



and the Emmy goes to... Mr. Glennon

Brian Laughran
Managing editor

Erik Powers is an alumni of Marist High School and a four-time Emmy award winner. His most recent win came for his work on the television program *Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Cincinnati Bengals*. Powers, who attended Notre Dame, gave one of his Emmy statues to his mother, one to his father, one he kept for himself, and the other he gave to a member of our Marist community, Mr. Owen Glennon.

Powers had Glennon as a math teacher three times during his academic career at Marist. Glennon said that they did not have any sort of special relationship other than Powers was also a member of the Marist math team – of which Glennon was, and still is, a moderator.

During his senior year Powers was voted class president and had a “certain...dark-humored personality” who always wrote “humorous essays” according to Glennon. While Glennon does not recall Powers showing any particular interest in sports or broadcasting, he remembers Powers to have been a “fantastic writer.”

Glennon recalls his class, during Powers’ senior year, to have a certain camaraderie that Powers seemed to remember as well. After Powers graduated, he went on to college and proceeded to his career at NFL Network. Glennon only communicated with his former student via e-mail, and even then their contact was limited to about once a year (Glennon plans on improving

his communication with Powers). When Powers won his Emmy and originally offered it to Glennon, Glennon refused.

“I didn’t want to take it from him,” Glennon said. “It didn’t seem right. I said ‘no’ about four times [laughs], but he was insistent and I said, ‘I will hold it for you. If your kids ever want to see it or something you can have it back whenever you need it.’”

When asked why Powers gave Glennon the award, Glennon responded that Powers credits him with the success he has today, that the high standards that Glennon set gave Powers confidence as he endeavored to meet them.

On Oct. 8, during the homecoming rally, Principal Larry Tucker produced the Emmy from a massive, black lock-box and held it in the air. Tucker then proceeded to give a brief history on Powers and formally presented the award to Glennon, who quietly and in a very dignified manner, walked to just off-center on the gym floor and took the statue in hand.

“It’s been a humbling experience,” Glennon said. “You don’t expect students to be that generous in thanks.” For Glennon the award is icing on the cake. “As a teacher you get satisfaction from the success of your students. Getting the Emmy as a gift was not something I was expecting.”

To Glennon, the award represents more than a special achievement in television or a ‘thank you’ from a former student; it is the sign of a job well-done.

“As a teacher, if you touch the life of one kid, then you’ve done a good job,” he said.

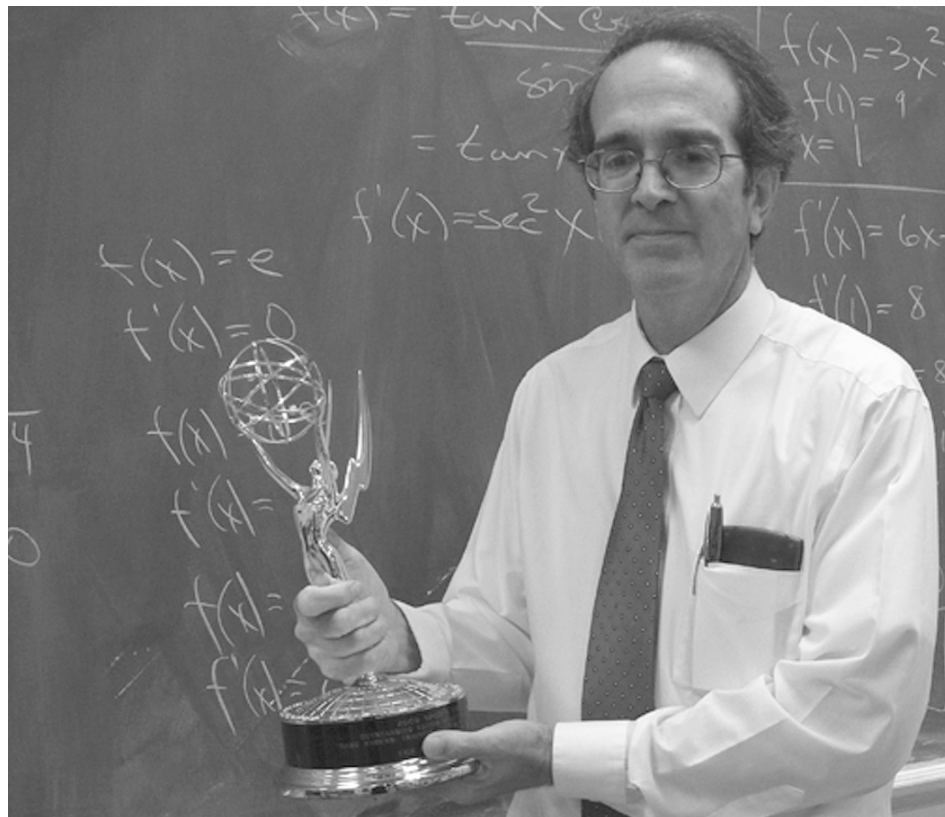


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Math teacher Mr. Owen Glennon hold the Emmy award presented to him as a gift from former student Erik Powers.

“Ultimately that is what teaching is about – making sure that your students are successful.”

But this chain of events has a greater sense of meaning to Glennon. “We make an impact that we aren’t aware of. Not just teachers, people in general,” Glennon said. “Our actions affect people in ways we

can’t imagine. It’s bigger than the subject of our actions. It’s about who we are as people.”

Powers’ win represents the hard work and dedication of a former student who knows the value of hard work and confidence, and it represents the dedication of the teacher who taught him those ethics.

A celebration of women

Bridget Tracy
Editor-in-chief

On Wed., Oct. 19, Marist hosted the always popular Think Pink event to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer. Marist holds the fundraiser every other year and rotates it with the St. Baldrick’s Day event.

Mrs. Colleen Pochlyly, the Campus Minister and organizer of the event, said of the event’s purpose that “We don’t do this to tax the community with a fundraiser but to raise awareness and bring the Marist community together for a cause.”

The festivities began when Dr. Nancy Taft, a breast surgeon and oncologist at Little Company of Mary Hospital, gave an informative presentation about breast health. In her presentation, Taft stated that though one in eight women have a chance of getting breast cancer, only three percent of those women actually die from it.

“Three percent may seem small,” said Taft, “but it’s also unacceptable.”

Next, various members of the Marist community participated in a fashion show in which the models sported various categories of pink clothing, such as “Animal Print Pink” and “Prom Pink.” Faculty members who participated in the show included President Br. Pat McNamara, Principal Larry Tucker, religion teacher Mrs. Karen Ramirez, and guidance counselor Mr. Pat Hennessy.

Senior Mary Finn, a participant in the show, said, “I did the fashion show because my aunt died from cancer a year ago, so I know how important awareness is. These

help raise money for research to cure breast cancer and I believe that is a great way to show support to those who have cancer or have lost loved ones to cancer.”

