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THE SPARTAN ENLIGHTENING

PROM THIS
SATURDAY!

8-12 pm
at the
MacDonald
Theatre

Founding Brothers



Students bow their heads as Fr. Dave says Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

Students and staff gather for the annual founder's day Mass, barbeque, and speech from Marist teacher Dave Schmidt

By Jake Gram

Students, parents, and staff gathered in the courtyard this Wednesday to recognize Marist's rich history and tradition through the celebration of Mass.

The Founders Day mass is traditionally held outdoors. Despite initial concerns about the weather, this year was no exception. The Mass was delivered by Father Dave, who delivered a homily that highlighted the life lessons that can be learned from penguins.

The Mass was concluded by a speech delivered by former Marist student and current mathematics teacher Dave Schmidt.

Schmidt recollected on his days at Marist and his relationship with the Marist brothers who used to teach at the school. He then spoke about his experience as a teacher at Marist.

"The kids here are like sockeye salmon, they are big fish. Marist is like an ocean, full of things for them to eat. They have both academics and spirituality to feed on here. At the public schools they only have academics to feed on. They are more like Kokanee, not quite as big as sockeyes" said Schmidt.

The mass was followed by a complementary barbeque lunch, enjoyed by all in attendance.



Dave Schmidt delivers a speech about his experience with the Marist community. Photo by Emma Pindell

New Garden

By Monica Anderson

Environmental Club began the process toward establishing a school-run garden to benefit the Children's Relief Nursery two weeks ago.

Juniors Simon Olson and Joseph McLaughlin gathered for three hours to till and prepare the large portion of previously unused grass near the visitors' football stands.

The club hopes to plant a wide array of vegetables later this spring, and all yielded crops will be donated to the children at Eugene's own Relief Nursery.

Ultimately, members hope the garden will become a permanent factor in Marist's increasing sustainability.

All Marist students are encouraged to join environmental club. See Mr. Rain for membership details.



The area set aside for the future garden. Photo by Jenna Laver



The Environmental club poses outside. Photo by Jenna Laver

Dance team turns it up

By Courtney Volta

Last Saturday the Marist Passion Dance Team cohosted "Turn It Up!" a dance competition with All That! Dance Company in the gymnasium.

Five studios attended, not including All That! Almost 500 attended, not including dancers. The team raised nearly \$1,200 from concessions and admissions for costumes for coming years.

"It was great to see the sense of community between dance studios in Eugene," Sarah Foster, Passion's head coach.

SPARTAN Sports

BASEBALL

Monday varsity defeated Marshfield 9-4 with Rowdy Huston leading the charge with 4 RBIs. Huston's also had a game-clinching RBI Wednesday at home leading to a 4-3 victory. Friday the team plays at Churchill.

SOFTBALL

Varsity squeaked out a 7-6 victory over Marshfield at home Tuesday anchored by Allison Behrends' game winning run. Wednesday at Springfield Marist routed the Millers 8-4 led by freshmen Anne Yates' 3 hits.

BOYS GOLF

Monday varsity took second to Summit in the state preview at Emerald Valley. Senior Brent Pollack tied for first with a 74.

GIRLS GOLF

Tuesday at the Eugene Country Club Invitational Tierney Werner led the team to 6th place.

BOYS LACROSSE

Tuesday at Thurston, varsity was trounced 8-16 despite a combined 7 goals from juniors Chris Damewood and Cole Sessums.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Varsity lost a thriller 11-12 game at home Tuesday against top ranked Roseburg. Senior Claire Koester had 4 goals.

BOYS TENNIS

Tuesday varsity tied the Churchill Lancers 2-2

GIRLS TENNIS

Tuesday tied 2-2 against Churchill with wins from No. 1 and 2 doubles teams.

TRACK AND FIELD

The team hosted Siuslaw and Springfield Wednesday. Varsity boys won the meet and were led by junior Coleman Byrum's victories in the 110m and 300m hurdles. On the girls side, freshmen Carley Weixelman and Claire Farrington won the 100m and 200m respectively. Today varsity travels to Gresham for the Dean Nice Invitational.



Junior Makayla Estill runs upfield against Roseburg. Photo by Emmitt Cummings

MULTICULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

By Michael Busse

Several Marist students traveled across town in Oregon's largest language and culture event on Friday, the Foreign Language and International Studies Day at the University of Oregon.

In six hours, presenters representing 40 countries offered around 110 classes in cooking, dance, martial arts, language and customs.

"There was a huge variety of classes, and it was cool to meet people from other schools," said sophomore Gavin Doremus. "Walking around campus between classes also made it fun."

Students, who registered for the event last fall, began the day's cultural experience by taking public transportation to the university.



Juniors Jesse and Cole Sessums in front of the Duck Shop on campus during Friday's field trip. Photo by Jackson Bedbury

COLLEGE CHOICES FINALIZED

By Claire Koester

As the days become longer, graduation gets closer, and senioritis becomes an excuse for everything, the deadline for Marist seniors to finalize their college plans has come and gone with the May 1st deadline.

Attending either the University of Oregon, Oregon State, or Lane Community College, many seniors will be staying in state to save money and stay close to home.

"It's nice to have a decision made but it is a little bittersweet because I would have liked to get away from home," said senior Nate Krause who will be attending the University of Oregon next fall.