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Set Null brought above ground by classmates

Lauren Styx
Sentinel

Marist's very own Mystery Man has struck again.

With his release of the latest issue of the *Set Null*, mass hysteria has swept the halls in hot pursuit of the creator of the satirical, humorous, and albeit truthful publication.

Almost three months ago, the first issue of the *Set Null* was printed and distributed. Only 50 copies were produced, making the quasi-newspaper highly sought-after.

The latest *Set Null* boasts not only trippy drawings and movie reviews, but articles covering recent events such as the chastity talk and mission trips.

"Most people hate to be open and vulnerable like that—it's difficult, like getting naked or exposing yourself or something, it's risky in a cynical and sardonic culture," the anonymous publisher said.

To whom do we attribute this masterpiece, as some students classify it? The author chooses to remain anonymous, although some are already aware of his identity.

"Not many know who he is, so he can say whatever he wants to. He has every right to make himself sound brilliant," said senior George Medina.

Teachers who are familiar with the publication's appearance in classrooms have also commented on the ability of the mystical *Set Null* author.

"I appreciate his insight on certain issues—I cannot tell you how many teachers loved the term he coined - Maristocracy," said English teacher Mrs. Mary Cozzie.

The publication is definitely drawing responses from students as well.

Some argue that the interesting subject matter alone attracts readers, while others go on to compare the *Set Null* to the formal publication of Marist, the *Sentinel*.

When asked if the *Set Null* was written to "diss" the actual Marist newspaper, the author said, "No! No way."

Although the majority of responses to the underground newspaper have been positive, some students see the author as "narcissistic."

"I read somewhere that a dead-giveaway of narcissism is imagining your life as a movie and I do that sometimes, so maybe I am a narcissist," the author said.

Others criticize the underground newspaper for failing to meet the standards of good journalism.

Award-winning sportswriter, junior Ryan McManus dismisses the *Set Null* as the equivalent of "grabbing a random student's notebook and printing it as news."

Sentinel adviser and journalism teacher Mr. John Gonczy disagrees.

"The second edition of the *Set Null* is brilliant, compelling, beautifully sincere, irreverent without being blantly disrespectful and it's just plain fun," Gonczy said. "We analyzed it in journalism 1 class and everyone agrees that the *Sentinel* should take some pointers from this student's work."

"Good journalism demands the truth from the journalist, facts that are sound and solid, balanced reporting, and writing that does not harm the innocent," Gonczy said.



photo by Brian Laughran

An unidentified student holds up a copy of the second edition of *Set Null*, the Class of 2012's underground newspaper, written and published by...anonymous.

Fearless is another good adjective to use in describing the *Set Null*.

"I wasn't afraid of getting in trouble," the publisher said, "but of seeing it in the garbage everywhere. I have friends at Marist who supported my spontaneous, passionate and personal act without ostracizing me. You guys know who you are."

In addition to the mysterious identity of the publisher, the next mystery is what will happen to the *Set Null* after its author graduates later this month?

Or is he graduating at all?

The Marist community may never know.

As for future editions of the *Set Null*, we will just have to wait and see.

Sentinel, journalists earn national, state and local honors

Shannon Allen
Sentinel

State championship banners hang in our gymnasium for wrestling, volleyball, cheerleading and baseball.

Students in the journalism program hope to add a banner to the collection in the near future.

Each spring, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) sponsors a sectional journalism competition at seven sites around the state, with the top three contestants in each category advancing to state.

Marist competed at the sectional tournament held at Moraine Valley Community College on Sat., Apr. 21.

This year, sophomore Morgan Weidman and seniors Bridget Tracy, Brian Laughran and Lauren Styx advanced from sectionals to state. Weidman took third in feature photography, while Laughran took third in editorial writing.

Tracy advanced to state in two categories after taking third place in feature writing and second place in copy editing.

Her win in copy editing came as something of a surprise because she was thrown into that category when another student was unable to compete at the last minute.

"It was a great feeling to get second place because I didn't expect to place at all in that category," Tracy said.



photo by Morgan Weidman

Seniors Dana Bisbee, Bridget Tracy (seated, L to R), Lauren Styx and Brian Laughran are among the RedHawk journalists who won awards for writing this year. All four plan to major in journalism after graduation.

Senior Lauren Styx, who will major in journalism next fall at the University of Missouri, widely considered the finest journalism school in the nation, won the sectional championship in news writing.

"It was exciting to compete and actually place," Styx said.

