathhouse Spa in the hotel at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. ■ **Kristen Lincks** is a special education teacher at North Shore High School in Glen Head, N.Y. She received a master's from Teacher's College at Columbia University in 2003. ■ **Kimberly Magrone** is a special education teacher for the City of Poughkeepsie School District in the Circle of Courage Learning Community. ■ After finishing a second year with Americorps, **Justin McNally** continues to work for Habitat for Humanity in Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Lisa Miller** graduated from SUNY Brockport with a master's in psychology in August 2004. ■ **Michael Nehr** won the 2004 Long Island Marathon. He is a teacher for the West Suffolk County BOCES. ■ **Diesa Seidel** played professional basketball in Tarbes, France, and Viterbo, Italy, from 2002 to 2004. Now "retired" from the sport, she is pursuing



NEW ARRIVALS

Milena Milani and Frank Barrett, a son, Noah James, Dec. 30, 2003

Dawn Russell and **Robert "Gus" Schnitzer '96**, a daughter, Emmalynn Dawn, March 28, 2004

Jennifer Beadle and **Joseph Tierney**, a son, Carter William, Aug. 15, 2004

2002

Maria and **Paul Annetts**, a daughter, Ciara Jaeden, Oct. 19, 2004

Victoria Hanrahan and **Gregory Locke**, a son, Nicholas Joseph, Sept. 24, 2004

2004

Rebecca Auchmoody and **William Auchmoody**, a son, Ryan Charles, July 2, 2004

Alumni news

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Dr. Eugene F. Connolly '48
 James T. Moloney '63
 Robert C. Moetzingler '65
 Jerome R. Worell '65
 Mark P. Scott '66
 George B. Kinney, Jr. '68
 Victor G. Junke '69
 John Robert Lankard, Sr. '69
 Richard J. Stanulowich '69
 Thomas F. Hyland, Jr. '70
 Joseph Ingrao '70
 Michael J. Murphy '70
 Peter G. Studva '70
 Elizabeth Yerks '70
 Alphonse Ambrosia '72
 Christine Woisin LaRose '73
 Martin S. Burgess '74
 Robert E. Slovak '75
 Patrice Cuccioli Mulvey '76
 Robert Levin '76
 Stephen H. Blenk '78
 Frank J. Witt '78
 Paul M. Conway '79
 Dorothy J. Strachan '80
 Clare Austen '81
 Saul Russell '85
 Nancy C. Moffett '90
 Shane C. Guss '94
 Clifton E. Mosley '95
 Albert T. Arbelo '97
 Richard Hartwich '99 M
 Andrea Coppola Weisenburger '00

a career in physical education. ■ **Jennifer Stewart** began a second year at the New England College of Optometry in Boston, Mass., in the fall of 2004. She expects to complete the degree of Doctor of Optometry in 2007. ■ **Andrew Toland** is a copy editor/designer at the *Telegraph* in Hudson, N.H.

2003

Tiernan Applegate is pursuing a master's in political science at Fordham University. ■ **Jessica Bacchi** is a special education teacher in Pearl City, Honolulu, Hawaii. ■ **Carla Baker** is an assistant account executive in New York, N.Y., with Laura Davidson Public Relations, a travel public relations firm. Her accounts include the Scottish Tourist Board, Cambridge Beaches, Bermuda and Canouan Island in St. Vincent of the Grenadines. ■ **Brett Biggs** completed his first year as the youngest financial consultant at Janney, Montgomery, Scott LLC by three years. He also made the Staten Island Xtreme of the National Indoor Football League and he plays in a few professional games. ■ **Traci Cillis** is a third grade special education teacher at Sargent Elementary School in Beacon, N.Y. ■ **Laura Connolly** is a leave-of-absence case specialist for the Mellon Financial Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa. ■ **Jaiime Corkedale** is completing graduate study at SUNY New Paltz toward a master's in elementary teaching in math, science and technology. ■ **Jesse Cubito** is the field director/outreach specialist for the Girl Scouts of Ulster County, N.Y. ■ **Christopher Doyle** is the office manager at Atlas



In the Peace Corps?

Following in the Marist Brothers' tradition of providing service to others, many Marist College alumni have served or are serving in the Peace Corps. For a possible future feature in *Marist Magazine*, the Alumni Office would like to hear from you. Please email maristalumni@marist.edu or call 845-575-3283.



Ed Lowe '67, shown with President Dennis J. Murray, served as the honorary grand marshal for the Marist contingent in this year's 244th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Lowe is a longtime journalist and currently is a columnist for the *Long Island Press*.

