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## State Races



The girls Cross Country team after their race at the state meet. Photo By Matt Busse

by Ray Ferrai

Capping a year of personal records, heart-breaking injuries, and first place finishes, both varsity cross country teams ran in the 5A state meet at Lane Community College last Saturday.

In their first year racing at the 5A level, the boys and girls cross country teams placed second and first, respectively, in the Midwestern district meet the week prior. These impressive first-year finishes enabled both teams to send all of their runners to the state meet.

The boys team placed twelfth, with sophomore Zach Silva as the first Spartan runner to finish, while the girls finished eighth with sophomore Molly Bohrer placing seventeenth overall.

## Marist Honors Veterans



Marist Eagle Scout members perform the flag ceremony at the Veteran's Day service on Thursday. Photo By Audrey Hart

by Mackenzie Henshaw

Wednesday afternoon, Marist students and staff proceeded out to the front of the school for a service in honor of Veteran's Day, sponsored by the Marist student council.

The service began with four Marist Color Guard members, also members of student council, performing the flag ceremony, which was followed by a school-wide recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Names of former Marist students and family members, who have served in or are in training for the military, were read aloud in honor of their service to our country. The service ended with a reflection about veterans by Principal Jay Conroy.

Students and staff members had Thursday off school for Veteran's Day.



Jesse Manibusan regales the student body with hilarious parodies of pop culture songs and stories of his childhood Tuesday afternoon. Photo By Toni Cooper

# GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

Guest speaker Jesse Manibusan leaves us laughing and inspired

By Riley Kulm

This Tuesday, Marist was fortunate to have charismatic speaker Jesse Manibusan on campus, who spoke both to the entire student body at an all-school assembly in the gym and to the Christian Leadership Classes and Retreat Team for two periods in the library.

Manibusan used his musical talents and sense of humor to highlight the importance of practicing our faith in our everyday lives. "Show up, step up, step out, plug in, participate," said Manibusan.

Manibusan urges individuals to be "radically real, relevant, and responsive," in their practice of the faith, whatever faith they practice. In fusing his comedic personality, his extensive musical talents, and his deep love of the Catholic faith, Manibusan presented both a hilariously entertaining, and insightful message. His main message revolved around the

idea of "community" and the importance of respecting the individual. Many Marist students were significantly impacted by his performance, able to respond to his unique way of appealing to students.

"He kept me entertained and had a meaningful message that showed how you can make the most out of life as it comes at you," said junior Alyssa Grimaldi.

"Leadership is Listening," is what stood out most to Senior Christian Leadership student Lauren Taylor from Manibusan's message. Taylor saw Manibusan practice what he preached when he stayed after his presentation to talk personally to her, despite his being in a hurry.

"He was very open about himself, speaking of his personal fears and depression, in turn mixing these hardships with humor to connect with the group on multiple levels,"

said Taylor.

Currently living in Texas, the singer/songwriter Manibusan is nationally recognized for his ministry to Catholic youth, performing at events like the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, and the National Catholic Youth Conference. "Jesse has always had a great talent to make you laugh and think at the same time," said Marist Religion teacher Chad Depaoli, who has known Manibusan since 1993 when they were both working in youth ministry for the Diocese of Oakland, California.

Doing performances around the globe, and for all age groups, Manibusan has touched the lives of many. "I go where I'm needed," says Manibusan, and whether it be the United States, Canada, Europe, or Australia, he brings his message of community and individual value.

## Still Roving *The Marist Theatre production of The Rover continues Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.*

by Audrey Last

The Marist Theatre is putting on their fall production of *The Rover* again tonight after a successful opening last Friday.

The play centers around Wilmore, a sea captain who finally decides to settle down, played by senior Ben Damewood. Set during Mardi Gras in the 15th century, Wilmore finds himself in love with two very different women: one a prostitute played by senior Lauren Taylor, and the other a nun played by senior Ali Thoreson. And to his surprise, they love him back! Mean-

while, the nun's sister, senior Trish Laver, is involved in a forbidden love affair with another Englishman, senior Tate McCurdy. This rip-roaring comedy will leave you as entertained as the Shakespearean twists leave you intrigued. "I liked it but I have no idea what happened. It was like *Inception!*" said Marist senior Zak Olson.

Involving a cast of over twenty Marist students, and headed by Marist's theatre director Tony Rust, "*The Rover*" isn't a show anyone should miss.



Senior Ben Damewood, in the role of Wilmore, eavesdrops on a conversation about him by his two lovers. Photo By Toni Cooper

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Faculty Changes

Marist welcomed new math teacher Doug Schaaf this week, who will now be teaching two periods of w Calculus, formerly taught by Karen Hamblin. Hamblin will soon take over Stacey Chase's classes, in addition to her freshman Algebra classes, due to Chase's upcoming maternity leave. Ms. Hamblin's switch will allow the calculus students to received College Now credit from LCC. Schaaf retired from West Albany H.S. in 2008 after teaching math for 25 years and has been looking for a part time position.

### Exploring Careers

Marist held its second Brown Bag lunch of the year on Wednesday about careers in physical and occupational therapy. Marist will continue this program used to teach students about possible careers through presentations from Marist parents and community members throughout the entire year. Upcoming career presentations include dentistry, law, medicine, journalism, engineering and a few in the spring not yet announced.

### National Scholars

The National Merit Scholarship announced the names of seniors Christopher Bender, Tyler Wagner and Megan Genovese as three of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Out of these 16,000 semifinalists, about 90% will move onto to become finalists. Amy Parks, Gerry Rouleau, Blaine Patrick Werner were named Commended Scholars.

### Signing On

Wednesday, seniors Will Swindling and Nyree White signed letters of intent to play Division 1 college athletics. Swindling will be playing baseball at the University of San Francisco while White will be playing softball at Stanford University. The Marist community congratulated them in the gym when they signed simultaneously before celebrating with cake and juice. Speeches were made by the signees, coaches, and Principal Jay Conroy.



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## VOTING AND SENIORS

Government class encourages participation of Marist seniors in the recent elections

by Micah Stratton



Government teacher and Voter Registration Drive Chairman Walt Fox talks to his government class about the election. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Thanks to the 26th Amendment in 1972, the voting age in America was dropped from 22 to the current age of 18. The recent state elections came at a perfect time for Marist seniors who recently turned 18. The 2010 Oregon election was the first time these new adults were able to take advantage of this privilege.

According to Marist history teacher Walt Fox, the only struggle is the motivation to get involved in local and national politics. "The government decides a lot, so the best plan is to get all young people involved, because the government is going to be making most of their future decisions," says Fox.

Fox is Eugene's Voter Registration Drive Chairman, and so he is able to register Marist students who want to vote as well as

provide political education. For some, this is the only concrete information they will receive about the issues and candidates other than in the voter's pamphlet.

"Politicians really worry about what kind of people vote," Fox said. "They want to make the voters happy. 35% of individuals aged 18-24 vote, while 80% of 65 and older citizens vote. And that is why the hot button issues are what they are, because Social Security and healthcare are sensitive issues to the voting demographic."