At the conclusion of the fashion show, Mrs. Pamela Ritchie, the mother of Mrs. Ramirez and a participant in the fashion show, spoke about her ongoing struggle with breast cancer. “I look in the mirror and think, ‘Oh, that’s someone with cancer,’ and it really doesn’t change anything,” said Ritchie, “I just hope that in a few months I’ll be able to look in the mirror and think, ‘Oh, that’s someone who doesn’t have cancer anymore.’”

Learning Specialist and breast cancer survivor Mrs. Margie Sweeney was next to speak. Sweeney discussed how having breast cancer changed her life for the better in many ways.

“I don’t sit here and think, ‘why me?’ I think, ‘why not me?’” said Sweeney, “I wouldn’t be here were it not for breast cancer.”

Sweeney went on to talk about all of the good things that came out of having cancer: she saved money on shampoo, she got to wear fun wigs and bandannas and she joked that she did not have to shave her legs when she was going through chemotherapy.

“I chose to make lemonade out of lemons, so I celebrated having no hair,” Sweeney said.

At the event, senior Emily Dorgan, Mrs. Ramirez’s daughters, Sara Rose and Moria, and English teacher Mrs. Tracy Michicich’s daughter, Morgan Michicich, donated their hair to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients.



photo by Zach Simon

Brother Pat MacNamara leads honor students in prayer at the beginning of a breakfast to celebrate their academic achievements on Oct. 6.

Students honored at breakfast

Zach Simon
guest reporter

On Thurs., Oct. 6, the administration hosted a select group of students at a breakfast in the cafetorium to honor outstanding academic achievement.

The students attending included National Merit Scholars, AP scholars, Deans’ List and straight-A students.

Marist President Br. Patrick MacNamara opened the breakfast with a prayer, and Principal Larry Tucker called each group of students to be recognized at the podium.

Most students used the occasion to socialize with one another, yet some characteristically chose to work on assignments while they ate.

Senior Dennis Lynch, recognized at the breakfast for National Merit Honor, straight A’s, Dean’s list, and AP, said, “I think the breakfast is a nice reward for students, being recognized for our academics from previous semesters. I would like to see students recognized more often for their academic achievements, as students who are in sports are.”

Band plays at *Puss in Boots* premiere

Dan Grand
Sentinel

The Marist band was invited by *Paramount Pictures* to perform at the Oct. 17 Chicago premier of the movie *Puss in Boots*, directed by Chris Miller, who directed *Shrek the Third* in 2007.

Songs performed at the premier, held at the Roosevelt Icon Theater, included “I Know You Want Me” by Pitbull, “Cup of Life” by Ricky Martin, and “Aztec Fire” by Jay Bocook.

As the band played, film stars Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek arrived. The actors lend their voices to the characters of Puss in Boots and Kitty Softpaws.

According to freshman band member Connor Mish, Banderas heard the Marist band playing and immediately jumped up on a nearby planter and started dancing.

Some Marist band members later met Banderas personally, while all of the band members were able to see him up close from where they played outside the theater.

“I thought that playing at the premier was a very cool experience,” Mish said. “The fact that they chose us out of all the other bands in the area really is an honor. I thought that meeting Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek was also exciting.”

Senior tuba player Andrew Wegner said, “It’s like in the old days when the band used to get to do things like play at the Rose Bowl or on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno. It was cool.”

The movie *Puss in Boots* is a prequel to *Shrek*, focusing on Puss’ adventures before his first appearance in *Shrek 2* in 2004.

“The movie was great,” Mish said. “Puss is a great character, and it was pretty funny to see Antonio Banderas talking as a cat when you just met him a few minutes before.”

Also starring in the film are Zach Galifianakis (voice of Humpty Alexander Dumpty), Billy Bob Thornton and Amy Sedaris (voices of Jack and Jill), and Walt Dohrn as the narrator.

Puss in Boots is set to be released in theatres today.



Members of the Marist band play at the premier of *Puss in Boots* on Oct. 17 at the Roosevelt Icon Theater.

photo by Connor Mish



photo by Brian Laughran

Librarians offer Halloween-themed titles

Librarians Ms. Eve Gambla (l) and Ms. Kristy Rademacher (r) have placed a number of Halloween-themed novels and books on display in the library, ranging from Stephen King to Edgar Allen Poe.

Marist High School Theatre Guild Presents:
The Diary of Anne Frank
A play by
Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett

Performances:
Thursday, November 10
Friday, November 11
Saturday, November 12
7:30 p.m. in the Redhawk Theater

Tickets:
Students \$5
General Admission \$8
Ticket sales will begin November 1

Marist Youth takes anti-bullying program to grammar schools

Clare Jorgensen
Sentinel

On Oct. 6, ten Marist juniors and seniors who were chosen by members of the Bullying Program committee of Marist Youth, as well as Mr. Adam Wouk and Mrs. Colleen Pochyly, traveled to St. Christina School during the school day. The students talked with fifth graders about the harsh truths and the dangers of bullying.

As the fifth graders watched, Mr. Wouk asked each of the Marist students questions about the certain aspects of bullying that the students researched ahead of time to give the students true and genuine answers. The questions varied from the difference between boys and girls bullying to how bullying is portrayed in the media.

Many of the students told true stories to the fifth graders so that they could relate better to the experiences being shared. After the panel finished, the fifth graders were given note cards and pens and wrote questions down to ask the panelists.

After the panel ended, the fifth graders were given bracelets that stated: “Proud to be bully-free,” to help them remember and use the information presented.

Junior Lauren McDermott said, “I thought it had a good impact on the kids and they listened very well to all that we said.”

The program, which started last year, allows the chosen Marist students to express their opinions about bullying to fifth graders as they sit in front of them without the use of microphones.

“The proximity creates a positive atmosphere for the students,” says Mr. Adam Wouk. “Grade school kids can look up to high school students because they put a positive influence on them.”

Marist Youth is planning visits to other schools, including St. George School in November.

Students in Marist Youth can volunteer to be part of the committee for the Bullying Program by attending the Marist Youth meetings after school on Mondays in the cafeteria.



Members of Marist Youth discuss bullying with fifth graders at St. Christina School on Oct. 6. Marist Youth will make similar presentations at other grades schools next month.

photo by Colleen Pochyly

14 Argentine exchange students arrive

Drew Diana
Sentinel

On Sun., Oct. 23, the Marist community welcomed 14 Argentinan exchange students and their chaperones. Marist Brother Carlos Huideoero and English teacher Mr. Leandro Carreno, along with nine boys and six girls, will join the Marist community for a total of two weeks before leaving on Sat., Nov. 5. The students are from a Marist school in Buenos Aires called Colegio Champagnat.

The students are coming because they want to experience life in the United States at an American Marist school and compare it to their lives back home.

Marist President Brother Patrick MacNamara, who is constantly in touch with Marist schools around the world, was asked if our school would like to host the group. He gladly extended the invitation.

The 14 students will live with Marist host families. During their stay, they will shadow at Marist for five days, following sophomores, juniors and seniors. They will also spend time sightseeing around the Chicago area. They have tours and activities already planned so the students will get good insights on life in Chicago.

