



Br. Pat accepts new position in France Br. Hank appointed new president

Jessica Molina
Sentinel

Brother Patrick McNamara, who has served as president of Marist High School for the past six years, will leave at the end of this school year to accept a new position with the Marist Brothers.

On Feb. 28, Br. Pat announced to the faculty that he will join the international community of Marist Brothers in Prévessin-Moëns, France.

In this new role, he will work as a liaison between the brothers and the United Nations, focusing on the rights of young people and children.

He will live in France, but work in an office in Geneva, Switzerland, the headquarters of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Br. Pat was born and grew up in Susquehanna, Pennsylvania with his two brothers, two sisters, his mother and father.

He attended Laurel Hill Academy and then Marist College, where he ultimately decided to join the Marist Brothers.

He became a Marist Brother in 1975. "I met the brothers, liked the feeling of community and found the call to become a teacher interesting," Br. Pat said.

His first position was at Marist from 1973-1975 as an English and French teacher. He then served in New York for the next 20 years.

From 1995, he served as a pastoral minister in Mississippi and then as principal of Christopher Columbus High School in Miami before returning to Chicago to serve as president of Marist High School.

Under Br. Pat's leadership, the campus grew to include the new Red and White Stadium and a new baseball complex. He is also proud of the establishment of campus-wide wireless Internet access and the move to iPads over textbooks.

Br. Pat also made the creation of sacred space on campus a priority by refurbishing the Brothers' Chapel and establishing the Marist Way, prayer labyrinth and Our Lady of the Way prayer garden.

Director of Marketing and Communications Ms. Patti Arvesen calls Br. Pat the "embodiment of Marist-Chicago."

"He strives for excellence and growth for himself and the school and cares deeply for all members of the Marist community," Arvesen said. "His warm personality and thoughtfulness went a long way in making this school a real family."

In terms of unfinished business, Br. Pat wishes he had more time to continue working on the Marist Way and to build



Br. Hank Hammer (R) will succeed Br. Patrick McNamara (L) as Marist president on July 1, 2014. Br. Pat will work with the United Nations on behalf of children's rights.

photo by Matt Hickey

studios on campus for dance and broadcasting.

"I hope to be remembered here as fair, caring and fun," Br. Pat said.

While he looks forward to starting this new chapter in his life, leaving Marist is not easy after six years.

"I'll miss the students and the faculty," Br. Pat said.

On March 11, Br. Pat announced that Academic Dean for Underclassmen Brother Hank Hammer will succeed him in his role as president.

Br. Hank has also served as principal and as a classroom teacher at Marist, and holds a BA in English from Marist College and an MA in school administration from St. Mary's College.

His term as president will begin on July 1.

"I want to thank Brother Pat for his six years of service as president and Brother Hank for his generous response to this need," said Marist Provincial Brother Ben Consigli.

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up?

Career night scheduled for April 8

Shannon O'Keeffe
Sentinel

Each year, Marist holds a career night for current students to meet alumni who have succeeded in their chosen fields. This year, career night will be held on Tues., April 8 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the ARC and first-floor classrooms.

While some students may have an idea of what kind of a career they might want to pursue after college, they may not know what skills they will need to be successful. Career night is a way for students to determine whether or not they are cut out for a certain career.

"Career night is also a great way for students to expose themselves to careers they might not have previously considered," said college counselor Mr. Patrick Ryan.

Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to attend so that they can get an early start thinking about the college process and career development. Attending career night can help underclassmen decide which classes to take during junior and senior years of high school.

By this time of the school year, most seniors know where they are going to college. Many also know what they want to major in. Career night can help seniors to begin networking and get a

good idea of the daily routine of a professional in a career they are interested in.

The speakers at career night are all Marist alumni, giving current students an opportunity to ask how Marist helped them advance and what they might have done differently in high school.

"We are lucky that we have so many young alumni who want to come back, are passionate about what they do, and want to share that passion with current students," Ryan said.

Alumni speaking this year include John Canning (dentist), Dan Hermanson (eye doctor), Martin Gavin (banking), Sean Carroll (police), Aldo Bucheri (architect), Patrick O'Brien (teaching), Brian Hollock (advertising), Owen Glennon, Jr., (construction management) and Dan Calandriello (law).

Other speakers include Jim Mazurski (options trading), Colin Reilly (firefighting), Mary Jo Ryan (occupational therapy), Emily Anzelmo (speech therapy), Kellie Snooks (medical doctor), Lauren Majka (special education), Kristen Buewerth (nursing), Brandon Christensen (social work), and Mike Mulhausen (computer engineering).



National Merit Finalists named

Seniors Jim Costin, Liam Gibbs and Rachel Folga have been named finalists for the 2014 National Merit Scholarship, placing them among the top 0.5% of students in the nation. All three finalists are members of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Students first become semifinalists by earning a qualifying score on the junior year PSAT/NMSQT test. Semifinalists then take the SAT, submit a detailed application, essays, and letters of recommendation. Only 15,000 students are chosen annually from across the nation as National Merit Finalists.