According to Fox, 10 out of 10 eligible voters in his senior government class were registered in time to vote last week. Whether or not they submitted the ballots they received was up to them. Fox told them to waste no time in getting involved and to learn about the politicians and what they stand for.

Senior Nyree White voted in the 2010 election, but she is unsure about the strength of the candidates this year. "I am voting this year, but I am wary about voting on certain races. I am not confident in some of the candidates, because no matter who I vote for, the elected candidates will most likely not follow up on their campaign promises," said White. "Very few of the candidates have much political experience or an impressive educational background."

## YES, YOU CAN!

The environment is struggling and its future is up to us!

by Helen Kwak

Global climate change is real. Appearances can be quite deceiving, however. Just this morning, I inhaled the crisp autumn fragrance of rotting leaves and wet soil. The local markets were bursting with fresh fruits and vegetables.

Not death, but life, was abounding.

Deceitful images like this often coax us into believing that global climate change is a far away issue. Global climate change does not present itself in an apparent manner, but it is there.

Take a look at the melting glaciers, loss of species, coastal flooding, and ocean warming. These events are happening right now. The urgency of these environmental issues was explained by Dr. James Hansen's lecture on global climate change at the University of Oregon last month.

Hansen is the head of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and one of the most authoritative voices in climate science. During his lecture, Hansen explained climate system as one with great inertia.

He said, "[The environment] does not respond quickly as we apply our forcings to them." Forcings are factors that affect earth's climate.

He used the arctic glaciers as his example.

The melting of the arctic glaciers is gaining momentum. If we do not begin taking action now, it may be too late for us to stop the momentum that has already begun.

Already there are island countries

that have low coastline shores becoming flooded. The inhabitants of these countries will have to find a new home, because their homes will cease to exist. The coastlines of the Carteret Islands of Papua New Guinea are receding, and its inhabitants are already in the process of being relocated. Human beings will continue to be affected.

If the rate in which human beings emit carbon into the atmosphere continues, the climate system will gain more inertia, and scientists predict the East Coast cities in the United States will be flooded.

Unfortunately, we are the generation that will have to face these repercussions of glacial melting, along with ocean warming, heat waves, loss of farmlands, and arctic warming. This proves to be quite inconvenient, for we are still too young to make policies and in the case for some of us, too young to vote.

Hope is not gone however.

There are always actions we can take to make a difference.

We can use as many reusable products as possible, eat local foods that do not require excessive use of fossil fuels for the transportation of the foods, and turn off the lights when we are not using them.

We can look into the eyes of our parents and tell them to change their lifestyles. Their choices ultimately affect our future.

Likewise, we cannot accept that this is our future – a world without clean water, air and land. We must keep hoping. We must strive to create a future we want.

## Upcoming Drives

### MVP Dollar Drive

NOV 12th -19th

Bring \$ to 1st Period Classes!

Today kicks off the annual Marist Dollar Drive for the Eugene Mission's Thanksgiving Dinner. All funds will go to the Eugene Mission to feed up to 500 people. The three 1st period classes with the highest totals per capita will win a "relaxed dress" day and the top 1st period class will receive a pizza party. Last year, Marist raised \$2800. Let's beat that!

### Bottle & Can Drive

NOV 20th

Marist Parking Lot!

The Knights of Columbus will conduct the Second Annual Plastic Deposit Bottle and Can Drive to benefit the Carmelite Sisters of Eugene on Saturday, November 20th. To donate your plastic bottles and aluminum cans, please bring them to the Marist parking lot on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please do not bring glass bottles.

## IMPRESSIONS AREN'T EVERYTHING

by Tressa Gindlesperger

I have learned something this year... Perception is reality. It's made me rethink the people around me and I feel as if we all judge when everyone is just like you and me.

Is Marist really what other students think it is or do those students often jump to conclusions about the things they aren't aware of?

Public schools students often act like they have a sense of what Marist is about and what the people within the school are like. I have talked to a few people at different schools and I have experienced both the public and Catholic school lifestyle.

Each individual I talked to who has attended public school has discussed with me the fact that they enjoy the diversity within public schools. Senior Tressa Parra says, "The kids are more diverse in public schools, so there are all kinds of people."

I feel like at a public school you get to be around all types of unique individuals and basically have all the freedom you want, but when do we know for sure when a lot of freedom is too much freedom?

Adolescence often doesn't understand what it is like outside of their bubble, their safe home, their life, their world. Why can't we all share stories rather than gossip and start rumors about people we think we know when we don't? Catholic students appear to be "rich" and "snobby" when in fact many of us students have a much more humble background.

People see things in black and white and decide what they want to see and what they don't want to see. In fact, we are all not what we appear to be and we all need to break down our walls and be the person we know we are instead of something people assume we are.

## Optimism is Key

*The recession has hit more than just adults and leaves some Marist students concerned*

by *Deanine Suttierrez*

The end of 2007 saw the beginning of the recession that hit people hard and left most of the population struggling to get ahead. The U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research has determined that it began in December of 2007 and ended in June of 2009. And though it has theoretically ended, people are still trying to overcome the challenges left behind from it.

Teenagers, not only adults, are such a part of this population affected. One junior at Marist, struggling to get ahead with her own family, remembers the year 2007 as a year that left many people without jobs. She feels fortunate enough that her father still has a job.

Because her mother is a stay-at-home mom, it leaves the responsibility of earning money on her dad's shoulders. One way she saves money since she's been at Marist, is bringing her lunch to school every day rather than to buy one.

Last year was a tough one because her parents were seriously thinking about sending her to another school since the tuition of Marist is so high. "With me at Marist, plus the expenses of my little brother at his school, my parents can barely afford both tuitions," she explains.

Teens are also struggling to get part-time jobs. In June of 2000, 51% of teens who were looking for part-time jobs had one. In June of

2010, this number dropped drastically to only 28.6% of teens.

A recent graduate, who is now in college, almost missed the chance to go to college. Even though she had received a scholarship, it didn't cover everything. She had to take out a student loan, like many across the nation, to pay for the school.

The economy has not only affected teens in a financial way but also in the psychological side of it. The American Psychological Association and Harris Interactive, which conducted a poll in July and August of 2009, found that one-fifth of teens in the nationally representative survey reported they stressed a great deal over family finances, grades, and their college options. However, parents are not aware of their teen's stress as only 3% rated their teen's stress levels as extreme.

Stress from these issues can lead to health problems like migraines. According to a 2007 study in the journal of the American Academy of Neurology, low-income teens are more likely to have migraines compared to high-income teens.

Despite all the negative repercussions of the recession, it is important to be optimistic and hopeful about the future. Optimism is the greatest weapon during times like these.

## LEADING WITH SPIRIT



Marist's new Proclaim members perform at the lock-in. Photo By Toni Cooper.

by *Micah Stratton*

A new school year has introduced fresh faces into Marist's liturgical choir Proclaim, and they have continued to bring the same pure sound of joyful music to each Mass.