Senior Daniel Weise, who will be hosting one of the students, said, "It'll be great experiencing Spanish outside of the classroom and having a student living with me for two weeks. Outside of attending daily classes at Marist, they will also see Navy Pier, The Field Museum, Millenium Park and other places downtown."

Foreign language department chair Mrs. Erica Nathan-Gamauf said, "By having these students come here we will learn about their lives, attitudes, beliefs and volumes. It reminds our students that not everyone speaks English."



The 14 visiting students from Buenos Aires, Argentina gathered in Champagnat Square on their first day at Marist on Oct. 24.

photo by
Clare Jorgensen

Family's service takes Marist spirit global

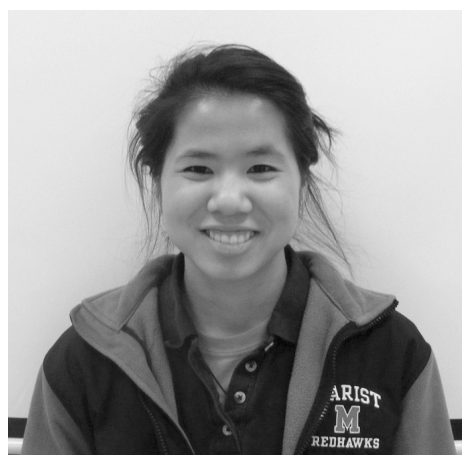
Lauren Styx
Sentinel

Marist High School has always placed an emphasis on service and helping others in need.

One senior, Jen Gottemoller, is doing that and more.

Gottemoller's involvement with the Children of Hope and Faith organization, which began in 2008. It was co-founded by Father Johndamaseni Zillmu, a diocesan priest from Tanzania who had been studying at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign.

At the university, Father Zillmu met Jane Walsh, and the two quickly realized a shared desire to work with orphans. Walsh had been sponsoring children for 20 years, feeling that it was her calling from God. In November 2005, she and Father Zillmu established Children of Hope and Faith to help provide a Catholic education to orphans in Tanzania.



Jen Gottemoller

During a visit to the university, Gottemoller and her parents met with Father Zillmu.

"From the moment I shook his hand, I knew God was calling us to be missionaries," Gottemoller said.

The Gottemollers were invited to participate in a month-long mission trip to Tanzania.

Already, the Gottemollers had been sponsoring two children from Tanzania; the needs of these children were not new to them.

"We visited St. Peter Claver grade school, where the children receive an education, food, shelter and, most importantly, the Catholic faith," Gottemoller said. "The old orphanage, where the children stay during the summer, is in poor condition, so we did some fundraising for Angel Home, the new orphanage."

"While education is easily accessible here in America," Gottemoller said, "people in Tanzania struggle to be educated, both in academics and in the Catholic faith."

The Marist community can help by participating in fundraising activities or even sponsoring additional students. An informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 19 (following a 5 p.m. Mass) at the Gottemoller residence in Palos Park. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jen in school.

Billiards club begins

Zach Reyes
Sentinel

Marist billiards club, moderated by Mr. Larry Malito, is one of the most welcoming clubs at Marist. If you are interested in playing competition pool, the club is still open to newcomers. Players meet to practice every Tuesday from 3-5:30 p.m. at Pocket Aces Pool Hall.

After the holidays, the club resumes the season with another 10 meets. So far, this year's roster includes Tony Coccaro, Martin Black, Joe Danzel, Tim Jackson, Robert Klinger, Dave Lopez, Israel Morales, Scott Pavilonis, Kyle Snyder, John Spatz and Mike Van Arkel.

The club is coached by Mr. John Yniguez.

Anyone interested in joining should see Mr. Malito or a current club member.

a few minutes with...Nurse Gardner

Kiersten Kendall
Sentinel

Headache? Flu? Who's going to take care of you? Mrs. Susan Gardner, RN, is the best person for the job. A nurse for 30 years, Mrs. Gardner came to Marist six years ago. Being a school nurse is not as easy as it seems, but from truly sick students to faking slackers, Mrs. Gardner helps them all.

What made you want to be a nurse?

I was a junior in high school and had no idea what I wanted to be, but I was good at science. My father said to me, "You'd be a good nurse. Saint Xavier [University] has a good program," and I said, "Okay!"

Was nursing school difficult?

Yes. I took chemistry as a freshman in nursing school, and I thought I could get away with putting in minimal effort like I did before in high school. I failed the class and had to repeat it in summer school. Something good came out of it-I met my best friend in that class and we are friends to this day.

How did you come to Marist?

I was volunteering here one day and met the woman who was the nurse at that time. I noticed her nurse's pin from St. Xavier and it turns out we graduated the same year but didn't know each other. She asked me if I would be interested in subbing for her if she needed to take some time and I did that for a school year. The following year she left and they asked me to step in. I was really lucky.

Do you like your job?

I love it! I love the kids. I love the faculty and staff. I feel that in some way I make a difference in some people's lives, even if it's helping them get through one day. It's a wonderful place to be and I'm happy to be here.

Do you think a lot of students use your services just to get out of class?

Well, I would like to say no, but I suspect there is a little bit of that. I'll just say that we had 21 school days in September and I



Mrs. Susan Gardner, RN

saw 800 students. I thought the new health policy would lower the amount of students who come, but I've still been pretty busy.

What is the new health policy?

Students are not allowed to see the nurse between passing periods because that's only four minutes and there's not enough time for me to process each patient. There was a problem with kids getting to class late or not returning to class at all. The

deans felt this would be a good way to keep a closer watch on where students are.

What is a normal day like for you?

Well, I set up the defibrillator, get ice for my ice bucket for people who will need it during the day. I take inventory of all my medications that I keep locked in the office and then I need to be ready for those first customers I see. I do see kids before school quite frequently. My day starts right off the bat and there's very little down time from there. Also, I have several kids that I see everyday for medications.

What do you do outside of work?

I love to read, ride my bike and take my dogs for a walk. I have 3 boys, all of whom graduated from Marist and I have a daughter who is still here.

Anything else you would like to add?

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Junk food cheaper, if not healthier option

When it comes to buying lunch in the cafeteria, one sees a variety of options every day. The cafeteria offers everthing from soup to salad, ice cream to French fries.

One also cannot help but notice that many students are not choosing to eat a proper meal.

Of course, Marist is all about promoting healthy foods. That is the reason regular soda is not sold in the cafeteria anymore.

What we need to work on next is the sale of junk food.

If a student were to walk into the cafeteria right now, he or she would notice that it is cheaper to buy junk food than a healthier option. Salads cost up to \$4.00, and for that same price a student could buy a burger and fries.

With the economy being the way it is, there are many students who need to go with the cheaper option.

A healthy lifestyle is not a luxury, it is a necessity, and healthy menu choices should not be priced as luxury items.

New York Times reporter Tara Parker-Pope said, “Junk foods not only cost less than fruits and vegetables, but junk food prices are also less likely to rise as a result of inflation.”