At the state finals, held on Fri., Apr. 27 at Eastern Illinois University, Styx ranked sixth out of 21 finalists while Laughran took fourth out of 21.

Awards given to the *Sentinel* this year include a first place with special merit from the American Scholastic Press

Association on Mon., Apr. 16. ASPA recognized the *Sentinel* staff for "overcoming the various difficult facets of newspaper work" to make a newspaper of "superior academic excellence."

In March, the *Sentinel* was recognized by the McCormick Foundation and Scholastic Association of Chicago with an excellent achievement award for the overall layout of the paper.

The *Sentinel* and its staff members also competed at the 2012 Journalism Education Association (JEA)/National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) spring high school journalism convention in Seattle, Wash., on Apr. 12-15.

The November issue of the *Sentinel* received the NSPA "Best in Show" award. Marist was one of 10 schools in the nation selected for this honor, the only Illinois school and the only Catholic high school in the nation recognized by NSPA.

At the convention, a total of 1,434 students competed in various write-off competitions. 501 students won either an honorable mention, excellent or superior achievement award.

Senior Dana Bisbee was one of only three students at the convention to win a superior rating for commentary writing. Junior Ryan McManus received an honorable mention in sports writing and senior Bridget Tracy received an honorable mention in news writing.

McManus said, "I enjoy writing about sports. To be recognized for it is a good feeling."

Ronald McDonald House offers oasis for families in need

Clare Jorgensen
Sentinel

Continuing a long partnership, the Marist community is collecting pop tops in the cafeteria for Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn behind Advocate Hope Children’s Hospital. The pop tops are used help cover the costs of the families staying at the house.

The pop top is the heaviest and most compact part of the can. The tops are sold to United Scrap Metal, a local recycling company. Cans are also accepted, but the tops are easier to store and transport.

Last year, the house raised \$4000 from the pop tops. The Ronald McDonald House also started a program called the “Thanks a Million Club” where any person, organization or school who brings in one million pop tops will be recognized by the home.

The three-story Oak Lawn house was built in December 2008, with a total of 16 guest rooms. Families who have children staying at the hospital are welcome to stay at the house so they can be close to their children. A family must live 10 or more miles away from the house to be eligible to stay there.

Ronald McDonald House offers many amenities to families, including living rooms on each floor, a full service kitchen where the families can stock their own food, a play room for young children, various playing fields in the back of the house, laundry rooms, and a game room.

The house also offers free massages and haircuts, tickets to local sporting events and opportunities for families to gather and bond together in the house.

Guest families are able to make their own dinners, clean their own rooms, and do their own laundry. The house offers food, shampoos, soaps, and toys for the families in case they are short on anything they need. There are volunteers that work round the clock daily to ensure that the families are not alone in the house.

Brittany, an intern at the House said, “It is nice [for the families] to know that somebody is always here.”

The director of the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn is Kelly Evans, who has worked at the house since it opened.

“So many families remember us and consider us family after their stay and many come back to volunteer,” Evans said.

Marist students regularly volunteer in Oak Lawn for service hours, particularly in the kitchen.



photo by Clare Jorgensen

The Ronald McDonald House, located at 4410 W. 93rd Street in Oak Lawn, seeks volunteers to help families with sick children.

Junior Katie Morgan volunteered with her mom’s Girl Scout troop twice this year.

Students interested in volunteering at the house this summer should call (708) 423-5285.

“It felt good to help families because their kids are sick,” Morgan said. “I would go back and I encourage others to volunteer as well.”

Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn also accepts any donations of food, toiletries, and toys for the families to use.

Spanish students score well

Bridget Tracy
Sentinel

During the week of Mar. 26, 474 students took the National Spanish Examination in the ARC.

Of that number, 51 students scored in the top five percent, 83 in the top 15 percent, and 104 in the top 25 percent. Receiving honorable mentions were 139 students who scored in the top 50 percent.

This year, a total of 143,641 students took the examination, which is administered annually to students in grades six through 12. The test is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

“This is important for students because it enables them to highlight their command of the Spanish language on their college applications,” world language department chairperson Mrs. Erica Nathan-Gamauf said.

“Students become eligible for national scholarships and all-expense paid trips to Spanish-speaking countries,” Nathan-Gamauf said.

Senior Georgie Bierwith travelled to Argentina last summer based on her exam result and senior Jake Stevens won a \$1,000 scholarship based on his score.