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Looking back: Marist 1994

Katie Salmon
Sentinel

The decade of the 1990s was full of trials and triumphs, and today's Marist students will always look back on the 90s as the decade in which they were born.

On February 26, 1993, a bomb was detonated in the parking garage beneath the World Trade Center in New York City. The attack was perpetrated by Ramzi Yousef and co-conspirators who trained in Al-Qaeda camps.

The bomb was intended to detonate and knock the north tower into the south. This would cause both towers to collapse, killing thousands of people.

The terrorists' plan did not go as intended. The bomb created a 200ft by 100ft hole in the ground. The attack killed six people including one pregnant woman.

Two years later, on April 19, 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols detonated a truck bomb at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The bombing killed 168 people and injured 680 more.

President Clinton was elected to office in 1992. The Clinton administration passed tax increases on the wealthy and implemented government spending cuts. Poverty levels fell during this time, and the government achieved the largest budget surplus and debt reduction in U.S. history.

On January 17, 1998, news of a political sex scandal swept the nation. President Clinton had an alleged extramarital affair with Monica Lewinsky, a 22 year old White House intern. Clinton denied these accusations numerous times before admitting, months later to a grand jury that he had an inappropriate sexual relationship with Lewinsky.

An investigation eventually led to the impeachment trial of Clinton. He was tried for perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and abuse of authority. The House of Representatives voted to impeach Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. However, the Senate acquitted him of both charges.

Guided by head coach Phil Jackson, the Chicago Bulls won six NBA titles in eight years. Michael Jordan, along with Scottie Pippen, led the Bulls to three championships from the 1991-1993 seasons.

Months after his father's murder, Jordan announced his retirement from basketball. During his absence, the Bulls continued with successful regular seasons. Pippen established himself as one of the league's top players, and in 1994, he won All-Star MVP.

In 1995, Jordan came out of retirement and rejoined the Bulls. With NBA stars Harper, Jordan, Pippen, and Dennis Rodman, the Bulls made history winning their second three-peat during the seasons of 1995-1996, 1996-1997, and 1997-1998.

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Helping Out The Hammer

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News Editor

After only serving for eight months as MHS principal, Br. Hank Hammer underwent his first year evaluation last month.

The week long evaluation was carried out by four Marist brothers from New York and was actually a first year visitation which is done for all Marist schools, according to Br. Don Neary, a visiting brother and assistant principal at St Agnes H.S. in New York. Marist was not a completely new place to Neary because he was formerly a teacher here at Marist, instructing in French and Spanish and working in the Campus Ministry Department.

"During the first year of a principal's term, a team usually goes in and does a visitation...just to get an idea of how things are going," Neary said. "From the visitation, the purpose is to help the new principal set a clearer direction as to which way he wants to go in his first term."

During the visitation the brothers interviewed the entire faculty and staff along with 20 students who were chosen completely at ran-

dom. These interviews were done to create a picture of the impressions from the entire Marist community regarding the school and its new principal. The impressions they got were "very positive" according to Neary.

"The faculty and staff recognize him (Hammer) as a very talented person and think that he relates very well with people," Neary said. "Everyone I have spoken to has been very pleased that he (Hammer) has been named principal."

The students were also asked for their impressions of Hammer and questioned about what changes they have seen in him since the change to principal. According to Neary the students like Hammer's style and are very happy with his appointment.

After all of the interviewing was completed, the team put together it's "oral exit report" and then produced a formal written report, which was later shared with Hammer. That written report will also be presented to the Marist Provincial Council.

According to Neary, this visit's main goal was to put forth "a tool to help Hammer implement his goals and ob-



Br. Hank shows the dedication and caring that comes with his job. (Yearbook Photo)

jectives for the school." It was not to act as a true evaluation.

"It is too early to give Br. Hank an evaluation in the true sense of the word," Neary said. "That kind of evaluation will be given after the first full term."

Hammer himself said that nothing new was coming in through this visit and that all of the information from the brothers and faculty was very "constructive."

"I didn't hear anything that I hadn't heard before either from students or faculty," Hammer said. "In one sense I think that is a good thing. Suddenly things were not coming out of the blue."

According to Hammer the team's final reports said that everyone was generally pleased with how the administration is going. The team did mention some of the concerns that people had but thought that these things would be and will be worked out in time.

Hammer was pleased that through the visitation he got to hear what the faculty thought of how things were going.

"Until you have something like this come in, there really isn't any kind of mechanism to get that kind of input," Hammer said.

Chicago Youth Come to Marist

Matt Springer
Managing Editor

Five to six hundred high school students descended on Marist to attend the first-ever Chicago Youth Conference on March 5 to hear fourteen speakers address issues such as racism, teen alcoholism, and date rape.

The day was the brainchild of Eric LeCompte, '94, whose staff of 40 student volunteers from Marist and four other schools organized the entire day almost entirely on their own.

"I was extremely pleased by the outcome," said LeCompte of the day. "It came off better than I ever could have imagined."