A student would have to be oblivious not to see that there are less healthy options available to them-not only in the cafeteria, but at fast food places as well. While efforts have been made to offer more healthy choices, the fact remains that junk food reigns supreme in terms of variety and affordability.

With so many unhealthy options available at lunchtime, how likely is it that a student will choose something fried and fattening over carrot sticks or a salad?

Another problem is that the non-junk food selection remains pretty much the same every day, with the same wraps, sandwiches and vegetable snacks offered. There isn’t much variety.

CNN reporter Jen Christensen notes that according to a 2009 study conducted by the American Dietetic Association, 94% of

school lunches failed to the meet USDA regulatory standards. The same study showed that students who participated in the National School Lunch Program were more likely to gain weight than students who did not.

Then there is the argument that a cafeteria would lose money if it does not sell junk food to students.

Dana Waladow, a mother of three in San Francisco, launched a program in her public school district eliminating all junk food from their cafeterias.

“Six months into it, our cafeteria was one of two in the district that turned a profit,” Waladow said. “So much for the idea that you will lose money if you stop selling junk food.”

Although it would prove a difficult transition, reducing or even eliminating the amount of junk food sold in our cafeteria would benefit everyone in the long run. Our health is the most important asset we have, and we should work together to preserve it by making healthier choices.

Human quest for perfection proves futile

In today’s society, athletes take steroids in order to perform better, middle-aged and elderly people strive to regain youthfulness through plastic surgery and hair regrowth treatments, and a countless amount of women starve themselves or force themselves to throw up whatever they eat because they do not believe that they are thin enough.

These issues are not necessarily contemplated about in depth by the average person because they are so much a part of society that people do not typically think about critically. However, when examined thoroughly, it seems obvious that the root of all of these issues is the desire of humans to be better than they already are and, in a sense, to be invincible.

By nature, humans are vulnerable and fragile. They make mistakes throughout their lives and, eventually, they die. This is the inescapable fate of all humans, but it seems that people are attempting to run from the inevitable by fighting an endless battle with imperfection.

The desire of people to change themselves is far from new. In the Victorian Era, women wore corsets to make their waists look thinner and for centuries in China, women have bound their feet, preventing them from being able to walk, for the sole purpose of making their feet smaller and daintier. Rarely have the measures taken by people to be faultless been questioned. Instead, they are accepted as a social norm.

When the things that a person will do to try to achieve the impossible goal of perfection are observed, however, it seems ridiculous.

...having flaws is an inevitable part of human nature

Humans strive for perfection because it makes us feel more worthy of respect, according to Li-Or, writing on saywhydoi.com. “Somewhere in our minds, we form the subconscious, yet false belief that when we do things right, we are more valuable,” Or said.

What people have apparently failed to realize is that having flaws is an inevitable part of human nature. It is also just part of life. Having shortcomings is our birth-right, one that should be accepted rather than scrutinized.

The world would be a boring place without imperfection, because diversity among the people of the world would not exist.

As Carmen Columbo wrote on wow-zone.com, “Imagine what the world would be like if everyone looked the same, dressed the same, used the same patterns, colors, mannerisms. What if all the places we visited looked exactly the same? What if every day was exactly the same as the day before? Life would not be life as we know it.”

We should make it a point to celebrate our faults rather than try and change them and to stop striving for perfection.

No person can be faultless, so people need to stop holding themselves up to a standard that they cannot possibly meet.

To live, to do one’s best--that is all.

Is America too forgiving of celebrities?

On Oct. 12 the trailer for Roman Polanski’s latest film, *Carnage*, was put online. Polanski is an Oscar winning filmmaker whose pictures are held in high regard, like those of Martin Scorsese, Clint Eastwood or Steven Spielberg.

What separates Polanski from those directors is his criminal record. In 1978 Polanski was found guilty on one charge of statutory rape against a 13 year-old-girl. Polanski fled the country and has resided mostly in France ever since the incident, making an extradition back to the United States almost impossible.

In 2003 Polanski was given an Academy Award for his directorial efforts on the Holocaust drama *The Pianist*, the biggest pat-on-the-back a member of the filmmaking scene can be awarded.

People still pay to see Polanski’s films. Despite what some may think of his films’ artistic qualities, it is hard to imagine people wanting to support a criminal. Yet Americans have always seemed to have a soft-spot for fugitives of the law.

During the Great Depression, Americans made heroes of gangsters like John

Dillinger, Baby-Face Nelson or Bonnie and Clyde. These killers and bank robbers represented a new age Robin Hood that the people of the Depression anted. They took from the rich because they were poor.

It never seemed to cross anyone’s mind that these criminals killed and kidnapped innocent people in order to get what they want. But America has adjusted from idolizing the felons on the front page to just exonerating celebrities.

Recently Charlie Sheen had a complete and total melt-down. Sheen, who was caught up in an incident with a prostitute and a cornucopia of drugs, found his way to the national headlines when he responded using an array of trendy and flashy sayings.

The entire world was listening as Sheen went off on tangents about CBS producer Chuck Lorre, his *Two and Half Men* co-star Jon Cryer (whom Sheen christened a “troll”, whatever that means), not to mention non-sensical ravings about “warlocks”, “tiger blood” and “rock stars from Mars.” Sheen’s rants earned him all the publicity a misguided star could hope for.

Though Sheen was fired from *Two and a Half Men*, Sheen received a touring comedy show and a new TV deal is on the table.

Another celebrity disaster, Lindsey Lohan, comes to mind. Shoplifting and driving under the influence are the crimes that public seems to exonerate her of just out of sheer interest of what she might do next.

Scandals sell.

It is a fact that people will be interested by the antics of people like Lindsay Lohan and Charlie Sheen or by the behaviors of people like Roman Polanski. Yet one cannot help but feel unsettled by society’s willingness to let these people back into the limelight where they gain constant adoration.

Everyone deserves a chance to get their life back on track and plenty of stars have. Think of Mickey Rourke or Robert Downey, Jr. However, people need to learn to take responsibility for their actions.

And the American public needs to start holding celebrities accountable for their bad examples.

The country changed on that day, when those planes flew into and destroyed the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But let us not forget Flight 93. Those men and women gave up their lives to stop the attack on the White House.

--Kevin O'Shea

I was six years old, a first grader at the time. We were in the middle of class when another teacher pulled my teacher out into the hall. When she came back in, she turned on the TV and we witnessed the second plane going into the second tower. Then my teacher shut off the TV and went outside the classroom again. I didn't know exactly what was going on, but I was scared.

--Kaitlin Kenny

9/11 was perhaps a necessary evil and reminded America of its vulnerability and the necessity of remaining vigilant. The attacks awakened an oblivious nation to issues of safety and security. After the attacks, the Department of Homeland Security was created, cockpits have been reinforced and airport security is now in the hands of the Federal Government. America has gotten stronger and its people more united.

--Kelan Fong

To me, September 11th is the beginning of a time period filled with scared relatives, adults who wouldn't tell kids what was going on and kids making up ridiculous stories about what had happened. It means a day that the nation united powerfully and Americans showed their great compassion. The 10th anniversary means the 10th year of Americans holding our heads high and our hands together, refusing to be destroyed as a nation.