Without a doubt, learning new songs and music is difficult, but the team has met this challenge with the poise and skill of professionals. Led by Marist science teacher Ryan Moser, the ensemble of singers and musicians including Campus Ministry Director Rick Martin lead the school-wide services throughout the year. They sing a combination of traditional and modern liturgical songs to assist in creating the spirit of church.

All members have gone through an extensive application and audition process in the previous school year, held by Moser and Martin. It comes easier to some, but still a wide variety of students audition.

"I'm a shy person, but I thought singing would be a good way for me to give a voice to the Marist community," says junior Zhanna Kinane. "Singing is a good way to express yourself, but

it's not just for you, others are able to share it also."

Every voice is necessary in the grand scheme of things. Each vocalist has a specific part to sing, and practices regularly; however it is not a performance that they prepare for.

"It's about leading the other kids and encouraging them to sing along, while providing a solid musical background," says sophomore Jackson Bedbury.

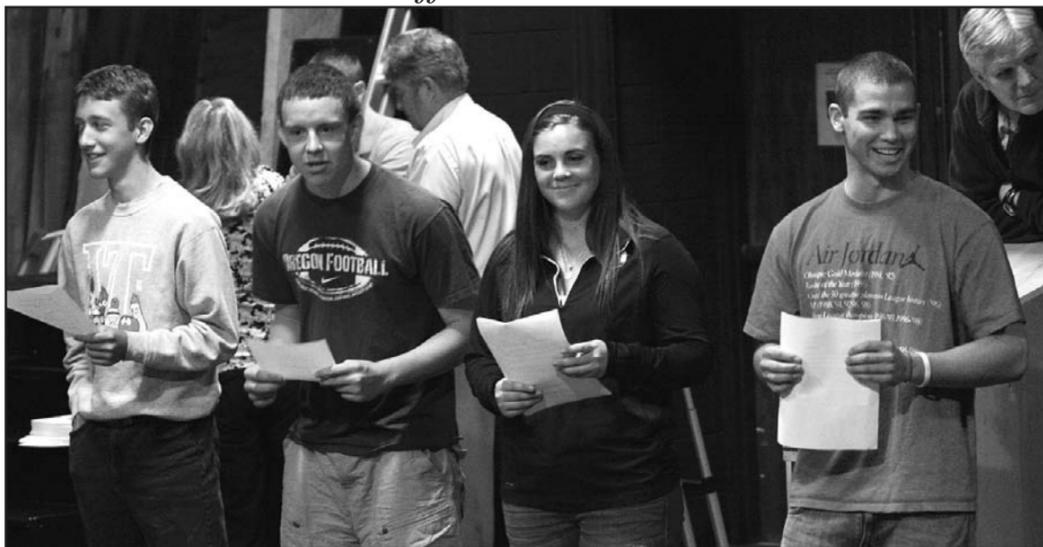
The musical core comes from a variety of instruments played by talented musicians. The addition of clarinetist and saxophonist Geoffery Wildish has been a wonderful addition to the violins and violas of Tyler Wagner and Samuel Walters.

"Geoffery is an excellent musician, and he brings a great new sound with good solo instruments," said Moser.

Proclaim is looking forward to introducing new songs as well as new instruments. So far this year the student body has heard two new songs, and can look forward to learning and participating in every Mass with this energetic and talented team.

## A GREATER PURPOSE

*Student Council changes their emphasis in order to really make a difference in the school.*



Senior class council members, Zak Olson, Kyle Hubbard, Nyree White and Logan Silver, lead their class in the first class meeting of the year. Photo By Toni Cooper

by *Michael Tusse*

Most Marist students associate student council with its more visible work, like dances and assemblies. However, the group's mission is reaching beyond event-planning, to serving as representatives of the student body.

"If there's anything you want to change or continue in the student body, you can do that through student council," says Lizzie Petticrew, Marist English teacher and new moderator of the council. Petticrew took over this year from Freshman Counselor and Student Activities Director Shari Pimental.

The purpose of Student Council is two-fold: organizing events for the students, but more importantly to serve as a communication link between the student body and the faculty. This year, the council's meeting has assumed a focus that leans heavily toward the latter part.

"We want to serve a greater purpose than we have before," says junior Tierney Werner, who serves as the Associated Student Body Treasurer. "We want to be the students' direct messengers to the faculty. That's where our voices are heard."

Student Council includes five separate groups: a five-person council from each grade and an execu-

tive council commonly referred to as "ASB." All five groups meet together on Monday mornings, and the individual councils meet once more each week.

"A typical meeting is based off of the needs that council members see, the needs are identified, and narrowed down, and then we work on a strategy to address those needs," Petticrew says.

As a result of seeing the need to welcome new students in September, student council organizes and puts on events like freshman orientation, the root beer social, welcome week, and the transfer student barbecue. In response to student complaints about the library, regulations about talking were changed, with the help from student council.

"One of my favorite sayings goes, 'Be the change you want to see in the world,'" says Petticrew. The phrase applies to being a part of Marist perfectly.

As a student at Marist, you have a right to be heard. Know your representatives, and that you can go to them with questions or suggestions. If you want to serve your school as part of the council, run in the spring for your class, and see for yourself what student council is all about.

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# Childhood Memories

*As college approaches for one Marist senior, the memories of childhood ease the growing pains*

*Five-year-old Katie Meyers is thrilled by a roller coaster ride solo. Photo courtesy of Katie Meyers*

by Katie Meyers



It's senior year and all that has been on my mind lately is college. College here and college there. College this and college that. Sometimes I wish I could break away from the thought of my last year in high school and go back to the good ole' days when I was a kid.

Childhood was great. I didn't have to worry about anything. I didn't care about anything except for myself. My mom let me dress myself, so obviously looking good was not a priority at the time. I also cut my own hair; sometimes I would have bangs, other days I wouldn't. I thought it was pretty cute.

Each day was a new adventure for me - a new mission. I never had to worry about school. Boys were definitely not important, and everything went so smoothly. I understand that many kids were strange but when I was little I was really strange.

When people met me, I think I either scared them away or had them wondering, "What is wrong with her?" I was just...what's the word? Special. I don't think I even knew what the word normal meant and I can't remember a time when I didn't look out of place. I was a tall, lanky skinny girl with an ugly short hair cut and crooked teeth.

Growing up I spent a lot of time on my own. My sister Kelly, who is four years older than me, never really wanted to be around me. She would tell people we were not related. At the time I never understood why but now when I think about it, I don't blame her.

I had friends but I preferred to be by myself, that way I could be whoever I wanted to be, whenever I wanted to be it. I pretended I was a couple of people, and there was a story behind each person.

My favorite person to be was Pocahontas, and the one memory I have of being her was accidentally locking myself in my rabbit cage

while trying to hide from the "savages." I figured that since I could lock it on the inside I could probably unlock it from the inside too. No, that wasn't the case. I sat in the rabbit cage for maybe an hour or more till someone found me. Other times I was a fairy, Harry Potter, a panda, or any animal. The person or thing I was pretending to be changed every now and then depending on the weather or my mood.