The Conference began in the Marist gym, where the internationally-known theater troupe, Call to Action, performed an hour-long skit about treating the earth with respect and love. After the performance, the students had three half-hour sessions to see the speakers of their choice. After lunch, two plays were presented by Mother McAuley High School's Theater Seminar II class: "Alky" and "Dolls." The plays address two issues close to the minds of today's teens.

"They (the plays) were a good depiction of the damage that teen alcoholism and pregnancy can enact," said Bonnie Johnson, a junior at Mother McAuley. "The speakers were very powerful, but the plays had a bigger impact on me."

The plays were followed by a youth forum, in which the conference participants were split into small groups of ten and given the opportunity to discuss the day's events.

According to some of the attendees interviewed, it was a great experience.

"I thought it was fun and informative," said Bridget Mutter, a junior at Mother McAuley. "I think 'inspiring' is the word I'm looking for."

Plans are already underway for a second Youth Conference. LeCompte and his team hope to hold a similar event every year in a different high school.

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And the winner is... Now that all the envelopes have been opened, find out just who took home what Oscars. Story on Page 8.

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Pop music dominated the music market. Many girls swooned over boy bands like the Backstreet Boys and NSYNC. British pop sensation, The Spice Girls, also rose to popularity in the late 1990s.

Fashion trends consisted of scrunchies, frosted tips, white sneakers, and choker necklaces. Large jackets and tracksuits were considered "all the rage" as the 90s was characterized as a "casual" decade of dress.

Popular television shows of the decade included *Full House*, *Rugrats*, *Boy Meets World*, *The Amanda Show*, *All That*, *Power Rangers*, and *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*.

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Most popular name for a baby boy: Michael	
Most popular name for a baby girl: Jessica	
Most popular song: <i>Hero</i> by Mariah Carey	
Most popular male heartthrob: Leonardo DiCaprio	
Most popular female heartthrob: Jessica Biel	
Most popular arcade game: Mortal Kombat	
Cost of a gallon of gas: \$1.09	
Average price for a home: \$119,050	
Average house hold income: \$37,070	
Cost of a postage stamp: \$0.29	
Cost of a gallon of milk: \$2.86	
Cost of a dozen eggs: \$0.87	



Mass honors First Responders

The Marist community celebrated an all-school Mass on Feb. 24 honoring First Responders, including police officers, firefighters, medical and security personnel. Father Dan Brandt, chaplain of the Chicago Police Department, and Father Tom Mulchrone, chaplain of the Chicago Fire Department, presided at the Mass. During his homily, Father Dan gave three students a \$20 bill for being able to recall the readings from the previous day's Mass.

photo by Morgan Weidman

Chess season ends

Allie Janich
Sentinel

The Marist chess team ended its season with a 3-4 record at the state tournament held in Peoria on Feb. 14-15, jumping 19 spots from the team's opening rank.

The team went 4-5 for the regular season, with losses to St. Rita, St. Ignatius, De La Salle, Fenwick, and Mount Carmel. Wins came against Hales Franciscan, Leo, Brother Rice and the previously undefeated St. Patrick.

Seniors Robert Lewis and Jim Bendoraitis, sophomores Aiden Martinez and Megan Heinlein, and freshmen Cody Busch and Brendan Boyle made the trip to state, with senior Joe Fennessey medalling 5th overall at state, with a 6-0-1 record.

At the Chicago Chess Conference, Fennessey went 8-1, taking first place overall.



Joe Fennessey

"Being a part of the chess team has been the highlight of my high school experience," Fennessey said. "The team has grown so much from the winless squad of my freshman year to the strong team that finished the season with the epic win over St. Pat's."

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Student missionaries help poor in New Orleans

Morgan Weidman
Sentinel

On Feb. 12, 24 juniors and four faculty members headed to New Orleans to assist the poor and those still rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina.

During the mission trip, students helped to build and repair homes and planted 200 trees around a marsh to help prevent future flooding.

"Our students went above and beyond and made connections with families in need," said Mr. Adam Wouk, who coordinated the trip through Campus Ministry.

This was the first mission trip for many of the students.

"I did not know what to expect, but the experience was great," junior Maggie Ringbauer said. "Everyone truly appreciated everything we did."

Junior Carter Olsen appreciated the opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

"It felt great helping out and seeing the smiles on the faces of those affected by the hurricane," Olsen said.

The mission group also presented \$1300 to the parents of newborn twins from collections taken up at school.

After days of hard work, the group planned to return to Chicago on Feb. 17, but their flight was cancelled due to bad weather. Already in high spirits, the group got to spend a day at the beach in Mississippi before returning on Feb. 18.

Campus Ministry sponsors two out-of-state mission trips each school year. This year's second mission was to the Marist Brothers' residence in Esopus, New York over spring break.

Students interested in taking a mission trip next year should see Mr. Wouk in Campus Ministry.



photo by Adam Wouk

(L to R) Juniors Brooke Wilson, Ellie Dolehide and Brooke Mayer flex their muscles after helping to plant 200 trees in Louisiana during the February mission trip.

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Br. Pat leaves behind proud legacy

After six years, this school year will be the last at Marist for our president, Brother Patrick McNamara.