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Grateful students, colleagues wish Kazelas well

Dana Bisbee
Sentinel

Mr. Denis Kazelas will retire at the end of this school year after teaching chemistry here for 35 years.

His passion for teaching and the love he has for all of his students has made an impact on the entire community of Marist and he will surely be missed.

“One of the things that Mr. Kazelas achieved while at Marist was the respect and admiration of his students,” said Brother Hank Hammer, academic dean for underclassmen. “Mr. Kazelas has always exhibited a passion for science and, in particular, chemistry. His students picked that up from day one. Mr. Kazelas loves chemistry, and he loves teaching.”

Senior Lucy DioGuardi, one of thousands of students who had the pleasure of having Mr. Kazelas as her chemistry teacher, said, “He took chemistry to a new level and always knew how to make a student enjoy what he was teaching,” DioGuardi said.



Mr. Denis Kazelas

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Science department colleague Dr. Gregory Wallace will miss collaborating with Kazelas.

“Mr. Kazelas has built up an amazing treasure chest of chemistry ideas during his time as a teacher,” Wallace said.

“Whenever I’ve felt stuck that my students weren’t learning, I could count on Mr. Kazelas for a long list of engaging ideas to present ideas to my students in different ways. I’ve heard so many stories from Mr. Kazelas’ former students about his passion for doing labs and his passion for safety. His passion for chemistry is palpable and contagious”

According to Marist President Brother Patrick McNamara, While Mr. Kazelas may no longer be teaching, his influence will remain.

“The Marist family depends on members who are self-giving and caring,” McNamara said. “Denis Kazelas always taught with the highest levels of professionalism and modelled the heart of St. Marcellin Champagnat. He will be missed by all of us and by the next generation of Marist students.”

In addition to teaching, Kazelas also served as science department chairman for many years, hiring and mentoring many of the teachers currently working in the department.

A staunch supporter of and participant in the retreat programs for many years, Kazelas also served as faculty moderator for the Marist Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team.

“Anytime you lose someone who has been at Marist for 35 years, there is going to be a void left that cannot be filled,” said Principal Larry Tucker.

“He has become the cornerstone of the science department and I am going to miss him,” Tucker said.

Kazelas said that he will miss the students most of all.

“Students make my day,” he said. “As an educator, seeing the lightbulb go off is very rewarding, as is having someone tell you that you made a difference.”

“Receiving these congratulations from my students and colleagues means the world to me.”

Got work? Tips for finding a job this summer

Brian Laughran
Sentinel

With summer fun comes summer expenses, leading many high school students to seek summer jobs. Unfortunately, in today’s economy, work has not been easy to come by for many.

Mrs. Sharon Gainer, who sits at the front desk of the guidance office, serves as a liaison between employers and Marist students looking for employment.

“If an employer calls Marist, they call me,” Gainer said.

Gainer is responsible for posting job opportunities on the bulletin board outside of the guidance office.

“With the economy being in the shape it’s in, the board has a few cobwebs on it,” she joked.

Additionally, the number of students looking for work has increased.

“More kids are looking for jobs than in the past,” Gainer said in regard to the number of 15-year-olds coming in to get work permits which are required if one is not yet 16.

“It’s harder to get a job in a place that sells alcohol,” said freshman Connor Mish, who has his own DJ business. “I can do weddings, but I can’t work in bars unless my parents come with me.”

Some Marist students looking for work have not had much luck. Senior Marisa DiBennardi’s job hunting woes are reflective of many.

“The toughest part about finding [a job] has been availability. I’m trying to get a job as a waitress and there are minimal open positions, especially for [high school students].

DiBennardi said that it is harder for teens to expand on traditional job opportunities, like babysitting.

“I would say that it’s hard for teenagers to expand on getting jobs,” DiBennardi said. “Caddying and babysitting are jobs that have always gone to teenagers, but when teens try to get into jobs like retail or waitressing, it’s an issue of seniority. An adult is more likely to get those jobs than a teenager.”

Gainer’s advice to students who have applied for jobs is to take the initiative.

“You’re going to need to do something to make yourself different,” Gainer said. “You can’t just sit by the phone, waiting for people to call you. Continue to follow up until you have the job.”