The summer was the most memorable time for me. I would wake up; maybe brush a comb through my hair, maybe not. I would hike on my overalls over some shirt that was probably found in the boy section at Bi-Mart, pull on my rubber boots and make my way outside. Usually I stayed outside from sunrise till sunset, doing all kinds of things. I would build forts, climb trees, and gallop through the pastures screaming like I was a crazy wild animal. Have any of you ever read the book or seen the movie, Where the Wild Things Are? Well I was the little boy, Max.

Summer time was not only good for its weather, but for the wondrous kinds of plants growing! I was also one of the weird kids who would try to eat anything possible. Some things were not edible but it never really mattered. Sometimes I ate rocks, other times dirt, ants and grass. Don't ask me why I did the things I did because I honestly couldn't tell you.

The truth is that I just miss being a kid. I don't necessarily miss eating gross things, or having the ragamuffin appearance that I once did; I miss being able to make endless mistakes. I miss being able to change who I was and try out different things.

Lately, I feel like my time has run out. I always knew college would eventually come followed by a whole other life, but doesn't it just sound fun to be whoever you want and be whatever you want; to get away with anything and everything? To me, it sounds amazing.

## My Lyrical Discoveries

by Jack Watson



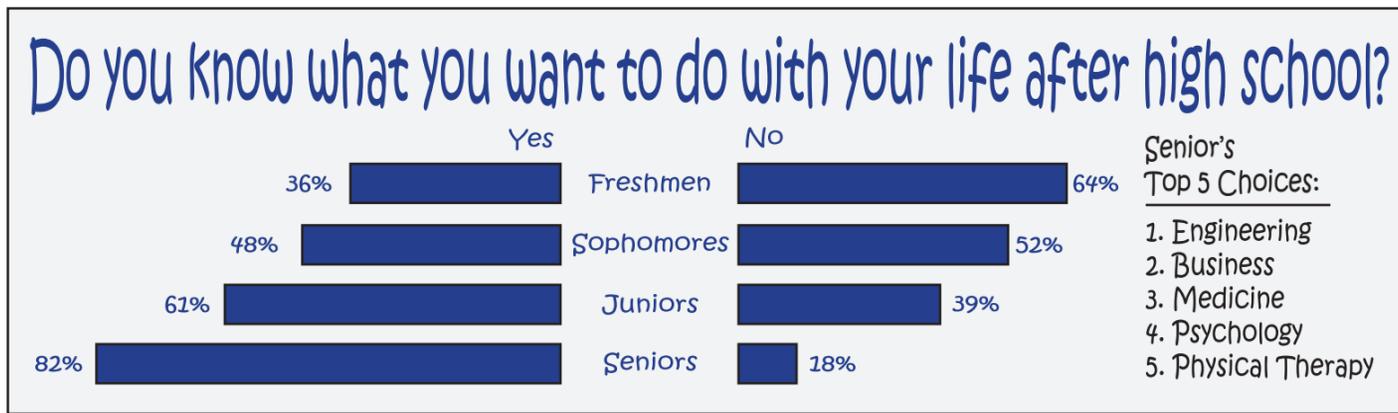
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If you enjoy Grizzly Bear, Coldplay, or just laid back tunes, I would suggest the band, Bon Iver. Singer and songwriter Justin Vernon pulls his authentic notes together to create a full-flavored tune in his newest EP, Blood Bank. I would suggest this type of music for anyone that likes cool and collected melodies with a sense of getting lost in harmony.



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On a clashing note, Animal Collective takes music to a whole new level with their experimental sounds and hallucinogenic effects which make many of their songs indescribable. I would not suggest this music for people that like synthesized and pop music, rather for people that are unfulfilled with today's cookie cutter originality in music and find a different feel for the abnormal feelings that Animal Collective give off in their new EP, Water Curses.



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# WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...

*Reading Shakespeare can teach you timeless lessons*

by Rachel Ashworth

The winter gloom had clouded my mind and the stress of school had become so overwhelming that I wasn't sure how much more I could take. I pulled my car into the driveway and threw my waterproof jacket over my head before running into my house. After dodging the rain and shaking off my shoes, I walked into my warm house, dropped my backpack next to the dark brick fireplace and started to cry. I looked up through my tears and saw my Dad walk into the room. He sat down beside me and wrapped his arm around my shoulders. "What's wrong honey?" my Dad asked with that "I'm concerned" type of voice. I looked over, giving him the look of "what isn't wrong" and started to spill everything from school to my faith.

I felt like there wasn't one thing that was going right. Then out of all the words he could have chosen, he said, "I went through the same thing when I was where you age." The words stung. How could you have gone through the same thing? Times were so different. YOU are so different. I managed a "thanks Dad" with a weak smile and headed upstairs to try to piece all of this together.

Times seem so different today from past generations. In general, views and opinions have changed so much. The world isn't the place it used to be. Fashion, music and the way people are living have changed from how they were when my parents were my age. So how could they relate to the stress that I feel from a day to day basis? They didn't have the stress that high school puts on us: college, peer pressure and worries like what the state of the economy will be when we are adults.

Whenever I hear people of my parents generation talk about their days in high school I seem to only hear about days of ease and fun. The images you see in movies and TV shows about the perfect 50's American family seem to be true in the realms of my father's childhood. My dad always talked about how much he loved high school and hanging out with his football friends all day: driving around going to the beach to throwing frisbees and getting a snack before dinner at in-an-out burger. Then he would go home to a home cooked meal with his Mom, Dad and sister. I don't hear the worries and stress in his stories that I see and feel around me daily. I don't know about everyone else but I rarely get to eat a home cooked meal with my family. We are usually all too busy or no one cooked anything. What has happened to the American family?

What has this world come to, or is it just our drawn-out teenage imaginations that make it seem so obscure? Our overdramatized lives and stories, taking everything out of hand? Maybe we should stop and listen. We let our anguish fog up the lens we look through and never seem to wipe them clear.