--Eileen Evoy

I was really worried about my dad at the time because he was working downtown when all of this was going on. I kept thinking to myself, 'What if something happens to my dad?' That day didn't just affect the people in New York. The entire nation was shaken by the tragedy. America has never been the same.

--Chuck Imposino

343 firefighters perished in the Twin Towers and, as the daughter of a firefighter, that number hits home. My heart goes out to the heroes that were born on that day. This day serves as a constant reminder of the importance of finding peace, hope and community in our lives.

--Christine Edgeworth

We should remember this day for the brave responders who did their jobs to the highest standards to save innocent people. Every person lost is connected to a family and to friends who knew and loved them. We should remember 9/11 for it changed the face of the nation and the course of history. God bless America and the victims of September 11, 2001.

--Dan Grand

9/11 is a day that I will never forget. Sitting at home watching the replays of the planes crashing will be instilled in my mind forever. What those terrorists did was cruel, not only to the people killed, but to the entire nation.

--Joe Galason

Over 3,000 people died on 9/11. Tens of thousands were affected by those losses, including family members and friends. Every September, we will remember those victims and their loved ones.

We will never forget.

--Tony Mocarski

We all have to remember this tragedy because so many people were killed. Not only were so many civilians killed in the attack, but 9/11 marked the single greatest loss of rescue personnel in the history of America.

--Alex Dale

It's important to try to look at the attack optimistically. The nation came together as one on that day. We set aside our differences and banded together, as a nation should. We realized we were not invincible. We learned we needed to work together to make our country safe again. I think that's what we should take out of this tragedy. The terrorists may have brought down our buildings, but they didn't bring down our pride.

--Taylor Novak

I remember being in my first grade math class and the principal came over the PA to tell us about the attacks. I thought nothing of it, really. Now, as a mature teen, I understand the huge impact that day had on America and families across the U.S. 9/11 is a sad day because of all the innocent lives lost and the feeling of being safe at home was taken away from us that day. We need to reflect and pray for those who lost their lives that day.

--Jimmy Smith

On September 11, 2001, I was in second grade at St. Linus School. No one knew what was going on and the teachers wouldn't tell us. My teacher turned on the TV and my whole class watched in confusion as the Twin Towers smoked. We did not know what the image on the screen meant. This 10th anniversary is a reminder of how far we have come since that day. We remember the people we lost that day, but we also remember the people who are overseas fighting for us.

--Emily Quinn

September 11th means that we need to come together as one and help each other day by day to be strong and get through our daily struggles. We need to move forward to the future and always remember where we came from.

--Rory Guth

I think the worst part of the day was going home and watching the news. The same story was on every channel. Hearing about all the lives lost was so upsetting. I knew this wasn't something little. These attacks on our country were going to change our nation forever.

--Sara Hruska

I will always have the utmost respect for the families that lost loved ones. My father is a Chicago firefighter and did go to New York a couple of weeks later to help. On this anniversary, we should reflect on the lives lost and admire how close our country has become.

--Michelle McVicker

9/11: a time to remember the time America cannot forget

Clare Jorgensen

Assistant managing editor

Ten years ago, terrible incidents occurred in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania that not only shocked the country, but the entire world.

These events caused terror and panic throughout the whole country. Ten years after the event, we are honoring those who were killed and those who helped to save those affected. The United States is no longer stricken with fear. These incidents are known as the September 11 attacks, or 9/11.

On a relaxing, calm Tuesday morning, when people in New York were partaking in their schedules, the unthinkable occurred.

Earlier that day, members of al-Qaeda hijacked four airplanes in Eastern coast cities and sent two of them to New York to destroy the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

A third plane crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash landed in a field outside Shanksville, PA. The target of the fourth plane remains unknown, but experts believe it was the U.S. Capitol building or the White House.

These events occurred when we were most vulnerable. A majority of the people in New York City and Arlington were busy working, oblivious to any danger coming their way. The only danger that could occur on a day like that day is someone possibly forgetting something at home or somebody being fired. Who could imagine a plane being crashed into the workplace?

Exactly 2,996 people were killed that day. This included the hijackers, the people on the plane, the people at the targeted spots, and even the many firefighters who tried to help save the people inside the Twin Towers.

Although Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, there had not been an attack on the continental United States since the American Revolution.

Hearing all of this would make a person too scared to walk out of his or her home. In 2001, right after the attacks, everyone in the United States was scared and confused. We united together, however, as a nation to overcome our fear and to support those most affected by the crashes.

These events increased airport security as well. Today, people are annoyed with the paranoia in airports, but they do not realize that many members of al-Qaeda walked in undetected as terrorists.

Before people complain about the long security lines and full body scans, they should think of those who died 10 years ago.

The ceremonies celebrated on the 10th anniversary opened everyone's eyes to not only the events that occurred, but also to the families and other people affected.

With the 10th anniversary of 9/11 behind us, the people of the United States must continue to remember those we lost.

We must continue to celebrate how much our country united and how we outgrew our fear.

The full impact did not really hit me until I was in maybe fourth or fifth grade. It was then I began understanding just how serious it was. Our nation was forever scarred by this tragedy. For me, the 10th anniversary is a solemn reminder of the lives lost, but also how our country united together to pull through.

--Cara Dillon

Just before we were about to leave for school, I caught sight of my mom staring at the TV with a horrible expression. When I tried to ask what was going on, she told me to stay quiet and that I was going to stay home from school. That was the first time in my life I was introduced to how bad the world can actually be.

--George Medina

Memorable homecoming week planned

Dana Bisbee
Sentinel

Next week kicks off one of the most anticipated times of the year at Marist. For a whole week, students are allowed to be out of uniform and participate in fun activities. It all leads to Saturday night’s homecoming dance, considered by many to be the most exciting event of all. To say the least, homecoming week is going to be a memorable one for the Marist community.

Monday night features a private concert by *Company of Thieves*, a band that tours internationally. The band has two albums on iTunes, the self-titled album released in May 2009 and ‘Running from a Gamble,’ released in May of this year. Tickets are \$5 with all proceeds going to Think Pink, a breast cancer charity. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the courtyard between the math and art wings, and the rain location for the concert will be the main gym.

Movie night is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, and due to the close proximity of Halloween to homecoming, a horror film will be shown outdoors at Marist this year, complete with free popcorn. Prizes will be given to those wearing the top five Halloween costumes, and moviegoers should bring their own blankets or chairs. The rain location is the main gym.

On Wednesday, the boys soccer teams face Joliet Catholic Academy at 6:30 p.m. at Red and White Stadium. The student matches will be followed by a student-faculty match. Free food, contests, and giveaways are also included.

Homecoming week includes a great deal of tradition, and this year is no exception. On Thursday, the junior girls will face the senior girls in the annual Powder Puff flag football game, kicking off at 7 p.m. at the varsity football field.