For those who have not yet applied for a job but plan to begin the hunt soon,



Don’t let this happen to you! While not impossible to find, summer jobs are few and far between and high school students need to be particularly proactive in finding employment.
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Brian Laughran

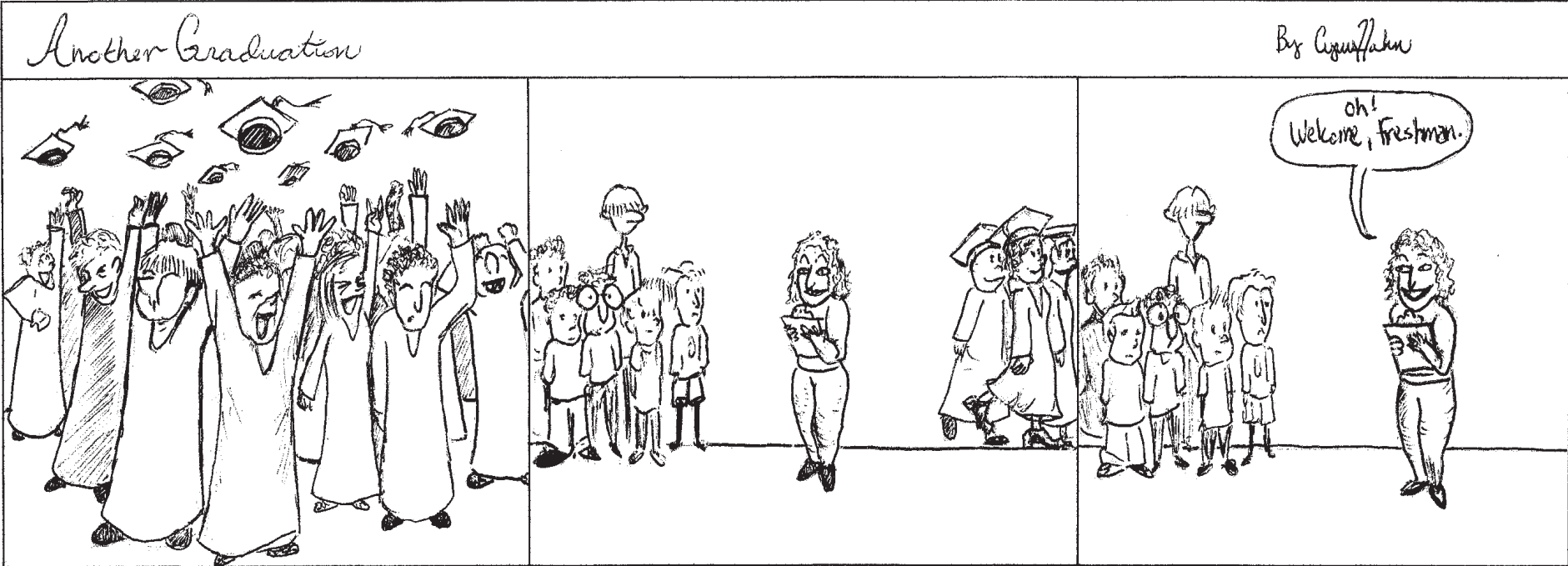
Gainer advises asking at town and village halls as they will sometimes hire teens to work as umpires at little league games and the like.

There is also the importance of networking. Students looking for work should tell everyone they know they are seeking employment.

Timing is essential. Students should not wait until the summer because college students who formerly held jobs will be returning.

Assertiveness is also important.

“You have to be aggressive,” Gainer said. “You have to tell [employers] why you’d be good. You have to sell yourself.”



a few minutes with...Brother Pat

Kiersten Kendall
Sentinel

What better way to end the school year -and my Sentinel column-than by going straight to the top? We seniors might be graduating, but at least we do so knowing that Marist is in good hands with our president, Brother Patrick McNamara.

Why did you become a Marist brother?

You almost have to decide every day you’re going to be a brother. You’ve got to make that commitment everyday. I was in college and I loved their community and work with young people. So I felt like God was calling me.

What was your early life like?

I grew up in Pennsylvania in the country. I went to a small school-my senior class at 25 kids and it was co-ed. I lived a pretty normal life. The town was very Catholic, but I didn’t feel called yet. I thought I would work at the UN as an interpreter. That is why I became a French major. It wasn’t until college that I met a brother and I was fascinated by their lives.

So that inspired you?

My relationship with God got stronger as I got older. I really started to understand more, so I decided to devote my whole life to Him.

What kind of student were you in high school?

I was a great student, very involved. I was in every activity, liked my classes and loved languages. I grew up in a small town, so the thought of going out and seeing the world was exciting.

What do you do at Marist during the day?