I remember freshman year watching Romeo and Juliet and finding humor in their whirlwind of drama and love, thinking how pathetic they look. Now spending almost four years in high school, I see that "whirlwind" being played over and over again weekly. I can see what that degradation really is and how simply it

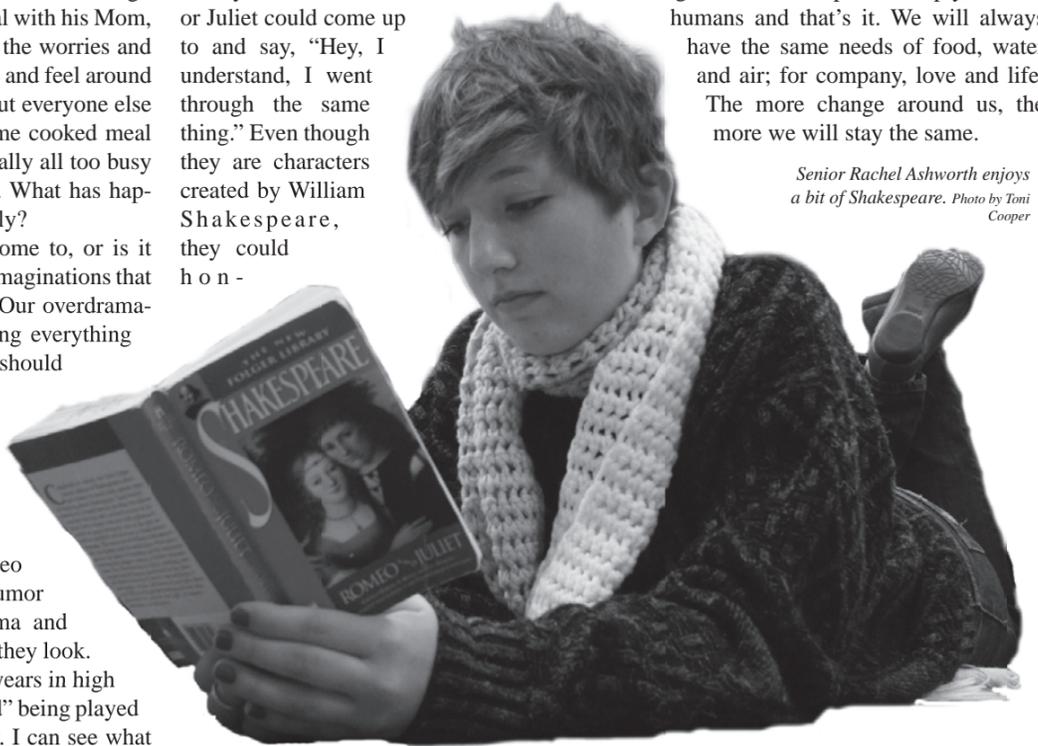
can be explained.

We are no different from Romeo and Juliet because we are all humans and have the natural instincts to act similarly to situations. Even though it may not be as drastic we have all experienced a "Romeo and Juliet" type situation. I'm sure you have fallen head over heels for that certain boy or girl and wanted nothing more than to be with them. Then, when that tragic day comes that you are separated from your beloved, Romeo or Juliet could come up to and say, "Hey, I understand, I went through the same thing." Even though they are characters created by William Shakespeare, they could

estly understand us. That is why we study Shakespeare. Your parents and grandparents studied Shakespeare and your children and grandchildren will. His work is timeless because people of every generation can relate to what they find in all of his works, from tragedies, romance, anguish, young love, lust, death and everything in between.

The world changes around us every day but truthfully we will always stay the same. We will always cry when someone dies and laugh at Dave Chapelle. Simply, we are humans and that's it. We will always have the same needs of food, water and air; for company, love and life. The more change around us, the more we will stay the same.

Senior Rachel Ashworth enjoys a bit of Shakespeare. Photo by Toni Cooper



## What's In A Name?

They say a name is just a name but for some its a definition of self.

By Helen Kwak

"Yoolan?"  
"Yoorawn."  
"YooDAN?"  
"YOOORAWN."  
"YOOOLAWN."

"No really, I go by Helen."  
"Let me try one more time. YOODAWN?"  
Well, let me begin with my name. It is legally spelled Euran, but I think the spelling can be misleading at times. Father David, for example, has called me urine three times.

When I came to the United States eight years ago, my parents decided my sisters and I should use our baptismal names rather than our Korean names, assuming others would be incapable of pronouncing them.

However, my baptismal name is Scholastica, which proved to be extremely difficult to spell for an eight-year-old, who did not know the English alphabet.

So we went with Helen.  
Short and simple.

At first, this made me feel special. The thought of having more than one name made me feel that much more unique, I guess.

However, as I grew older, I began to get this desire for people to call me by my Korean name.

So instead of saying, "Helen's fine," I began attempting to teach people how to correctly pronounce my name. By the third or fourth time, however, I grew weary and resigned.

Maybe I want to feel more Korean?

I am a Korean citizen, and I take pride in my nationality. But the thing is, many Koreans don't see me as Korean.

They see me as American.

Likewise, most Americans see me as Korean.

I've never really thought about it much, but I really don't know much about my heritage or history. I actually know more American history than Korean history.

When I first arrived in the United States, my mom was so focused on having me learn English and adapt to the American way that I forgot about my own culture.

I often regret this.

Sometimes I am ashamed of not being able to read Korean books.

I am actually reading a book on the history of Korea... in English.

Despite this, my loyalties are crystal clear during the Olympic season. I get patriotic about Korea just as much as an American would get about the United States.

I love my country, though I have no plans on living there. I mean, I can't. My Korean is worse than an elementary school student's Korean.

I wish I could learn Korean more thoroughly.

I wish I could converse on an intellectual level with my grandparents, not just on a topic regarding what I want for dinner.

I guess I'm a hybrid.

I take my shoes off in the house and walk barefoot. I eat rice and kimchi everyday.

But I'm also not as crazy about school and studies like most Korean students are. I'm not that into karaoke either, not trying to be stereotypical or anything.

I admit that there are times I get really frustrated about not feeling like a complete Korean, but I hope that I can embrace that over time.

Who said you can't eat kimchi with steak?

## By The Numbers

# 122

Goals scored by girls waterpolo player Morgan Silver this season

# 11

Most goals scored in a single boys waterpolo game by Marshall Balderston

# 261.1

Miles ran in races by our boys cross country team

# 18

Points scored by our girls cross country team at the MWL District Meet that earned them the district title

\*15 points is a perfect score. Lowest score wins.

# 2

Goals scored by Emma Cooney in the girls playoff game against Liberty that advances them to the 5A State Quarterfinals on Saturday

# 7

Shutouts by goalie Tyler Patterson of boys varsity soccer

# 150

Kills by volleyball player Amanda Robert

# 3.56

The football team's combined GPA that was the highest statewide and earned them a Dairy Farmer's academic all state award.

# 5

Number of fall OSAA sports teams that were in the top 3 academically in the 5A



## With the fall season wrapping up, it looks like 5A is a good fit

by Ray Ferrari

Now through two full months of competition in the 5A classification, Marist athletics have exceeded all expectations. With league championships and undefeated seasons under the Spartan belt, Marist is poised to start hanging some 5A banners above the new Holy Dome scoreboards.

With the 5A success stories mounting up, Marist Athletic Director Sharee Waldron has been pleased so far. "I always knew we would be competitive... but I never expected so many league titles already," said Waldron.

Being dominant in the 4A in past years and the discipline of a college prep school has mentally prepared Spartan athletes for the transition. And Marist coaches have had few struggles getting their players ready physically.

A winning tradition and coaching expertise gives Marist an advantage that Waldron says is a "priceless component of competition—knowing you have ability and truly deserving to win is key."

The team getting the most coverage for their success this fall has been the varsity football team. Coming off an undefeated 4A State Championship season, the Spartans have yet to lose a step in 2010. Finishing the regular season at 8-0 with an average margin of victory of over 40 points a game, the Spartans are showing the state that 5A is the right fit. Led by another large class of talented seniors this season, Marist might be able to tackle their program's infamous even year curse.