On Friday, we will follow a rally schedule to support the football players as they prepare to face St. Pat’s at Red and White Stadium at 7:30 p.m. There will be a fireworks display after the varsity game.

The theme of Saturday’s homecoming dance is “Party in the USA.” The dance will be held from 7-10:30 p.m. and tickets are \$35 per couple.

Homecoming Dress Codes

MONDAY
Super Fan Day
wear your favorite sports team’s jersey

TUESDAY
This Used to be Cool Day
wear something retro

WEDNESDAY
Day at the Beach
Break out those loud Hawaiian shirts

THURSDAY
American Pride Day
Put on your red, white and blue

FRIDAY
Rowdy Day
Show your RedHawk Pride

Summer, fall films a mixed bag

Brian Laughran
The Cinematic Sultan

Last year’s summer blockbuster season was nothing short of deplorable. This year, however, was something of a comeback to the fun that audiences have come to expect from the summer cinema.

Woody Allen’s *Midnight in Paris* helped get the summer off to a great start. The film stars Owen Wilson as a screenwriter on vacation in Paris who, every midnight, travels back in time to Paris of the 1920s where he meets and falls in love with a flapper girl (Marion Cotillard). The film’s light and breezy premise, contrasted with Allen’s sharp-witted humor, made this one of the most enjoyable romantic comedies in a long time.

J.J. Abrams gave audiences this summer’s best film, *Super 8*. The picture is about a group of youngsters trying to make a movie for the local film festival, but end up capturing an extraterrestrial on camera. *Super 8* is an ode to the great Steven Spielberg films of the 1970s and is complete with a talented group of young actors, astounding direction, and the best coming-of-age story since *Stand by Me*.

The *Harry Potter* series came to an epic conclusion this past July with *The Deathly Hallows Part II*. This last installment of the *Potter* films satisfied the great anticipation built from part one.

This summer did have some stumbles, however. *Captain America: The First Avenger* was a bland, boring, and cliché action movie whose leading man (Chris Evans) was totally devoid of personality. Obviously, this film was made only to set up next summer’s *The Avengers*.

With summer in the rear-view mirror, it’s time to look forward to the fall and winter film season. On Oct. 7, actor/director/co-writer George Clooney teams up with Ryan Gosling for *The Ides of March* – a political drama centered on the dirty deals that go on behind closed doors in American politics. Clooney proved himself to be a great writer/director when he released *Good Night, and Good Luck* and I’m eagerly waiting to see his work on this picture.

Johnny Depp is returning to the screen in the long-awaited adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson’s *The Rum Diary*. The film stars Depp as an alcoholic free-lance journalist who finds himself working for a down-and-out newspaper in Puerto Rico. Depp proved that he can handle Thompson’s off-beat material with 1998’s *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and, from the previews, it looks as if though Depp may have a hit on his hands come Oct. 28.

Clint Eastwood will be releasing a biopic on the life of the controversial J. Edgar Hoover, aptly named *J. Edgar*, on Nov. 9. Written by Oscar winner Dustin Lance Black (*Milk*), the film will star Leonardo DiCaprio as the man who helped form the modern FBI and seemed to be above the law and order he sought to bring about. With a recently released trailer, DiCaprio is already beginning to gain Oscar buzz for his portrayal of Hoover from a young to old man.

Martin Scorsese, director of such crime classics as *The Departed* and *GoodFellas*, will be releasing his first children’s movie – *Hugo*, an adaptation of Brian Selznick’s *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, on Nov. 23. It will be interesting to see what the legendary, violence-themed director’s take on a children’s story centered on a French orphan and a robot will be.

England’s best are appearing in this year’s spy-thriller, *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*. This adaptation of John le Carre’s novel stars Gary Oldman as George Smiley, a spy forced out of retirement to help uncover the identity of a Soviet spy within British intelligence. Aside from the always wonderful Oldman, this truly is a star studded cast with last year’s Best Actor winner Colin Firth, Tom Hardy of *Inception* fame, the legendary John Hurt, and Mark Strong. This Cold War era drama sounds like a combination of *The Departed* and James Bond and with such an impressive cast this will certainly be a film to look out for on Dec. 9.

Straight off his Oscar nomination from *The Social Network*, director David Fincher is releasing his adaptation of Steig Larsson’s popular thriller *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. This much anticipated adaptation will star Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara and the legendary Christopher Plummer. The film is due out Dec. 21.

This year in film has been impressive so far, albeit with some stumbles, and the future is looking bright as we head further into the year.

Clubs, activities provide great opportunities

Clare Jorgensen
Sentinel

Although Marist offers a wide variety of sports, not every student is able to play because of personal health problems, lack of skills, or even just lack of interest.

Students at Marist, especially the freshmen, are looking for ways to get involved without having to participate in a sport. Marist offers many clubs and activities to its students in order for everyone to find their calling and to be involved.

There are approximately 31 clubs and activities at Marist, including the recently added Orchesis, Debate Team, Art Club, and International Club. Clubs vary from scholastic, including the Academic and the Math Teams, to service including Marist Youth and the Ecology Club, to athletic including the Ultimate Frisbee Club, Bowling Club, and Boxing Club.

Whatever a student’s preference, there is a club to satisfy his or her likes. It is important for students to listen to the announcements each morning. Any meetings that a club is hosting will be mentioned over the intercom, so if any students want to ask any questions or visit the meeting, that is the best way to learn about clubs. If students were unable to listen to the announcements, the daily announcements are listed on the Marist website. Also students should look around to the bulletin boards where many clubs post flyers and posters.

If these options do not appeal to students, they can create their own clubs. Students can turn in an application to Activities Director Ms. Patti Arveson by Dec. 1. For example, senior Jake Stevens created the Debate Team this way.

Arveson listed five reasons why students benefit from involvement in a club or activity, including social benefits, building skills and interest in the area of the club, leadership opportunities, help with time management, and it’s good for college.

Arveson also believes that being involved in outside activities “will make students more engaged in school life and inspired them to achieve greater balance.”

Studies show that students perform better if they are more involved in activities in school. Joining clubs also keeps students from getting bored or into trouble outside of school.

Freshmen coming from their respective grade schools are trying to get accustomed to the new workload and joining clubs will help balance their timing. Seniors who have not yet joined any clubs or activities will need to find ways to make their application look better to colleges.

The Art Club is one of the newest clubs at Marist, geared toward students interested in drawing and painting and having their art shown. Students can show off their creativity and plan projects and activities throughout the year. Ms. Rita Ator is the moderator.

The Debate Team is perfect for any students interested in rhetoric or public debating. In this club, students will research and prepare for topical debates. The students will be able to compete against other schools in the Chicago Catholic Forensic League. Mr. Dan Barry is the moderator.

The International Club gives students an opportunity to learn about world cultures and their own ethnic backgrounds. Club moderator Mr. Erik Christensen said, “Diversity, tolerance, and different cultures is what we’re about.” The club will sponsor many fun events to develop stronger world views.