Mr. Tucker and I share the leadership roles. I’m the President, which is like the outside job, and Mr. Tucker handles the inside. My job is to work with different cabinet members. I work with finances, fundraising and the property. I deal with those issues and Mr. Tucker deals with the teachers and students. It’s great to work with him-our vision is so similar.



Br. Patrick McNamara, OMS

When did you come to Marist Chicago?

I’m finishing my fourth year. It went by in the blink of an eye-I can’t believe it. I know the seniors and we all agree-it goes by so fast. Four years ago I was principal in Miami and I had been there for seven years. I loved being a principal, so this was a big change for me.

Why did you come here?

I was assigned. As brothers, we are told where we are going to go. This year, I was told that I would be here at least for the next four years.

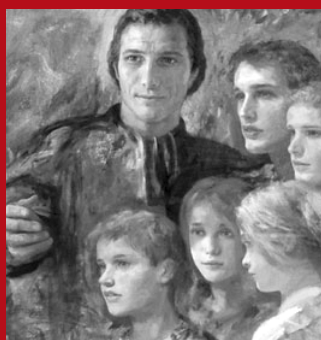
What is your favorite part about being a Marist Brother?

My favorite part certainly is working with young people. Even if I’m having a bad day in the office, I can just walk out into the hall and interacting with the students makes it better.

What words of advice do you have for the Class of 2012?

First, thanks. You’re a great class. Whenever someone asks me how the seniors are, I just tell them how strong spirited they are and how caring they are for each other. I’ve worked with a lot of classes and they all make a lot of noise, but this senior class gets things done and I am really proud of them.

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...star in a Broadway play

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...win an Oscar

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...forget the National Anthem at the Super Bowl

Bridget Tracy



...become a NASCAR driver

Neil Meliska



...graduate college in two years

Lisa Miller



...own his/her own clothing line

Tommy Horton

Four years (and many movies) later, that’s a wrap!

Brian Laughran
The Cinematic Sultan

With this being the *Sentinel’s* final issue of the year and my last column ever, I thought it might be fun to look back at what I have selected as the four best films - including a list of honorable mentions - to come out during my years at Marist.

Freshman year: *The Dark Knight*. Christopher Nolan’s second installment of his Batman trilogy is just as good as its grossly underrated predecessor, *Batman Begins*. The tale of the legendary caped crusader (Christian Bale) facing off against the menacing and anarchistic Joker (Heath Ledger in the role that won him a well-deserved Oscar) works as an ode to Michael Mann’s *Heat* – another gritty clash of the titans. Epic in scale and shot with brooding cityscapes, this is one of the most visually appealing films as well as exciting that I have ever seen.

Sophomore year: *Shutter Island*. Martin Scorsese takes on a Hitchcockian thriller about a U.S. Marshall (Leonardo DiCaprio) investigating a disappearance at a mental institution in 1954. Due largely in part to a brilliantly nuanced performance by DiCaprio (whom I believe was snubbed by the academy) and the kinetic direction of Scorsese, this film is one of the most carefully crafted neo-noir thrillers in years and one of the few films I have seen in theaters to literally make me jump out of my seat.

Junior year: *True Grit*. Writer/directors Joel and Ethan Coen have never made a conventional film. *True Grit* is no exception. This film is a dark take on the western genre that centers on a young girl (Hailee Steinfeld) who hires a trigger-happy Marshall (Jeff Bridges) and a talkative Texas Ranger (Matt Damon) to find the man who killed her father. Brutally violent and stylistically in tune, this is the best post-modern western since *Unforgiven*. This film was in close contention with *The King’s*

Speech to be my choice for the best film of the year, but what ultimately won me over was Steinfeld’s masterful performance. Rarely do we see a performer of her caliber at such a young age.

Senior year: *Moneyball*. Writers Steve Chervin, Aaron Sorkin and Steve Zail-lian along with director Bennett Miller have found an incredible human story in the sports drama about the introduction of mathematics to baseball. Brad Pitt, in his best performance since *Se7en*, plays Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane who took a chance on a mathematician (Jonah Hill) in an effort to create a winning ball club on a budget. I normally try to veer from films that fall in the sports genre as they are often the most cliché; I was elated when I saw *Moneyball* and it defied all standards that had been set before it. This list of films does not even include some of the brilliance that appeared in the cinemas from mid 2008 through the spring/early summer of this year.