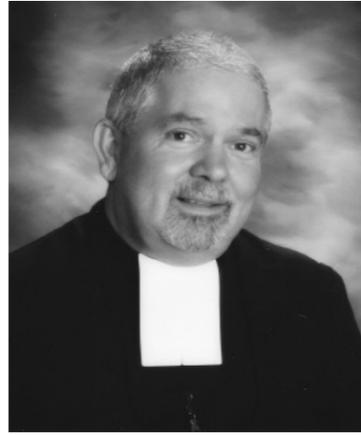
Earlier this month, the Marist Brothers announced that Br. Pat will be taking a new role as a member of the international community of Prévessin-Moëns in France, near the Swiss border.

Although his new role officially begins on October 1, Br. Pat will leave Marist on July 1.

The students, faculty, staff and families of Marist High School greatly appreciate all that Br. Pat has done for them. During his six years as president, the school accomplished many great goals.

Br. Pat oversaw the construction of the Red and White stadium along with new baseball and softball fields.

Under his leadership, our outdoor prayer and reflection space has grown to include the Marist Way, the prayer labyrinth and the statue of Our Lady of the Way.



He did a great deal to enhance Marist's foreign exchange and travel programs, and our school now enjoys connections with France, Italy and Argentina.

In his six years as president, Br. Pat also made financial aid a priority, ensuring that many families would receive help through the addition of new scholarships and financial aid programs.

But the greatest aspect of his legacy, the thing that we will most remember him for, is the connection he had with the students.

He gave his time generously to be in attendance at so many games, retreats, concerts, plays and other activities to support our student athletes and performers.

Br. Pat also lives out his faith daily and is a powerful example for the rest of us. He is kind, spiritual, funny, and warm, and never fails to show us the connection we have with one another and with God.

Student Council President Kevin Shanahan believes that students will remember the "warm and welcoming atmosphere" that Br. Pat always promoted at Marist.

"With his golf cart cruises through the hallways and cheerful speeches, Br. Pat is one of the most sincere people I know and he will be greatly missed," Shanahan said.

Closings mark end of era for seven schools

Earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools announced that up to seven schools will be closing at the end of this academic year, causing the displacement of hundreds of students and layoffs of dozens of faculty members.

The seven schools closing, due to low funding and decreasing enrollment, include St. Bernadette, Our Lady of Victory, Santa Maria del Popolo, St. Gregory the Great High School, St. Helena of the Cross, St. Paul, Our Lady of Vilna and Mount Assisi Academy.

Of these schools, St. Bernadette is most familiar to Marist students, many of whom are alumni of the Evergreen Park school. This year, 98 students attend St. Bernadette.

St. Bernadette's current principal, Ms. Arlene Bauman, expressed her gratitude in a newsletter to parents, saying that she feels truly blessed to have been a part of a beautiful school community.

Catholic schools superintendent, Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, noted that the Archdiocese targeted schools with less than 225 students for closing.

McCaughey also informed families that the Archdiocese will offer a \$1000 tuition discount if they enroll their students in another Catholic school.

Many parents worry that other Catholic schools will not be as welcoming and diverse as St. Bernadette's.

Since the announcement, Marist has also hosted a number of shadows from Mount Assisi in Lemont, all of whom need to find a new high school.

The school opened in 1951 and has remained a girls' high school ever since, graduating over 6,000 students.

Enrollment has declined from 315 during the 2006-2007 school year to a current total of 143 students.

Sister Therese Ann Quigley, provincial supervisor of Mount Assisi, expressed "extreme sadness" over the closing.

According to the National Catholic Education Association, 2,090 schools were either closed or consolidated between 2000 and 2013. The number of students has declined by 651,298.

Karen M. Ristau, president of the NCEA, believes that the closing of these schools represents a great loss for the country, at a time when holistic education is becoming a priority for a lot of parents.

"Research shows that Catholic school graduates are more faithful members of the church – our church leaders must seek to open and support more schools, not close them," Ristau said.

A Catholic education creates a solid foundation for many students. When even one Catholic school closes, we should all be concerned. The loss of a Catholic school diminishes the Church's standing in the world and its ability to reach people in meaningful and lasting ways.

'Wizard of Oz' teaches, inspires after 75 years

At this year's Academy Awards ceremony, the recording artist Pink sang a slower and more reflective version of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," as Hollywood celebrated the 75th anniversary of the release of *The Wizard of Oz*.

As Pink sang, clips from the film played on a large screen behind her. Liza Minnelli, Lorna Luft and Joe Luft were in the audience, joining the tribute to the film and to their mother, Judy Garland, who played Dorothy.

The Wizard of Oz was released in 1939 along with other popular movies destined to become classics, including *Gone with the Wind*, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Dark Victory*, *Wuthering Heights*, and *Goodbye, Mr. Chips*.

With its elaborate character make-up and revolutionary special effects, *The Wizard of Oz* was MGM Studio's most expensive production up to the time that film was made.

The film was nominated for six Academy Awards. It won two awards, including best original song for "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

The development of the film first started when the success of Walt Disney's *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* showed that films adapted from popular children's stories and fairytales could be successful.