Varsity coach Frank Geske tells that playing in 5A is going "extremely well" and that "it's been fun to have new teams to go against and to scheme things differently."

The football team's accomplishments were recognized by their new 5A/6A Midwestern Hybrid League when the league awarded some of its highest accolades to Spartans—the most valuable player, offensive player of the year, defensive player of the year, and coach of the year.

Among the other teams flourishing in 5A, Marist's solid soccer programs have continued to cruise through league competition.

Starting the season at 9-0 and finishing as co-champions of the Midwestern League, the boys varsity soccer team has been impressive throughout. In his sixth year of coaching at Marist and third year as head coach of the varsity boys soccer team, Parker Nehl explains that this is "the best start to a season of all my years here, beating all 5A and 6A teams."

Fearless of the elevated competition, the boys soccer team has "come into 5A like a bunch of savages," said Nehl. The team has been excited for the jump and has taken the transition seriously. "We expect to win every time we step on the field no matter who we're playing. That's just our attitude," said Nehl. With many games including a hat trick or a defensive shutout, the Spartans proved that they can play at any level.

The girls' program has continued to achieve success, as well. Finishing the regular season with only one league loss, the lady Spartans finished second in the league.

Despite ending the season with four key players temporarily going down with injuries, the Spartans managed to come together, pulling out State Playoff victories over Woodburn and Liberty and continue their run to the final when they play at Sherwood this Saturday.

By beating most of the 5A schools in their league and challenging the local 6A schools—who are all in the 6A top 14—the varsity volleyball team earned the number one playoff seed in the 5A Midwestern League. In her seventeenth season as head volleyball coach, Shari Pimental says "It's been nice playing more consistently good teams this year."

Pimental has been confident in her girls all year and now after sweeping Eagle Point and Hermiston, they are in the final eight competing at the State Championships at Liberty High School today and tomorrow. After 2nd in State in the 4A last fall, the Spartans have dug deep and have worked hard to get back to the top this season.

Being the only fall sport that is primarily individual, the Marist cross country teams haven't seemed to notice a transition to a higher classification. Head coach Chase Wells said, "We only feel like a 5A team at the District

and State meet." The times of the Spartan runners were good last year and have improved this year. They are taking care of what they can control and not worrying about the rest.

After becoming the first Marist girls cross country team to win a State Championship last autumn in 4A, the girls were right on track in 5A. Running well all season, the girls won the Midwestern League District title with five racers in the top six and finished 8th at state.

Following a rebuilding 2009 season, the varsity boys team got faster and stronger, resulting in a second place finish at the District Meet. With eight racers running under eighteen minutes, the boys were impressive all year and finished 12th in state.

Wells was satisfied with this year's results at state. "As a coach, my goals are always the same. I want my kids to be happy with their season and have them feel they have done their best." With only one senior and two juniors on the varsity team, the sky's the limit for the girls over the next few years.

Something all of these teams share is that there are hardly any more "easy weeks" or "breathers". Because Marist is now playing schools with larger numbers of athletes to choose from, opposing teams have greater depth often giving them an edge over Marist, a well-undersized school for the 5A.

On Marist fields this year, there has been no such thing as relaxation. It helps discipline the Spartan athletes and improves their work ethic; something the entire community appreciates, especially the coaches.

The junior varsity programs have stepped up to the challenge as well. While the varsity teams are in the media's spotlight, the underclassmen are competing just as hard and producing results although it doesn't always show in their win/loss record. Their success foreshadows that this winning tradition will remain in the upcoming years.

Across the board, the Spartans have been superb this fall. With "Got Milk" sweatshirts, state championships, and Oregonian Cups hopefully on the way, Marist is proving they can handle 5A.

## New Coaches On Campus *The winter season brings to Marist multiple new coaches*

by Katie Meyers

There is only a few more days until winter athletics begin and if you haven't heard there will be some new coaches roaming the school.

The varsity girls basketball team will be coached by Chuck and Diane Wenger who previously coached at Springfield High School and are the parents of two Marist graduates. Diane is head of the AAU program and previously coached at Marist at the JV levels from 2003-08.

The varsity assistant and conditioning coach will be Chel-

sea Dietmeyer, formerly Chelsea Wagner, Springfield High School basketball star and U of O player.

The junior varsity girls basketball team will be coached by Jeff Krier, father of sophomore Dani and junior Sam. "I am not very excited for my dad to be coach only because I think it will be weird to see him around school. I've played for him for many years so I'm used to him being a coach," said daughter Dani.

Coach Krier will be assisted by Traci Powell.

The freshmen girls basketball team will be coached by Joe

Goschie, father of senior Justin Goschie.

The new boys varsity basketball head coach is 2006 Marist graduate Nate Waldron. Waldron has been a part of the Marist football team's coaching staff as well as head freshman boys basketball coach and JV assistant coach. He played both of these sports while attending Marist.

Coach Waldron will be assisted by the boys JV basketball head coach, Ken Pimental. Pimental will be assisted by Winchell Jonas, father of senior Brandon and freshman Gavin.

The freshmen boys basketball team will be coached by AJ Vanderhoff.

Ready to hit the mats, the wrestling team's new head coach is former assistant coach, Dino Deschaine, father of senior Cameron Deschaine. Coach Deschaine will be assisted by Brian Davis.

Swimming will continue to be coached by Mike Cobarrubias but adds a new assistant coach, Bill Ford, father of junior Anthony Ford.

It's exciting to welcome these new coaches to the Marist community.

# Kickin' it with the Cooneys

*Junior twins Evan and Emma explain how they came to be the soccer stars of the school*

by Audrey Hart

The Cooneys are known through Marist as the twins who are good at soccer, and they live up to their reputation. Their dedication to the sport has come to define more than just their reputation though, it is a part of them.

Juniors Evan and Emma both started playing soccer in kindergarten on St. Paul class teams. Emma chose to join herself but Evan says his mom, who wanted him to be more social, forced him into it.

Evan remembers his first practice, to which he wore jeans, a t-shirt, and tennis shoes. While Emma was coached by her father, Evan says, "My coach was mean! He's meaner than any coach I have now and I was in like kindergarten!" Still, it didn't take either of them very long to get hooked to their newfound sport.

They stuck to their school teams until 5th grade when they both made the switch to club soccer, which they are both still playing now. Playing Marist soccer in addition to club, they both often play against teammates from their club teams during the fall school season. "It's not too weird" says Emma, "but I only like it if we win."

Emma has also played three years of Olympic Development Program, a team for the best soccer players in state, as well. They both plan on trying to play soccer in college and from what we've seen of them on the Marist soccer fields, they are well on their way.

Emma made varsity her freshman year, while Evan did his sophomore year and they have both been starters since. Evan has contributed 18 goals to the boys' soccer season this year, 13 more than any other player. While Evan religiously keeps track of every goal he scores, Emma responded confidently "More than Evan, that's all I know."