Honorable mentions go to: *Frost/Nixon* (2008), *Up* (2009), *The King’s Speech* (2010), *The Fighter* (2010), *The Ides of March* (2011) and *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part II* (2011).

Almost everyone has a favorite movie. Film is a universal language through which we share experiences as an audience and relate to one another on an artistic level and, more importantly, implies the common strands of our humanity.

Martin Scorsese once said, “Movies are the memories of a lifetime.” Looking back at my memories of the past four years in film has made me thankful that I have been able to spend the latter half of those as Marist’s film critic.

This has been a wonderful opportunity and I would like to thank those who have shared in my love of the movies for the past two years. This has been a real treat and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the *Sentinel’s* readers, especially those who go straight to the film section.

Summer concert venues offer something for everyone

Eileen Evoy
Sentinel

Concert-goers are in for musical treats in the Midwest this summer.

Marist students are looking forward to events ranging from Lollapalooza to the Vans Warped Tour.

Whatever your music taste, Chicago is offering something you must attend this summer.

For any country music lovers looking to take a road trip to Twin Lakes, Wisc., July 19-22 is the time to be there.

Country Thunder offers a four-day, three-night camping experience featuring headlining artists Toby Keith, Blake Shelton and Jason Aldean.

Senior John McKeivitt attended Country Thunder last year and said, “If you are a true country music fan, Country Thunder is the place to be. It’s worth the time and money to be around good people who come to the concerts just to listen to great music and enjoy the summer.”

For something closer to home, Chicago will be hosting its 21st Lollapalooza this summer. The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Black Sabbath, The Black Keys and Florence + The Machine are among a few of the major artists performing this year.

Three-day passes are sold out, but concert-goers can still purchase single-day passes for the festival.

Senior Tom Horton said, “Lollapalooza was the best three days of my summer. Good music. Cool people. Fun atmosphere.”

Lollapalooza continues to grow in attendance and popularity. It is hard to find a person who attended the three-day music experience in Grant Park and did not enjoy it. This year, Aug. 3-5 will be a diverse arrangement of talented artists performing in front of a crowd filled with people who traveled from near and far to have a blast.

In Tinley Park, alternative music lovers have a chance to experience something entirely different. The Vans Warped Tour gives a chance for fans to rock out to 90 bands in this one-day festival.

Alternative is too general of a label to describe this music festival. Pop punk fans can catch All Time Low headlining and Taking Back Sunday will attract a huge rocker audience. On July 7, metal-heads, mohawk-wearers and ska fans can rock out

to their favorite bands at the Vans Warped Tour.

For an end of the summer jam, North Coast music festival presents opportunities for attendees to enjoy electronic music, jam bands and hip hop artists. The festival website announced the group Pretty Lights as a headliner so far. The website will release more headliners as the summer goes on.

Last year, artists Wiz Khalifa, Bassnectar and Fatboy Slim rocked North Coast. This year’s artists are sure to draw a crowd in Union Park from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2.

Whatever your music taste, Chicago has something to offer this summer, so start saving up that allowance!

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Looking back at sports, 2008-2012

Tony Mocarski
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Throughout my four years at Marist I have experienced some memorable moments in both Marist sports and Chicago sports.

Starting with Marist sports, during my sophomore year the football team had an outstanding season and made it down to Champaign for the state championship game. All of the games leading up to the state final were some of the most entertaining games I have ever witnessed.

The game that really stood out would have to be in the semifinal matchup against Glenbard North when Ben Falloon kicked a game winning field goal to send the football team to the state final.

The basketball team also instilled some lasting memories in my mind with their outstanding upsets this year in the playoffs. The first statement win for the team came when they upset number three seed Curie in the regionals when Lexus Williams hit a three pointer with the Redhawks being down two points with three seconds left.

Now up to that point I felt that was one of the greatest comebacks I will ever witness, but the following week the team went up against Bogan and had the greatest comeback I have ever seen and I will never forget how crazy we were in the stands when Nic Weishar made that lay up to send the game to overtime after being down 10 points with 70 seconds left.

The girls and boys volleyball teams also provided good memories, from the boys team winning state my sophomore year and the girls team advancing down state this year.

When the girls team played Lyons Township this year to punch the ticket to state, that RedHawk cheering section was one of the best and most fun sections that I have ever been a part of. We never stopped cheering, even when the girls were down and things were looking bleak. That was also an easy top-five for most exciting Marist sporting event that I have ever attended.