William H. Cannon, one of the writers, recommended that the magical elements of the story be toned down because recent fantasy films had not fared well at the box office.

Originally the scarecrow was a man so stupid that the only way he could get employment was to dress up as a scarecrow and scare crows away from a farmer's field.

The tin man was originally written as a criminal so heartless that he was placed in a tin suit for eternity. The torture of being in the suit softened him and made him kind.

The film was produced as a long elaborate dream, because the producers thought the viewers were too sophisticated to accept the story as a fantasy.

In choosing it as one of the greatest movies of all times, the late film critic Roger Ebert said, "*The Wizard of Oz* has a wonderful surface of comedy and music, special effects, and excitement, but we still watch it six decades later because of its underlying story."

We still watch *The Wizard of Oz* 75 years after its release because it teaches us that we have the power to get what we want, and that power comes from within.

The film also teaches us that while other people may be there to give us support, in the end it is up to us to follow our dreams and make them happen.

The central message of the movie, of course, reminds us that "there's no place like home," and that if we want to find our heart's desire, we don't have to look further than our own backyards.

Consequences for plagiarism haunt offenders through life

Almost every writer has experienced spending countless hours staring at a blank page, unable to think of anything to write.

Some choose to solve the problem by plagiarizing.

Many view plagiarism as a harmless offense. According to a study done by Rutgers University, 58% of students polled admitted to plagiarism while 95% admitted to some form of cheating.

According to information at plagiarism.org, one out of three high school students have used the Internet to plagiarize.

In truth, plagiarism is a form of stealing. While there are no laws against plagiarizing, the consequences can be extreme...at least for some people.

Stephen Glass was a 24-year-old journalistic prodigy who seemed to master every story he wrote. He attained this fame through the publication of numerous articles in the *New Republic* magazine.

An editor from *Forbes* Magazine discovered that a Glass article was fabricated, leading the *New Republic* editors to investigate Glass' work further. Glass was eventually fired from the magazine in total disgrace.

Since then, Glass has published a novel titled *The Fabulist*, a fictionalized account of his ethical violations. He is also portrayed in the movie *Shattered Glass*.

He moved to California and passed the bar exam, but this year the California Supreme Court ruled that he is unfit to practice law in the state because of his past.

Another person guilty of plagiarizing is the Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden.

As a law school student, Biden plagiarized a law review article for a paper he wrote during his first year. He received an F in the course but was allowed to retake it the following year and passed with a C.

The issue of his plagiarism in law school resurfaced in 1987 during his campaign for the United States presidency. As a senator at the time, Biden defended himself by saying that he had misunderstood the directions of citing his sources for the paper.

Further investigation by the media uncovered suspicion that Biden had also plagiarized sections of different speeches he made while campaigning for or in public office.

Nearly 30 years later, he is a heartbeat away from the presidency.

While the consequences may not be equal on a national level, at Marist, the consequences for plagiarism are clear and include both disciplinary and academic action.

Students who plagiarize at Marist will receive an F on the assignment and may be expelled or asked to withdraw.

In most colleges and universities, the penalty for plagiarism is immediate expulsion.

The consequences that derive from plagiarism are not always fair. As we can see, a double standard is evident in the cases of Glass and Biden. After trying to rehabilitate his life, the effects of Glass' plagiarizing still affect him today. However, the man who holds public office as Vice President of our country has left his past behind him.

The consequences of plagiarizing far outweigh the short-term benefits. While students may obtain a few extra hours by not doing their own work, the risk of expulsion is too great.

Expulsion can ruin student's future plans, by being stated on the students' academic record. This detriment to their reputation can greatly decrease their chance in getting into their desired college.

Students should spend the time and exhaust their efforts in their own work. Students who do their own work will reap the many benefits to come in future years.

PHOTO OPINION: What will you miss most about Brother Pat?

by Megan Karas and Allie Janich



Mr. Tucker

I will miss his friendship. He really made me feel as though we were partners. I'm also going to miss his great compassion for people who are dealing with difficulties in their lives.



Br. Hank

I will miss having my best friend of 44 years being just downstairs. It was like winning the lottery being able to come here, like having a real brother with me at all times.



Mrs. Mulcahy

I'm going to miss his passion and enthusiasm for the Marist community. He's a really inclusive leader and makes decisions in the best interests of the students. He set Marist down a great path for the future.



Mr. Pirkle

I'm going to miss his infectious personality, sense of humor, his great perspective, and having my favorite teacher from high school here.



Mrs. O'Neill

I will miss his warmth, his humor, his compassion, his friendship and, most of all, his calling as a true model of St. Marcellin Champagnat in the lives of all of us at Marist High School.

Drop the phone and get safely home

by Clara Gannon
guest columnist

As of January 1, Illinois issued a new law. Driving while using your phone is illegal, whether it is texting or talking on the phone. Every driver must be completely hands free while operating a vehicle.

Police everywhere are cracking down and becoming very serious about this issue.

Unfortunately, I learned this lesson the hard way.

On January 21, I received a ticket for talking on the phone while I was driving.