Star Ltd. in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. ■ **Dana Ferro** is pursuing a master's in accounting from the University of Phoenix. ■ **Jill Gallagher** is in her second year of teaching in Mililani Middle School in Mililani, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. Jill is a special education teacher for grades six, seven and eight. ■ **Chaderick Greer** was a presenter in a program called Transition to College for Students with Disabilities: Making It Work, held at Dutchess Community College in October 2004. Chad and two others shared their experiences succeeding in college despite disabilities. He was featured in an article about the presentation in the Poughkeepsie newspaper *Weekly Beat*. Chad was diagnosed with a learning disability during his sophomore year at Marist. He is a New York State Trooper. (For more on Chad, see Page 21.) ■ **Christina Hope** has been hired by St. Joseph's Church in Croton Falls, N.Y., to head up a youth ministry program centering around high school students. She is also a Web site coordinator for ENAP Inc. in New Windsor, N.Y. ■ **Juan Jackson** has been recruited by the Manchester (N.H.) Wolves football team. Juan, an A-list rookie, will serve as a lineman for the Wolves' 2005 season. He is a two-time, first-team All-MAAC player who

was named to the I-AA-Mid Major All American first team his senior year at Marist. Juan served as coach of the Red Foxes' tight ends and was also the football program's recruiting coordinator. ■ **Lisa Johnson** has started a new job and a new life. After living in Poughkeepsie all of her life and working at Marist College for nine years, she is an administrative/research assistant with the Rand Corp. in Arlington, Va. ■ **Jeanette King** received a master's in social work from New York University in May 2004. ■ **Jason Lassiter** is the CEO and chairman of E-Z-R Transport Solutions, a transporta-

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tion business he started in 2000. An internship with the Dutchess County Office for the Aging and New Horizons Resources not only sparked his interest in working with the elderly but also gave him the idea for the business venture. He runs the business from his home in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. Many of his clients are people who can no longer drive on their own. Most of his business is for people who need to run errands, shop or go to medical appointments. While his business grows, Jason works full-time as an information systems manager for UPS. ■ **Michael Loniewski** returned for the 2004 season to play for the Albany Conquest football team in Albany, N.Y. The team won back-to-back Northeast Division championships in the arenafootball2 league. During his undergraduate years at Marist, Mike was an offensive and defensive lineman for the Red Foxes. ■ **Thomas McGerty** is a healthcare manager with O'Connor, Davis, Munns & Dobbins LLP Medical Management in Harrison, N.Y. ■ **Vito Pagano** is a consultant for Pitney Bowes' world headquarters in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Dipam Sharma** is a graduate student and project assistant in the Industrial Engineering Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. ■ **David Surdovel** is a script assistant at Fox News Channel in New York, N.Y. ■ **Nicole Tuttle** visited Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua in 2004. ■ **Rosanna Veras** is an operations associate at the training center for the Goldman Sachs Group in Princeton, N.J. She plans to attend graduate school. ■ **Christine Ward** was promoted to account executive for the Retail Advertising Department at the *Democrat and Chronicle*, a Gannett-owned newspaper with a circulation of 450,000.

2004

Nicole Baker is pursuing a master's in professional studies at SUNY New Paltz. She expects to graduate in May 2006 with a degree in humanistic/multicultural education. Nicole is a sister of Omega Phi Beta Sorority Inc. ■ **Joseph Borelli** was appointed chief of staff to New York State Assemblyman Vincent Ignizio who represents the 62nd District of Staten Island, N.Y. ■ **Amber Cleveland** is a new account coordinator for Greystone

Partners, a communications firm in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Bradley Cook** signed a professional baseball contract to play for the Elmira Pioneers of the Northeast League. He is a right-handed relief pitcher. ■ **Stephanie DelPreore** is playing professional basketball in Spain. While at Marist, she was a member of the Marist women's basketball team for four years including 2004 when the team won the MAAC Championship. ■ **Lauren Eberle** is pursuing a master's in social work at Wheelock College in Boston, Mass. ■ **Joelle Evanousky** is an assistant designer for junior swimwear at A.H. Schreiber & Co. in New York, N.Y. ■ When **Jessica Fitzgerald** and **Erich Schaefer '01** married on June 11, 2004, their wedding was a Marist family affair. Attendants included **Brian Bruno '02**, **Jason LaFerrieri '02**, **Debbie Rassin '03**, **Lisa Achenbach '04**, **Amanda Vladick '04** and **Kathleen Fitzgerald '05**. ■ **David Mack**, senior vice president of the Lifetime Healthcare Companies, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors for United Way of New York State. ■ **Scott Montesano** is the first radio announcer for the Fargo-Moorehead Jets professional hockey team in Fargo, N.D. He received the 2003 New England Collegiate Baseball League "Broadcaster of the Year" award. ■ **Lauren Selke** is the merchandise coordinator for Danbury Christmas Tree Shops. She began her employment there as a cashier in 2002. A member of the Marist orchestra for four years, she hopes to improve her violin skills by joining the Fairfield County, Conn., Symphony Society. ■ **Frank**



Owen Daly '05

Smith is a junior accountant in the Client Services Department of Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell, an accounting firm with offices in Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, N.Y. ■ **Edward Summers** works full-time with Marist President Dennis J. Murray as a Presidential Fellow. Eddie is listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. Recipient of the 2004 Alumni Leadership Award, he is pursuing an MPA at Marist.

2005

Owen Daly has graduated from Officer Candidates School at the U.S. Marine Corps Base in Quantico, Va. Owen now enters basic school for six months. His options then will be to attend flight school or be deployed. Owen's dad, **Jim Daly '72**, is president-elect of the Marist College Alumni Association Executive Board.