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There are many other Marist sporting events that stand out in my mind, but these are definitely the most prominent ones that will stay with me and hopefully the other students at Marist for a long time.

Besides Marist sports the professional sports in Chicago did not disappoint during the last four years. The Blackhawks won a Stanley Cup in 2010 and I know that the city of Chicago and the students at Marist were overjoyed during that time.

Personally I have never been a big hockey fan but it was great to see a Chicago team win a championship and to see so many people happy about it.

I remember the summer coming into freshman year. The Bulls drafted Derrick Rose, and I knew that they were going to be good.

I have followed Rose since he was a junior in high school, and I knew it was going to be special to have a hometown kid playing for his city.

In baseball, the best memory would have to be Mark Buehrle's perfect game on July 23, 2009. It was one of the better moments in Chicago baseball in the past four years, because the Sox and Cubs have not had much success lately.

The Bears have not made any big splashes lately but they are rebuilding and have a promising future. The Bulls have been on a steady rise these past four years and it only looks to get better for them as well.

These past four years have had their share of ups and downs for Marist sports and Chicago sports, but I think it is safe to say that in the years to come both Chicago sports and Marist sports have an extremely promising future.

LaCrosse teams win some, lose some

Brian Laughran
Sentinel

With their seasons coming to a close, both the boys and girls Lacrosse teams have established that they are both capable of tremendous wins and equally tremendous losses.

At press time, the girls' JV Lacrosse team had a record of 5-1-1. After their first win against Fenwick on Mar. 27, the ladies tied Mother McAuley 7-7 at home on April 2. Their next win came against Palantine High School on April 5. The Lady Redhawks defeated Palantine 9-6. Yet the girls suffered a drastic 10-1 loss to St. Francis. The girls came back to defeat Marian Catholic 17-6 on April 24, St. Viator (9-4) on April 25 and McAuley (13-6) on May 1.

Senior and midfielder Bridget McMahon said, "The team is still challenged by inexperience, but everyone is willing to work hard and the team is getting better with every practice."

Coach Katie Boyce said, "Because there are so many of us, everyone needs to work on fundamentals, but the game is certainly coming together."

The boys' Lacrosse team has had its share of success, but has seen more than their share of failure as well. After losing their first game to St. Viator, the boys lost their second game to Nazareth Academy 11-6. The team managed to turn things around, winning three games in a row. The boys beat Notre Dame High School 8-5 on Tues. April 3, Brother Rice on April 10, Palatine on April 12 and Lemont on May 4.

The RedHawks came up especially big in the game against Brother Rice, pummeling the Crusaders, 8-1. This victory was followed by a pair of losses to Notre Dame (5-1) and Nazareth (5-4). After defeating Carmel on April 26 (6-5), the team lost to St. Rita (5-3).

Junior midfielder Kevin Maloney said, "We need to work on fielding ground balls and passing, but we play very good defense."



photo by Eryka Borisy

Senior Courtney Kinsella charges a Marian Catholic Spartan on April 24 in a game won by the Lady RedHawks, 17-6.

Girls' track strides toward sectionals

Matt Espinola
Sentinel

The girls' track team started its season back on Feb. 9 against Lyons Township and has experienced a great deal of success ever since.

A highlight of the season was the team's third place finish out of 16 teams at the Hillcrest Hawk Invite on April 12.

The team is led by captains Danielle Marchan, Kristin Gabriel, Nicole Domel, and Maggie O'Laughlin.

Sophomore Kelly Carrollo tied the school record this year for the high jump at five feet.

When asked about the goals for this season head coach Rich Karnia said, "The goal is to qualify for state in many categories. These include sprint relay, four by 100 relay, mile, two mile, 400, high jump, and pole vault."

That goal seems attainable with freshman Danielle Kimbrough leading varsity in sprint relays and junior captain Maggie O'Laughlin on distance running.

Other notables for both sprint relays and distance running are junior captains Nicole Domel and Reanna Matyas, along with sophomores AnnMarie Leonard, Madeline Kelly, and Ailish Patterson.

"These girls are working hard," Karnia said. "Working hard and running well."

At ESSC conference championships on May 2, the team placed 6th overall. Seniors Danielle Marchan placed 4th and Nicole Henderson placed 6th in the triple jump. Kelly Corrollo placed 4th overall in the high jump and 2nd in pole vault, with teammate Heather Kaddick taking 4th.

Sophomore AnnMarie Leonard took 2nd in the 3200 meter run and the team placed 2nd in the 4x200 relay.