I was in Palos Heights and on my way home when a policeman pulled me over. He informed me of the new law and handed me the ticket. I had to forfeit my license and was given a date to appear in court.

It was not a very pleasant experience, and that is one of the reasons I am telling you about this.

I did not realize it at the time, but using a cell phone while operating a motorized vehicle is very dangerous.

In 2011, more than 1.3 million crashes were caused by the use of cell phones. Also, texting and driving makes you 23 times more likely to get into an accident.

Using a phone while driving is now the leading cause of death for teenage drivers. Driving a vehicle is scary and dangerous enough. Cell phone usage is not something we should add to the driving experience.

Fortunately, thanks to technology there are alternatives to using your phone while driving. Many new cars are equipped with the ability to call others using voice activation.

Bluetooth is also a popular option that allows you to have a conversation without having to hold your phone.

Ear pieces are also useful since you do not have to hold anything in your hands or your lap.

I definitely learned my lesson from receiving this ticket. After seeing how many accidents and deaths are caused each year from using your phone while

the facts

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driving, I have decided never to use my phone while operating a motorized vehicle again.

I understand that everyone gets in situations where there is an emergency, when you need to contact someone, even while you are driving.

All it takes is for you to pull over and make the call.

Even though the consequences of the ticket were not pleasant, I am much happier that I got a ticket rather than in an accident due to talking on a phone while driving.

No text or call is worth more than a life. If there is an absolute emergency, all it takes is for you to pull over and make the call.

People die everyday from tragedies like these. Even though you might not think so, this could be you. Do everyone a favor and put your phone down while you are driving.

It will save you from getting a ticket. It will also save your life.

Alumni make marks on local, national television

Brooke Wyderski
Sentinel

Marist alumni Pat McGann, '94, and Mike Cullen, '09 have enjoyed success on local and national television this year in the field of comedy.

McGann is a stand-up comedian and hosted "The Chicago Stand-Up Project," an Emmy-nominated television show. In addition, he appears regularly on Sports Talk Live on Comcast, Windy City Live (ABC), Mancow & Good Day Chicago (FOX), the WGN Morning News, WGN radio, and ESPN radio.

In 2013, he performed and presented at the Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards and was also asked by the Chicago White Sox to write and direct a comedy show featuring players on the team.

On Jan. 24, he was featured on the David Letterman show where he performed his stand-up routine.

His comedy focuses on humorous stories related to marriage and his relationship with his wife and children. At times, his humor is a little R-rated.



Pat McGann

"It was surreal to be on a show that I have watched for so many years," McGann said. "I am grateful for the opportunity and for being able to share it with my wife, family and friends-many of whom went to Marist."

McGann advises current Marist students to take in as many experiences as possible.

"It might not be possible to take advantage of all of the things available to you at Marist, but you can try. Go to plays, concerts, games...challenge yourself to attend things you normally wouldn't go to," McGann said.

"It's also important to listen to your classmates and try to find out what their lives are like. School work is important, but what is more important is how you relate to other people. The more well-rounded you are, the more capable you will be of taking advantage of the infinite opportunities that are yet to come."

Cullen worked as a production assistant on the Dorito commercial that aired during this year's Super Bowl.

The commercial is about a little boy who races his brother to the family minivan for a bag of Doritos. The little boy wins by jumping on a horse and throwing a lasso around the bag.

The commercial was a runner-up in the Super Bowl best commercial contest and earned a prize of \$50,000.

Before the Super Bowl, Cullen appeared on the Fox News Chicago morning show to promote the commercial and encourage people from Illinois to vote for it.

He used humor and assumed a "dumb" persona on the news program.

"It was fun to act dumb on a serious morning news program," Cullen said. "That's the kind of stuff I like to do."



Mike Cullen

He credits Mrs. Erin Kelly and Mrs. Erin Vail for pushing him to learn how to act and for giving him comic roles to do in school plays.

"If you are interested in doing comedy, use your time outside of school to write or shoot videos," Cullen said. "Take improv classes and make friends with those who challenge you to be smarter and funnier," he said.

McGann's appearance on Letterman and Cullen's commercial are both available for viewing on YouTube. McGann also has his own website at www.patmcganncomedy.com.

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Marist Lenten program on YouTube

The Marist Young Adult Program offers an online Lenten retreat. Each Sunday during Lent, a short video with the retreat material will be posted on YouTube. The video will consist of a Gospel reading, a reflection prepared by a member of the Marist family, reflection questions and a suggested action. Anyone interested can view the video by visiting www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoksphE5L-A

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Journalists recognized at local conference

Shannon O'Keeffe
Sentinel

The Marist *Sentinel* staff and members of the Journalism 1 class attended the 22nd annual McCormick Foundation High School Media Conference on March 11, hosted by Roosevelt University-Chicago.

At the conference, the *Sentinel* was given a superior achievement award for overall newspaper and an excellent achievement award for overall layout.

Junior Matt Hickey won an excellent achievement award for editorial writing, while junior Clare Gilligan was conference champion in sportswriting.

Other schools competing at the conference included Mother McAuley, St. Ignatius, Morgan Park High School, Walter Payton College Prep and Whitney Young High School.