IN MEMORIAM

Friends

Beatrice Ruth Trussell Brook

George M. Gill

Clayton Kavanaugh Morse

C. Roger Murray

Bernard Reifler

Faculty and Staff

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Eva G. Patora

Tammy L. Price

Patrick B. Ryan

Frederick B. Tyler

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Dr. Eoin McKiernan

Retirees

Gustav Heer

Life Trustee

Bro. Patrick Magee, FMS '47

Alumni Discount on IBM PCs Available

Marist College alumni may now purchase IBM PCs at a discount through the college computer store's Web site.

The Personal Computer Discount Program provides a discount on select models of ThinkPad notebooks, ThinkCentre desktops and ThinkVision displays.

Marist alumni may view the selected models, place an order and get the discount by accessing the store Web site at www.marist.edu/compstore, clicking on "Computers and Accessories" and clicking on "View our Online Offerings." The vendor, Computer Discount Warehouse, will verify with Marist that the buyer is an alumnus/a and eligible for the discount. The PC will be shipped to the buyer's home.

For more information contact John Lauro, CDW account manager, at 800-508-2394 or john.lauro@cdwq.com.

Helping Injured War Vets Learn to Ski

Jim Barnes '68 and his family helped when the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain taught injured

U.S. soldiers to ski and treated them to a three-day weekend at the Catskills ski resort.

Marist Trustee James Barnes '68 and his family offered tips on skiing and plenty of moral support when the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain hosted its Support Our Troops event Feb. 4 through 6 in Windham, New York.

In partnership with Disabled Sports USA, the ASF brought nine servicemen from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Windham Mountain for a three-day ski trip. All the servicemen were amputees as a result of injuries received in the war in Iraq. The event was designed to give disabled U.S. soldiers some "R & R" as well as the opportunity to learn to ski. The soldiers were taught by the ASF's well-trained volunteer ski instructors, six of whom are Vietnam veterans, two of whom were disabled in that war.

"Prior to this weekend I wasn't really into skiing," says Army Staff Sergeant Hilbert Ceasar. "But going out there and seeing the disabled ASF instructors doing it, that was pretty cool. The fact that the instructors are disabled war veterans inspired me. It made my weekend."

"My wife and I wanted to relay our sincerest gratitude for the incredible weekend that we had in February," writes John Fernandez, Army lieutenant and West Point alumnus. "Your support for wounded soldiers, such as me, is a true testament to the strength of our nation. Since I was injured, it has been a goal of mine to once again return to the slopes. Thanks to everyone at the Adaptive Sports Foundation I reached that goal. Not enough can be said about the confidence that many of the soldiers were given during the course of the weekend. We are thankful for all the effort and collaboration that went into planning for the event. My wife and I had such a wonderful time and look forward to returning sometime in the future."

Jim Barnes was "the all-around help-out guy," says Cherisse Young, executive director of ASF. "He helped with the lessons, he talked to the media for us, he ate with the soldiers, he was just a great ambassador for us because not only was he an ASF board member but a Marine himself in Vietnam. So he was able to relate directly to the soldiers." Also volunteering were Sean Barnes '04, Ginna Barnes



U.S. Marine Jim King (left) met Jim Barnes '68 (right) when the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain hosted nine servicemen injured in the war in Iraq for a three-day ski weekend. Barnes, a member of the board of the foundation, and members of his family volunteered throughout the weekend.

Siegrist '98, who teaches psychology at Marist, Shamus Barnes '91, Colleen Barnes McGowan and her husband, Chris, Debbie Barnes '90 and Maryellen Barnes, Jim's wife, who has been an instructor in the program for 18 years.

The Adaptive Sports Foundation solicited donations from individuals, community organizations and corporations to underwrite the event so that the soldiers would not have to cover any expenses. They flew from Baltimore to Albany and stayed in condominium suites in Windham. Members of the New York City Fire Department, particularly the members of Watkins Street Firehouse from Brooklyn, N.Y., donated vans and personnel to help transport



In partnership with Disabled Sports USA, the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain brought servicemen (above) from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Windham Mountain to learn to ski.

the soldiers from the airport to the hotel and throughout the weekend.

The soldiers skied for three days and had plenty of time to experience the après ski social scene at Windham Mountain. In addition, the ASF arranged for several informational programs for the soldiers on prosthetic options and other adaptive sport resources such as fitness programs and athletic options for amputees.

The visiting soldiers were all successful learning how to ski, and by the end of the trip everyone had progressed to the top of the mountain. The event attracted several media outlets including Fox News, Jane Hanson of New York City's WNBC and MSNBC.

This summer ASF will have a water-skiing weekend for a dozen soldiers at Breezy Point, N.Y. The foundation is planning another ski weekend for 20 soldiers in January 2006. For information about supporting the event, call the ASF at (518) 734-5070.

ASF is a nonprofit organization with an annual operating budget of \$550,000. It serves more than 1,300 special needs individuals and conducts 2,800 lessons annually. The program has more than 180 volunteer instructors and six full-time staff members. The foundation is recognized as the largest adaptive sport program on the East Coast. ■



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