Orchesis is a performance dance group that specializes in jazz, ballet, and modern dance. Students will be able to choreograph their own moves and also to learn new dance moves in the process. The list of students that are in the club has already been posted. The club will perform annually. Ms. Kristen Rademacher is the moderator of the club.

Students interested in the field of print journalism, including photojournalism, can meet in room 121 after school on Mondays. The journalism club is especially designed to involve students whose schedules do not permit them to enroll in the journalism class.

If students want to learn more about clubs at Marist, they will be able to find all the information on the Marist website under clubs and activities. There is a whole alphabetized page for clubs with information about each club included, as well as moderators’ e-mails.



Forward Roger Ciszewski shows off some fancy footwork as the varsity soccer team takes on Lincoln-Way Central on Sept. 10. The team wore special jerseys at the game to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

photo courtesy of *The Lantern*

Solid start for soccer team

Sean Gilligan
Sentinel

The boys varsity soccer team is off to a strong start this season with an 8-6-1 record at press time. The team is led by captains Joe Gainer and Pat Hehir.

Senior Tom O'Neill said, "The team has been working extremely hard this season and it has been paying off. We still have a lot of work to do."

Lately, the junior class has really begun to step up, led by Timmy Carroll, who recorded his first goal in the RedHawks win against Nazareth on Sept. 21.

The team also recorded a big win against Marian Catholic on Sept. 14 in overtime as Roger Ciszewski scored the only two goals in the shut out game.

The RedHawks look to improve their record tomorrow at 2 p.m. in an away game against St. Ignatius.

The next home game stretch starts homecoming week on Mon., Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. when the RedHawks face De La Salle. On Tues., Oct. 4 the team faces St. Laurence and on Wed., Oct. 5 they play Joliet Catholic. All games will be held on the varsity soccer field.

Chicago teams-looking back, looking forward

Tony Mocarski
Sports editor

Chicago has had many ups and downs in professional sports in the past couple of years, and it seems that this year will not be much different.

baseball

With the baseball season coming to a close, the White Sox and Cubs are going to experience a similar fate. Both teams had disappointing years as usual. They were expected to be contenders in their divisions, but it's hard to win if players aren't producing.

There is always some argument as to which team is better, but at the end of the day neither of them are going to make the playoffs, so there really isn't any use arguing.

The White Sox said farewell to manager Ozzie Guillen, the third most winning coach in the team's history and the first Hispanic manager ever to win a World Series. After 8 seasons, Guillen is headed to manage the Florida (soon to be Miami) Marlins, where he was third base coach in 2003 when the Marlins won the World Series. It was obvious that the Sox were in a bit of distress the past couple years, and disputes with general manager Ken Williams led to Guillen's departure. There is no doubt that Chicago will miss Guillen's antics and we can only hope that his replacement will coach the Sox to another World Series victory.

football

Chicago's most popular team, the Bears, surprised everyone with a big win against the Atlanta Falcons on opening day. They soon went back to the way we have seen them play for the past two years against the New Orleans Saints and bitter rival the Green Bay Packers.

Throughout all three games the Bears never seemed to get into a rhythm. If the defense came up with a big stop the offense would turn the ball over and vice versa. If the Bears play well in all three phases of the game they may have a chance to win in the NFC North, which is now one of the more dominant divisions in the NFL.

It will not be easy seeing as the Lions look like they are a serious contender and they also have to deal with the defending Super Bowl champs, the Bears have a ways to go but it is not out of reach.

basketball

Basketball has not been big in Chicago since the Jordan Era. However the Bulls looked very promising last year making a deep run into the playoffs but fell short of their goal because of inexperience. They had a great defense and an offense that may have relied a little too much on MVP Derrick Rose.

If they are able to pick up a good scoring guard to play alongside Rose, there is no doubt in my mind that the Bulls may win a couple more championships in years to come. With the 2011-2012 season's future looking like it may be shortened to around 50 games or so it may be awhile until we see what the Bulls are really made of.

hockey

The Blackhawks start their season on October 7 and are expected to be good once again as they have been for the past couple years. With a heartbreaking loss to the number one seeded Vancouver Canucks in overtime of game seven last year the Hawks are looking to rebound off of the loss and build towards a better season this coming year. A couple of key players had injuries over the offseason but they should be ready when the season comes along.

The team has trimmed the roster from 38, and now to 33, as it stands on the training camp roster. The Hawks are looking for someone to second-line center and it may be someone that the city of Chicago is all too familiar with. Right-winger Patrick Kane is looking like the man for the job after playing the position in scrimmages and practices.

In a Chicago Tribune interview, coach Joel Quenneville said, "[Kane] has played center most of his life. Defensively, [Kane] has gotten better as he's grown. It's something we're going to at least take a look at."

The Hawks are expected to be serious contenders this year. If all the moves the team made over the offseason work out well, the team should go far in the playoffs.

Cross country

Time to start knowing

Zach Reyes
Sentinel

Most students don't know much, if anything at all, about cross country, but it's time to start knowing.

Cross Country is one of the top two most winning sports in Marist High School history. This year's season started Aug. 10 as the team began with double sessions, practices held in the morning and afternoon. The team members are concentrating this year on improving their personal records.

The team ran at Peoria, where state is held, on Sept. 17. Sixty-four teams ran at Peoria including some of the best runners in the state. Marist ran well at Peoria, led by the two team captains, senior Cody Haberkorn and junior Kyle Hausar. Hausar ran the race in 15:30, while Haberkorn came in :08 seconds later.

Other runners for Marist are Jake Tracy, Anthony Shaskavich, Larry Austin, Kevin Falls, and Sam Signorelli.

On Sat., Sept. 24, the team finished 2nd at the Tinley Park Invitational. Hausar finished 2nd as an individual. Jake Tracy and Kyle Haberkorn also ran well, both matching their previous personal records.

Head coach Mr. Stephen Davidson said, "The team runs more and more intense, and we are getting better. We have a good chance at winning Conference and Regionals this year."

With only three meets left before regionals, the team is looking to make strides.

The team will travel to Niles West to compete against some of the toughest teams in the area tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

On Oct. 8, the team travels to Rich Central High School for the Jimmy Daniels Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Oct. 15, the team will run in the ESCC Conference meet hosted by St. Viator at Nalas Park at 8:30 a.m.

Regionals will be held on Oct. 22, with the time and place to be announced.



photo courtesy of *The Lantern*

The girls varsity golf team.

Season below par

Lauren Styx
Sentinel

The 2011 season has fallen below par of the varsity girls golf team's expectations. Despite their 2-6 record, head coach Bob St. Leger maintains confidence in his team.

Although they lost their most hyped and looked forward to match against McAuley, the Lady RedHawks produced a solid effort, most notably by senior Meg Maloney. Maloney is the only senior considering a collegiate golf career, and she has her coach's support.

"Meg definitely has the potential to get down state," St. Leger said. "She works very hard at her game and we would all love to see it happen for her."

A state golf title banner would go very nicely in Marist's gym and, with state finals less than a month away, the girls have their sights set on the big W.