A delegation of 11 Marist journalists will attend the national high school journalism convention in San Diego from April 10-12. At the convention, students will attend sessions given by professional journalists. Students will also participate in a competition for sports, feature, editorial and news writing.

The IHSA journalism sectional competition will be held on Sat., April 26 at Moraine Valley Community College. Competing for the RedHawks will be Gilligan in sports writing, Hickey in editorial and review writing, junior Maggie Stimac in copy editing, senior Morgan Weidman in photography, senior Katie Salmon in news writing, and senior Jessica Molina in feature writing.

Football players sign intent letters

Jessica Molina
Sentinel

Eight varsity football players have signed national letters of intent to confirm their enrollment at their respective colleges during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Defensive linemen Isaiah Bickhem and Adam Miller will attend Concordia University. Quarterback Jack Donegan has signed with John Carroll University, Linebacker David Nelson will attend St. Joseph's College.

Defensive end Marcus Pitts will attend Robert Morris University, kicker Ryan Tucker will attend the University of Illinois at Champaign, guard Mitch Schleyer will attend the University of Dayton and All-American tight end Nic Weishar will attend the University of Notre Dame.



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(top L to R) Marcus Pitts, Adam Miller, Coach Dunne, Nic Weishar, and Ryan Tucker; (bottom L to R) Mitch Schleyer, Jack Donegan, Isaiah Bickhem, and David Nelson.



photo by Morgan Weidman

Senior point guard Andre Turner is the second student in Marist history to advance to the state three-point contest, held in Peoria on March 20. Turner finished sixth out of 30 contestants.

RedHawk runners on track for winning season

Katie Salmon
Sentinel

The boys' and girls' track and field teams are off to a successful start as numerous athletes have bested all-time school records.

On March 11, the boys' track and field team competed at Lyons Township High School in a triangular meet. The Redhawks defeated the Lions with a score of 70 to 68.

Sophomore Darshon McCullough broke the school record for the triple jump set in 1974 by Bernie Burns. McCullough jumped a 43'6-1/4" which exceeded Burns' record by over a foot.

Senior distance runners Luke McGovern and Kyle Haberkorn took first place in the 2 mile and the mile, respectively.

Senior Richie Castro took first place in the pole vault and finished second in the high hurdles. Senior Victor Ogbebor finished first in the 55-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, and the long jump. Senior Adam Miller won the shot put.

Senior Tomas House took second place in the long and high jump. Junior Kendall Oliver took first place in the 55 high and low hurdles.

On March 13, the girls' track and field team competed at Thornwood High School.

Senior Tara Alfano took first in the 55-meter and 300-meter races. Junior Maddie Kelly took first place in the 600-meter race. Sophomore Bridget McDermott won in the 2 mile and junior Molly Fahy won in the mile.

Over the break, the teams continued their hard work. The girls' team finished 4th in the 30-team Charleston invitational.

Seniors Alexis Pitts and Kelly Carollo, along with freshman Maryclare Leonard, all medaled at the event.

Numerous members of this year's team have shattered school records.

The team of seniors Julie Yeager and Annemarie Leonard along with junior

Boys' basketball season ends at regionals

Brooke Wyderski
Sentinel

The RedHawk varsity basketball season ended on Tues., March 4 with a 47-46 loss to King High School in the regional game. The team's overall record for the regular season was 16-10 and the team's conference record was 3-3.

"It was a great season that was a lot of fun," said senior guard Nic Weishar. "The seniors did a great job of carrying on the Marist basketball culture and legacy."

The team is losing six starters to graduation this year, including Weishar, Andre Turner, Peter Holland, Ryan Tucker, Brian Sterba, and Kenny Rivard.

"We began the season as teammates and ended the season as brothers," Turner said.

Maddie Kelly and freshman Maryclare Leonard broke the school's record for the 4x800.

At the Lincoln-Way Central meet, Pitts broke two school records for the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.0 and the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.7. At the Lockport Invitational, Carollo broke the high jump record with a height of 5'4."

"Our season has been going great so far," senior Ailish Patterson said. "We have been on a great winning streak and that success just inspires us to work hard and qualify for state."

"We need to just keep training hard and put in the work so we can achieve that success," Patterson said.

This weekend, Maryclare Leonard will compete in the 1-mile, Alexis Pitts in the 60-meter dash, and Kelly Carollo in the high jump at the IHSA indoor track state finals.

Kick out

Nick Konow
Jake Soukup
Sentinel

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell recently told NFL Media's Rich Eisen on an edition of "NFL Total Access" that the point after touchdown rule may be eliminated for the 2014-2015 season.

Goodell has been noted for his strong stance on player safety and will do everything in his power to keep injuries to a minimum. Field goals in today's NFL have become automatic and Goodell sees them as another way for players to get hurt.

"I believe we had five missed extra points this year out of 1,200 some odd (attempts). So it's a very small fraction of the play, and you want to add excitement with every play," Goodell said.

Goodell proposes making a touchdown worth seven points while still giving teams the chance to risk the point and go for two. Making this rule change would acknowledge that the PAT has become automatic. Most field goals today are automatic.

