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A Voice for Justice

'Dead Man Walking' author and activist Sister Helen Prejean comes to Marist to share her story as a spiritual adviser to death row inmates



Sister Helen Prejean speaks to a small group of students after the all-school assembly. Photo By Toni Cooper

By Michael Lyford

On Wednesday, Marist was graced with a visit from Sister Helen Prejean, a national celebrity. Prejean, an ardent activist against the death penalty, is best known as the author of *Dead Man Walking*, an account of her experience with a death row inmate in Louisiana. As a part of a series of talks all over Oregon, Prejean stopped by Marist to deliver a talk on her experience with human rights and the death penalty.

Her talk to the student body of Marist was highlighted by a call for mercy rather than swift retribution when dealing with cases of capital punishment.

She spoke about her own experience as the spiritual adviser to death row inmate, Patrick Sonnier, in order to convey the human experience of going through the process of an execution. She also stressed the importance of forgiveness, giving examples from her experience with families of victims that she worked with.

After delivering a speech to the student body in the gym, Prejean met with a smaller group of students from theology and literature classes in the theatre. The students, many of whom are currently reading her book *Dead Man Walking*, listened to stories about how she collaborated with

book editors and movie producers to change the way people talked about the death penalty.

Prejean also talked about the importance of action by young people. She explained that even high school students can make a difference by petitioning their representatives.

"I've met with a lot of politicians. When they get a letter or a stream of letters from young people, it begins a dialogue that begs a serious question about this issue," said Prejean.

Prejean departed Marist en route to California, where she will deliver another series of talks in her battle against capital punishment.

Taking a Break with Tooke

By Chris Boyce

Tuesday, the sophomore class laughed and reflected as they attended a retreat in the Activity Center led by guest speaker Doug Tooke.

Sophomores participated in ice breakers, small groups and listened to stories given by Tooke with the goal of growing closer together as a class.

"The day was a lot of fun. I learned new things about my classmates that I didn't know, and I felt like I grew closer with them," said sophomore Austin Owen.

Junior retreat team members and seniors from the Christian Leadership class led small groups for the sophomores.

"It was interesting to see how the class was able to relax, have fun and come together with each other," observed senior McKenzie Tritt.



Doug Tooke speaks during Tuesday's in-school retreat. Photo by Tyler Beyerlein

Sophomores sit in rows during a game. Photo By Toni Cooper

This is the third year that Tooke, a native of Montana has visited Marist to lead the sophomore retreat. Tooke's technique of combining both hilarious and profound personal stories with bustling activities kept the students engaged all day.

A favorite activity incorporated the stories of St. Patrick, Joan of Arc and St. Boniface into a game of rock paper scissors.

Crackdown on Crime

By Ryan Whalen

Broken car windows, missing wallets, and stolen iPods are among the recent spike in campus crime that the administration is trying to clear out by spreading awareness and installing new security cameras.

According to Campus Supervisor Jeff Dreiling, "these are crimes

of opportunity not crimes of passion or anger." Students are having their valuables stolen because they "don't lock their stuff up and leave their belongings in visible place," Dreiling continued.

To combat the recent burst of theft, the administration is installing 12 new security cameras throughout

the school. Staff members also urge students to keep valuables at home or locked in their locker to avoid any potential burglary.

One recent victim, junior Ben Fusek, had his car broken into in the school parking lot. The administration took no direct action due to lack of information.

SPARTAN Sports

reported by Zach Silva

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Saturday, the team raced at the Rock-n-River Invitational. Senior Michael Busse and sophomore Emily Hollander headed the varsity teams. Wednesday at the Country Fair Classic, junior Zach Silva led the varsity boys to a seventh place finish. The varsity girls placed first and were led by junior Monica Anderson's fourth place finish. JV boys and girls both placed second.

FOOTBALL

Varsity clinched first place in the Midwestern League by defeating cross-town rival Willamette 66-0. Senior Greg Park lead the offensive charge with three touchdowns. Tuesday freshman football won 32-26 at Cascade. Varsity plays their senior game tonight against Marshfield.

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday varsity and JV lost at Churchill. Thursday Evan Cooney led the team with a last minute goal to topple Willamette 3-2 on their own turf, while JV won 2-0.

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday varsity lost 2-3 at Churchill while JV won 8-2. Wednesday varsity lost 1-3 with a goal from Tiffany Franz. JV suffered a 0-3 defeat.

VOLLEYBALL

Monday JV2 won 2-0 at home against South Eugene. Tuesday all three teams swept North Eugene at home. Thursday varsity lost 0-3 at Willamette. Senior Amanda Robert had 24 digs. JV won 2-0. Varsity travels to Marshfield for a tournament.

WATER POLO

Varsity lost 15-5 at Amazon Pool against Cottage Grove. Ryan Johnson led the team with three goals.

Check It Out

By Robb Talley



Do you know this wig who's made bangers on the barbie? Olivia Del Guercio lived and attended school in Australia for six months during second grade. Del Guercio found that the craziest thing about Australia was that the seasons were switched and that December was a part of summer down under. Del Guercio also lived in Rome for a month this summer.

Collecting Cans

By Jake Gram

This Tuesday the Marist Volunteer Program held it's first Can and Bottle Drive to raise money for the Stove TEAM International Foundation.

After school, students sorted and bagged donations. The money will be used by the Stove TEAM International Foundation to produce inexpensive stoves underdeveloped countries.

The next collection will take place on Tuesday, November 15th. Students and families are encouraged to bring in returnable non-glass cans and bottles,



Students sort through cans and bottles to help raise money for Stove TEAM International. Photo By Polaris Yao

Gathering the Masses

By Lexy Wheeler

On Thursday afternoon, students separated by grade for the Class Community Mass, a non-formal Mass intended for students to share community with one another in a smaller environment.

Hearing from guest priests, seniors met in the gym, juniors and sophomores were in the AC, and freshmen gathered in the theatre with Father Dave to watch their music videos from the Lock-In.



Father David Cullings talks to the Freshman at their class Mass. Photo By Toni Cooper