The team competes in the IHSA class 3A sectional competition tomorrow, May 10, at Downers Grove North beginning at 4:30 p.m.



photo by Coach Patrick Quinn

Nicole Domel and Sky Patterson run the 4x400 relay at the ESSC conference meet on May 2. Both runners ran their fastest time of the year in the relay and the team finished 4th overall in the event. The team competes tomorrow in the IHSA class 3A sectional meet at Downers Grove North.

Baseball team ready for regionals

Alex Dale
Sentinel

With an overall record of 20-5 and first place standing in the conference, the RedHawk varsity baseball team is looking forward to finishing strong this season. In just the second game of the season on March 20, the RedHawks shut out Lincoln Way West, 10-0. The team followed that with a second shutout victory against Richards on March 29, 11-0.

Early wins against Stagg, De La Salle, St. Rita and Sandburg and a trip to South Carolina, where the team went 4-1, also helped contribute to the team’s momentum. “We expect to compete for a conference championship and make a deep run in the IHSA playoffs,” said head coach Mr. Tom Fabrizio.

The team enjoyed a win against Marian Catholic on April 25. The RedHawks fell behind 2-1 on an early error, and the bats were quiet. Then, the team tied the game on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the 6th. Marian responded with 2 unearned runs in the 7th, but senior Ryan Meyer came through in the 8th with a rocket double down the left field line.

Sealing Marian’s fate, junior left fielder Brian Polak struck a 2-strike line drive to right field for the game winning hit. With that victory, the RedHawks improved to 5-0 in the East Suburban Catholic Conference (ESCC). The team shut out St. Viator twice this season, on April 30 and May 2, with “Mike Hearne has been a tremendous player for us the entire season, along with Meyer and John McKeivitt,” Fabrizio said, “and juniors Polak, Cody Bohanek, Marty Mehalek and Conor Funk have also been huge contributors to the team’s success.” The team travels to Nazareth Academy this afternoon and hosts Joliet Catholic for a double-header on Sat., May 12 beginning at 10 a.m..

The last regular season home game will be on Sat., May 19 against Downers Grove South. IHSA state playoff competition begins with regionals on May 22. Senior pitcher Pat Nelson said, “We are playing each game to win.”



photo by Mike Saulters

Look out behind you! With DeLaSalle sneaking up behind, junior third baseman Conor Funk looks to throw the ball for an out. The RedHawks won 4-3 and will host a double-header against Joliet Catholic this Saturday. The final regular season home game will be held on Sat., May 19 against Downers Grove South.



photo by A. Morgan

Junior first baseman Haley Richy defends the plate against a sliding Celtic, but Providence went on to defeat the Lady RedHawks, 5-0. The team faced Joliet Catholic on Mon., May 14 in the final home game of the regular season.

Bass fishing season ends for RedHawks

Ryan McManus
Sentinel

The Marist bass fishing team participated in the IHSA sectional competition on April 20, 2012, making a splash with an overall 3rd place and a total score of 7.23 on a total of four fish from seniors Nick Engel, Nick Kushnerik, Joe Griffin, and junior Danny Omiesinski. The finish earned them a spot in the state competition. “We had some good luck catching some good fish,” Engel said. Sectionals spanned from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. A one pound reduction is put in place for every minute the team is late to the weigh-ins. There is also a reduction for every fish that is dead in the live well, the holding place for reeled-in fish. Instructors are allowed to be on the boat to give instruction, but may not help the anglers. This includes tying lures, netting fish and handling the fish/gear.

These rules are according to the official IHSA Bass Fishing Rule List. “Coach Gervais had us really prepared for this competition. He has been a great coach all year and we could not have done this without him,” said junior angler Jack Hooker. The next stage of the competition is State, which begins on Fri., May, 4. The competition then expands from one day to two. “We are just going to go out there and fish like we know we can, and hope for the best,” said Hooker. IHSA bass fishing state finals took place on Fri., May 4 and Sat., May 5 at Carlyle Lake. The RedHawks landed a total of nine bass over the two days for a combined total of 22 lbs., 1 oz. The team placed 19th out of 57 teams overall at state, down seven places from 2011. Coach Gervais said, “The boat of Nick [Engle] and Nick [Kushnerik] did a great job against some outstanding competition.”



photo courtesy of Coach Mark Gervais

Senior Nick Kushnerik with his catch at the IHSA sectional competition on April 20 where the RedHawks placed 3rd overall.