Evan scored all of the goals in the boys playoff season that ended this Tuesday, and so far Emma has scored all of the goals keeping the girls playing.

Since they were young, they have gone out and played each other in soccer, but especially in basketball. "We get pretty into it, and someone always leaves angry," says Emma about their pickup games.

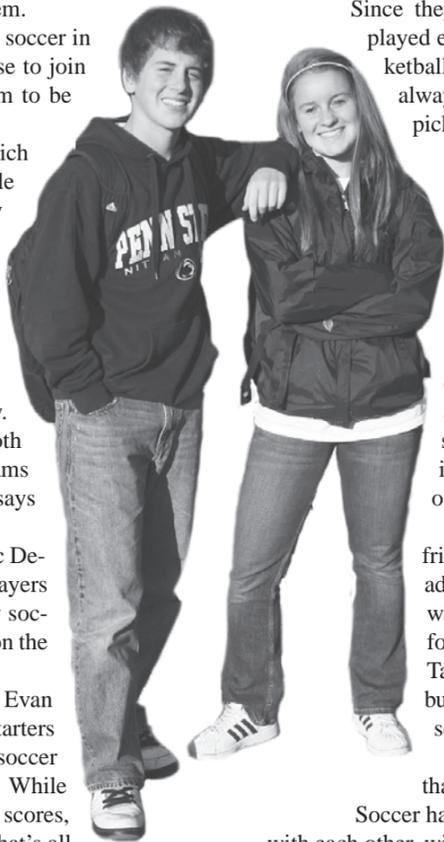
While competitive when playing each other, they are both very supportive. Emma says, "We push each other farther." "We have a good relationship," claims Evan. They try to go to all of their counterpart's games and take pride in each other's success.

Soccer has become an integral part of their life and they have had to sacrifice a lot for it. They gave up playing other sports and spend many weekends traveling the state for games instead of hanging out with friends.

Because of this, many of their best friends have come from soccer, a hidden added benefit. Evan played club soccer with good friend, goalie Tyler Patterson before Marist and Emma met her other half, Taylor O'Connor, first through basketball, but grew into their relationships through soccer.

It's clear when talking to either of them that soccer has truly shaped their lives.

Soccer has helped them grow into the relationships with each other, with others, and allowed for growth into the dedicated people they are now.



## LEADING THE PACK

*Marist's team captains share what it's like to be leading on and off the field*

by Tessa Pava

Henry Kissinger once said "The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been".

Marist is known for their skilled athletes and talented teams, but behind every strong team comes a strong leader. Captains are people who have experience, dedication, courage, and most importantly strength to lead their team through the trials and tribulations.

Being a captain comes with joys such as taking their team to a new level, bringing them to their full potential, and pushing them past their limits. Senior football captain Matthew Devereux says he likes having leadership because "it's a fun challenge to help the team move in the right direction and win."

But establishing a leadership role can also be difficult. A captain is asked to know their team, take time out of their personal lives, and hold a lot of responsibility.

"Sometimes it's frustrating to lead the team, I'm not sure how to handle certain situations because this is the first time I am the oldest with no one to look up to for help", says senior cheer captain Morgan Duckworth. Duckworth helps run a team of nine and when not everyone shows up to practice. It's hard to do some parts of cheer, like stunting safely, without the full team.

Being captain will always come with its pros and cons, but no matter the situation, a good leader will always try to do what is best for the team.

Some captains use their leadership skills beyond their team; they use it in their daily lives. Senior dance captain Shelby Turner uses her leadership outside the gym; "I'm always brainstorming ways to better the team and I do a lot of planning outside school", says Turner. She embraces her leadership outside of practice by planning activities with the other dance captains, holding extra practices, offering help, and adding choreography. Turner adds, "I also try to hang out with the team members as much as I can, because being close to them is important to me".

In order to form a solid team, Captains must connect with their teammates to build good foundation and gain their trust. The role of captain is essential to the team. But it all depends on the dynamics of the captain and how they work through issues and build up their team.

Some may take leadership as just to job to lead the team through stretches and workouts, and some might see it as responsibility to better their team and inspire them by being the best leader they can. Senior water polo captain Blaine Patrick Werner says his favorite part of being captain is "Knowing that my experience allows me to train and guide the new players, like [past captains] did for me."

# Many Sides of a Champion

*Conditioning coach George Walcott explains his purpose of developing the athlete and the individual*

by Brady Chionghian

"On the one, two, three gentlemen!" is a phrase often heard from Jamaican ex-sprinter and conditioning coach George Walcott, who trains some Marist teams and athletes. With 14 years of experience training athletes of all ages, Walcott is a true blessing to the Marist community.

"Without George, we would be nowhere near where we're at," says head football coach Frank Geske, who has utilized Walcott's training to condition the football team for the past three years.

While Walcott's workouts may be best known for their rigor and strict construction, they go beyond just the playing field. "I like to help people realize their true potential," stated Walcott. "People really excel once they realize nothing can stop them, and this blends into their personal life through the discipline they learn."

Walcott noticed and admired this same philosophy when he saw the academics Marist offers. After being introduced to Marist while training former Marist student-athlete Thomas Devereux, older sibling of current linemen Matthew Devereux, Walcott fell in love with the community.

"I knew nothing about Marist before coming here to coach in 2004," said Walcott. "But when I saw the way Marist challenged students academically, I had to do anything I could to get my children here." Both of Walcott's youngest sons attend Marist. Taylor is a junior and Travis is a freshman.

George Walcott is also respected for his kind heart and care for the athletes he trains. "[Walcott] is in it for the players. He drives them to be their absolute best, and that's not real common [in a coach]," says Geske.

"My true motivation is to develop not only the athlete, but also the individual," says Walcott.



George Walcott (right) trains his junior son Taylor on a football field. Photo courtesy of George Walcott

Specializing in multilateral training for all sports, Walcott is known to vary his workouts to benefit the team he is training at the time. "The workouts really depend on the person and their ability level," says Coach Walcott. "I've coached people anywhere from 10 years old to Olympic level athletes, but I always like to focus on core development and developing natural body strength."

Emigrating from Kingston, Jamaica at 19 years old, Walcott came to America on a track scholarship to Central Arizona College. After two years as an All American sprinter Walcott transferred to the University of Oregon, inspired by the passion for track he saw at Hayward Field.

In 1983, Walcott became the second University of Oregon sprinter to ever win a conference title when he placed first in the 200 meters. He has participated in the Jamaican Olympic Trials three times and represented Jamaica in the 1983 Pan American Games.

"I am a living example that America is truly the land of freedom and opportunity," claims Walcott. "This opportunity has allowed me to maximize my ability to the fullest and I'm truly grateful."

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# Students of the Issue



Katie Tarrant

Brennick Thompson

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY TEACHER WHO WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?**  
**KATIE**- "Mrs. Yocum because literature is my favorite subject and I love reading and writing."  
**BRENNICK**- "Mr. Moser, He does the coolest experiments in class."