The commissioner also noted that no official time table has been set for the rule change because there are some issues that make it difficult to execute over-night.

For the rule change to be established in time for next season, at least 24 of the 32 teams in the league must vote in favor of it.

The NFL Competition Committee, which is made up of general managers, front office executives, owners, and current head coaches are actually the ones who recommended removing the extra point in favor of a brand-new scoring system.

The NFL Competition Committee is also in talks about placing the ball at the 25-yard line for the point-after attempt. That would make the extra point a 43-yard attempt.

Placing the ball at the 25-yard line would certainly increase the degree of difficulty for kickers. The conversion rate of field goals between 40 and 49 yards last season was 83 percent.

Either change would be a welcomed one to the fans. Most would agree that the point after touchdown has become an afterthought. Bears kicker Robbie Gould has attempted 325 extra points in his 9 year career and has only missed 2. Even to players, the kick must seem automatic.

Kickers do, however, play an important role in clutch situations. For example, when lining up on the 50-yard line for a kick to win the game, enormous pressure is on their shoulders. If they succeed, they may see themselves on SportsCenter's Top 10. If they miss, they'll still be on SportsCenter, however, on the Not Top 10.

Some may argue that eliminating the extra point would distort the record books. But this isn't baseball. Football is about excitement. Fans love to see close games, hard hits, and the deep ball.

What fans don't love is seeing their team kicking field goals.

Varsity wrestling team is 2nd in state

Morgan Weidman
Sentinel

The varsity wrestling team dominated at the IHSA regional meet held at Shepard High School on Feb. 8.

The RedHawks finished with 10 wrestlers taking first place, including freshmen Jim McAuliff and Ameen Hamdan, juniors Nick Lukanich, Nick Gasbarro, Jakada Hull, Alex Benoit, Jake Ford, and seniors Peter Andreotti, Mike Mullaney and Mario Leveille.

From the sectionals, 8 wrestlers including McAuliff, Lukanich, Mullaney, Hamdan, Leveille, Gasbarro, Andreotti, and Beniot advanced to the individual state competition. At state, Leveille was named a state finalist and Andreotti and Benoit each placed third in their weight classes.

The team also qualified for the first time in 17 years for the IHSA dual team state finals on March 1.

The team faced and won against Lincoln Way Central (36-21), then defeated Marmion (27-25) before falling to Oak Park-River Forest (22-31), leading to a 2nd place finish overall.

"It was awesome wrestling down there," Mullaney said. "It was a great feeling to be the first team to be down there in 17 years."



photo courtesy of Patti Arvesen

Qualifying for the first time in 17 years, the varsity wrestling team took 2nd at the IHSA dual team state final competition on March 1.

Members of the RedHawk poms squad pose with their 2nd place state trophy on Feb. 15.

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Bernadette Lattimore



Poms takes 2nd at state

Allie Janich
Sentinel

The JV and varsity poms teams competed at the IDTA state final competition in Springfield on Feb. 15, with the JV team taking 3rd and varsity taking 2nd overall.

At the state competition, junior Lauren Surin was honored with the Rising Star Award, given to dancers judged to be exceptional at the annual state competition.

"As a team we've improved so much," said junior Taylor Lattimore, who is in her 2nd year of competitive varsity poms. "We worked hard and pushed each other all season. We would not have gotten anywhere without the support of our families and coaches."

With first place finishes at Charleston on Jan. 4 and Villa Grove on Jan. 11, the JV team qualified for the state finals this year for the first time in 3 years.

Girls' basketball season ends at sectional semifinals

Shannon O'Keeffe
Sentinel

After a 58-44 victory over Nazareth Academy on Feb. 1, the girls' varsity basketball team ended its regular season with four tough losses to Providence, Morgan Park, Benet and Trinity.

In spite of a rough end to the regular season, the girls started strong in the playoffs, winning 55-45 in the first round against Thornton Fractional South on Feb. 19.

The RedHawks followed this up with a second victory (67-41) against Thornton Fractional North on Feb. 21, but lost the semi-sectional game against Oak Lawn High School (56-61) on Feb. 25, ending their 2013-2014 season.

"Considering our team is so young, we had to start from the bottom, but we made great progress over the past few months," said senior captain Claire Finn.

Finn was one of only two seniors on the varsity team this year, along with Brooke Wyderski. Finn and Wyderski have played basketball together since they were in fourth grade at St. Pat's grammar school and later on the Hoopla basketball club team.

The girls joined the RedHawks as freshmen, but played for the sophomore team. They were then moved up to varsity at different times during sophomore year.

"We have been playing together and going to school together for so long that it's sad to think this was our last year playing together," Wyderski said.

Wyderski finished her basketball career this year at Marist, but will play softball at Loyola University next year.

Finn will continue her basketball career at Lake Forest College.

"Next year is definitely going to be a big change because Brooke and I have been playing together for so long and know each other so well," Finn said.



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Senior RedHawk basketball veterans Brooke Wyderski and Claire Finn with head coach Mary Pat Connelly.