In spite of challenges this season, teammates never fail to get along with one another. One of the most memorable moments, according to St. Leger, was when sophomore Ashley Kay was hit in the head with a golf ball and received a "pretty good shiner" during practice.

"Thankfully it was nothing serious," St. Leger said.

With only a few games left, senior Kat Glynn said, "More support from our classmates might help to turn the season around."

tonight v. Marian at 7:30, homecoming game next Friday

RedHawks ready to rumble

Dana Bisbee
Sentinel

Ask any student what the heart and soul of Marist sports is and most will reply that it is the football team.

Football games bring everyone together. For one night, everybody is cheering for the same team. It doesn't matter who you are or who your friends are because on these nights the students really are brothers and sisters.

Excluding the hard nail biting loss to Brother Rice, the team is having a strong season with a 3-2 record going into homecoming week.

According to their coach, it really is the seniors who are carrying the team, including Ryan Meyer, Ryan Carroll, Pat Watson, Dan Schmidt, and Dave Yerkes.

Head coach Pat Dunne said, "[We're] trying to get better each day, zero in on every day and be in the moment, not jump ahead or look behind."

The Marist/Rice game certainly proved the most anticipated and heartbreaking game in a long time. Tickets were only on sale for one day and the game was a real nail biter. The score kept going back and forth and the RedHawks were rowdier than ever, although Rice emerged victorious in overtime, 34-31.

The RedHawks do not dwell on the past, but move on to their next competition, playing each game like it is the last.

Coach Dunne said his favorite thing about this year's team is "being out there with all the guys and coaches and working towards a common goal of getting better each day."

Wins came against Notre Dame 35-21, St. Viator 35-0, and Benet Academy 17-14.

Last weekend's 20-33 loss against Nazareth Academy proved the toughest of the season so far, but it did not diminish Dunne's faith in his players.

"[The team] is unique in its own way," Dunne said. "They really have a strong work ethic."

Linebacker Dan Schmidt said, "This was a tough loss for us, but we learned a lot. We just have to keep working hard and moving in the right direction."

Tonight, the RedHawks take on Marian Catholic in an away game that begins at 7:30.

Next Friday at 7:30 p.m., the RedHawks take on St. Patrick High School, also 3-2, for the highly-anticipated homecoming game at Red and White Stadium. Fireworks will follow the game.



He's not heavy, he's my brother: The RedHawks hoist defensive end Shannon Smith's younger brother, Jalen, in a huddle during the game against Notre Dame on Aug. 26. The RedHawks won 35-0.

photo by Eryka Borisy

The team faces Carmel in an away game on Fri., Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Joliet Catholic Academy at home at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 21.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, free safety Ryan Meyer said, "We are getting better every week and we've learned from our mistakes."



Junior Paige Kenny gets ready to lob the ball over the net at practice as the team prepares for their matches at Lincoln-Way tomorrow.

photo by Brian Laughran

Girls' tennis teams hitting back

Brian Laughran
Managing editor

The JV and varsity girls' tennis teams aren't off to what you might call a running start; yet both teams seem to have the attitude and work ethic to turn their seasons into winning ones.

The JV team suffered particularly tough losses within their conference to opponents Fenwick, Benet Academy, and Carmel Catholic High School.

However, the squad has triumphed over every non-conference team that they have squared off against, with the exception of University High School and had a massive conference victory of Marian Catholic.

Considering their rocky start, Tara Alfano, a sophomore on the team, said, "There has been a lot of improvement since we started.

That's because we have good coaching. Even when we make mistakes we learn from them."

The team, which is comprised of girls at all talent and experience levels, has worked hard to get where they are to date.

Coach John Hyland summed up his attitude of the team's season thus far and their future when he said, "[The team's] been playing really well, but there is still room for improvement."

At press time, the varsity team record stood at 11-4, including wins against Chicago Christian, the University of Chicago Lab School and the Reavis Doubles Quad.

Tough losses came against Benet Academy and Carmel Catholic.

Junior Mariclare Touhy accredits the team's successes to the chemistry that they've established.

"I think [the season] is going quite well," Touhy said. "We have some really strong underclassmen and great leadership from the upperclassmen."

Senior Marisa DiBennardi concurs. "With each practice and match, whether we win or lose, we work well as a team," DiBennardi said. "We know each other's strengths and weaknesses. We work well as a unit."

Coach Brian Keane reflected on the season thus far saying, "[The team] has performed well. We've been beaten by good teams and also played incredibly well against teams at our skill level."

When asked about what the team needs to work on Keane said, "We need to continue to push ourselves and focus on fixing what doesn't work."

Tomorrow at 9 a.m., the Lady RedHawks will meet Lincoln-Way Central's team at Lincoln-Way.

Lady RedHawk volleyball team messes up Mighty Macs' house

Matt Mead
Sentinel

With an overall record (at press time) of 9-1, the girls' varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start this season.

Two big wins came against Mother McAuley on Sept. 13. In spite of Mighty Mac fans chanting "This is our house!" the RedHawks came back from a slow start to win both matches, 26-24 and 25-17.

Leading the game were seniors Ashley Holder, Dana Loncar, and Deidre Howard, with help from juniors Mallory Salis, Kelly Marcinek, Elyse Panick, Rachel Dalton, and sophomore Carolyn Yerkes.

"It felt good beating McAuley, but we try to take the emotion out of it," said head coach Natalie Holder. "We focused on controlling our side of the net."

It turns out the team had properly prepared themselves for the big game, or at least the big crowds on both sides of the courts.

"The only thing we changed in our practices was playing loud music to prepare for the crowds," said senior Deidre Howard.

Over 2,000 fans turned out to cheer on their respective teams.

"I was so proud of our student body for taking time to come out to support the team on a school night and to show up with so much enthusiasm," said Coach Holder.

The team also took a third place finish at the Rich East Rocket Tourney held at Marist on Sat., Sept. 23. Team leaders included Mallory Salis, Rachel Dalton, Carolyn Yerkes, Kelly Marcinek, Elyse Panick, Kristen Ivkovic, and Ashley Holder, with Holder named to the all-tourney team.

The varsity team faced tough competition at the Rich East tournament. On Friday, the team faced Queen of Peace, Lockport and Lincoln-Way Central, winning every match in two games. On Saturday, the team suffered a loss to McAuley, then went on to defeat Providence.

This weekend, the team has been seeded 7th out of 24 teams and will face Crystal Lake South at 7 p.m. Friday and Notre Dame at 8 p.m. at Palos Courts. Over half of the teams competing have been nationally ranked.

First place teams from Friday night's pools will advance to play on Saturday.

"I think we will do great this weekend if we stay aggressive and play together," said senior Lauren Zielinski.

The next home game is Tues., Oct. 4 at 6:15 p.m. against Providence in the main gym.



Center Ashley Holder goes up for a set against the McAuley Mighty Macs on Sept. 13. The Lady RedHawks won two matches in a row at McAuley in front of 2,000 spectators.

photo by Matt Mead