**WHAT IS AN UNKNOWN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?**  
**KATIE**- "I drive an hour to and from school every day from Corvallis."  
**BRENNICK**- "I cook frequently"

**WHY DOESN'T TARZAN HAVE A BEARD?**  
**KATIE**- "I agree with Brennick and also because he likes it that way."  
**BRENNICK**- "He has a hormone imbalance that makes it so he can't grow facial hair."



Amelia Barker

Alan Knepler

**IF YOUR HOUSE CAUGHT ON FIRE WHAT ARE THE FIRST THREE THINGS YOU WOULD GRAB?**  
**AMELIA**- "My dog, but he is really heavy so I probably wouldn't be able to carry him, my yellow, orange and green cruiser and my hair dryer."  
**ALAN**- "Dog, computer and my photographed picture of Dallas Cotton."

**WHY DOESN'T MCDONALDS SELL HOT DOGS?**  
**AMELIA**- "I don't know but they might sell hot cats."  
**ALAN**- "Cause McDonalds sells hamburgers duh."

**IF A DEAF PERSON HAS TO GO TO COURT IS IT STILL CALLED A HEARING? WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?**  
**AMELIA**- "Well when blind people say goodbye to someone do they still say see you later?"  
**ALAN**- "A Deaf-ing?"



Celine Whitely

Michael Huston

**IF YOU SOAKED A RAISIN IN WATER WOULD IT TURN BACK INTO A GRAPE?**  
**CELINE**- "I think it would"  
**MICHAEL**- "It would be a soggy raisin."

**WHAT WAS THE BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD?**  
**CELINE**- "Frappachinos!"  
**MICHAEL**- "Pepsi."

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PHRASE TO SAY IN SPANISH AND WHY?**  
**CELINE**- "Mochilla!" that means 'backpack' and you have to emphasize the "ahhh".  
**MICHAEL**- "Polvo! It's funny."



Savannah Johnson

Jared Lathon

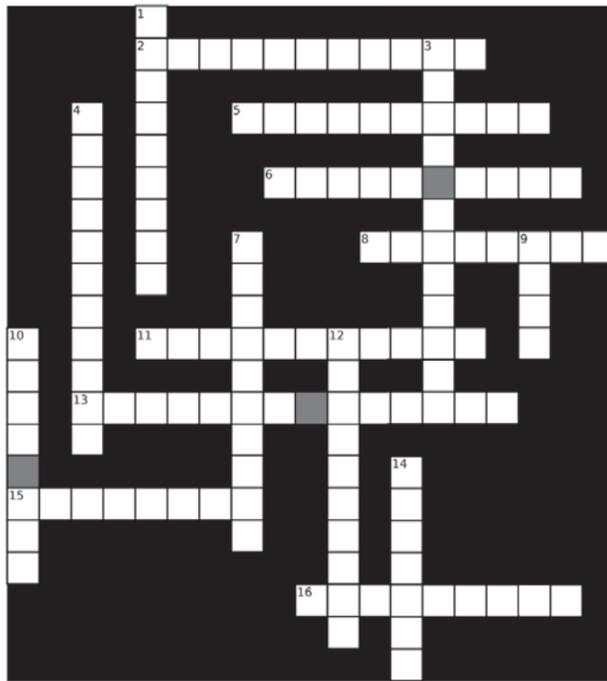
**HOW FAR EAST CAN YOU GO BEFORE YOU ARE TRAVELING WEST?**  
**SAVANNAH**- "You can never go too far East."  
**JARED**- "You can't."

**WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES THE OCEAN WHY DON'T THE FISH DIE?**  
**SAVANNAH**- "Lightning doesn't affect fish cuz they are all robots."  
**JARED**- "The electric eels soak it all up"

**IF YOU COULD BE ANY TEACHER WHO WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?**  
**SAVANNAH**- I would be Mr. Matt so I could live a block away from school and walk home.  
**JARED**- 'Mr. Moser; physics is awesome."

# By The Words

by Micah Stratton



Read through the stories to find the answers!

**Across**

- 2 What was the seniors top job choice?
- 5 "\_\_\_\_\_ is reality" according to Brie Gindlesperger
- 6 Blaine Patrick is the captain of what sport?
- 8 One instrument that Geoffrey Wildish plays.
- 11 Author of Romeo and Juliet.
- 13 Global \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Which sports team won sweatshirts for a state high GPA of 3.56.
- 16 Tuesday's motivational speaker's last name.

**Down**

- 1. Student Council Moderator.
- 3. Marist grad, now boys varsity basketball coach.
- 4. Helen Kwak's baptismal name
- 7. What sport besides soccer do the Cooney's compete in?
- 9. Last name of boys soccer coach.
- 10. Full name of Marist staff member who is a Eugene Voter Chairman
- 12. Katie Meyer's favorite person to be when she was little.
- 14. George Walcott's country of origin.

# FASHION MATTERS

By Jack Watson



With budget troubles abounding, put some inspiration into your wardrobe! Create your own style that can help you find confidence in your daily endeavors. Whether it's for a job or just for school, look for that little spark the next time you look in your closet.



# Questions for the Editors



Audrey,  
 How can I get Tyler Patterson's heart?  
 -All the Marist Ladies

Go Liam! Haha  
 -Audrey

Dear All the Marist Ladies,  
 He's a tough catch, I suggest spending all your time in Mrs. Patterson's class with him getting "math help."  
 -Audrey

Audrey,  
 Why is Katie Kline so damn hott?!  
 -Just Not Hot Enough (ha, as if somebody else wrote it)

Ray,  
 Hey, remember when you ruined everything? Inertia.  
 -Liam

Dear Just Not Hot Enough,  
 Katie, you aren't fooling anyone. All I have to say is Ew.  
 -Audrey

Dear Liam,  
 No, I don't remember. I guess I forget a lot of things.  
 -Ray

Ray,  
 Why do I like food more than boys?  
 -KK



Dear KK,  
 Because food is just far more satisfying than boys will ever be.  
 -Ray

Ray,  
 Why aren't girls signing up for the girls sophomore retreat when it's like the best thing ever?  
 -Klatie Kine

Dear Klatie Kine,  
 I guess none of the sophomores like having a TON of fun, eating AMAZING food, or making GREAT friendships with their classmates? It doesn't make sense to me either.  
 -Ray

Audrey,  
 Why would Marist ever have

school the day after the Harry Potter premier comes out? Are they crazy?  
 -Crazed Fan

Dear Crazed Fan,  
 I agree completely, do they not understand this is one of the most important events of the year?  
 - Audrey

Ray,  
 How much do you bench press?  
 -Big Man On Campus

Dear Big Man On Campus,  
 Enough to be able to carry 12 full water bottles around for 2 hours a day.  
 -Ray

Ray,  
 If you could go on an all-expenses paid man date with someone on the football team, who would it be?  
 -Big Man On Campus

Dear Big Man On Campus,  
 Logan Silver so I could brag to every girl in the school and some college girls too.  
 -Ray