

Five for the Feast Flourishes

By Katie Tarrant

Last week, the Marist community came together to help the needy in our community by participating in the Eugene Mission's Five for the Feast fundraiser. Not only did we meet our total donation goal of \$2,500, we exceeded it by nearly \$700 with a final total of \$3,225 in donations raised.

This year, the mission has served nearly 500 homeless guests every night -100 more than they fed this time last year. With this increased need in the community, Marist's donation will go a long way towards improving the lives of the disadvantaged individuals among us.

The Mission program leaders were so pleasantly surprised by the generosity of Marist's donation that they have extended an invitation for Marist representatives to visit the Mission for lunch and a tour of the facilities sometime in the coming months.

Bruce Bound



Marist staff and spouses enjoy their limo on the way to the Bruce Springsteen Concert. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Toni Cooper and Joe Laver

Sixteen Marist staff and spouses traveled to the Portland Rose Garden and back in a party bus Wednesday night to witness the "The Boss", Bruce Springsteen in concert.

The group returned to Eugene about 1:30 a.m. exhausted yet energized and all agreed the experience was worth every penny and second spent.

English teacher Bill Ferrari came up with the idea and pitched it to any willing staff member as a religious experience.

"When Bill Ferrari says something's going to be life-changing, you should listen," Assistant Principal and concert-goer Stacey Baker said.

Sophomore Life



Senior CLC students talk about what life was like their sophomore year. Photo by Jessica Swan '14

By Monica Anderson

Seniors shared wisdom and stories with the sophomore classes Friday. Deemed "Sophomore Life," each class's panel featured five Christian Leadership students who recounted their own sophomore experience.

This served as a follow-up to Sophomore Parent Night, an event that featured a similar panel. Parent Night was previously a solitary occurrence, but when parents suggested that their students could benefit from a parallel event, Campus Ministry director Rick Martin organized Sophomore Life.

Sophomores expressed appreciation for the opportunity to hear about memorable experiences and future opportunities.

"It made me think about my options," said sophomore Chase Jacob.

STUDENTS SAVE LIVES



Senior Lauren Sibole excitedly gives blood in the AC on Monday. Photo by Jackson Bedbury '13

Marist juniors and seniors donate blood for a good cause

By Drew Boyles

Students trickled into the activity center Monday to donate in a unique way. The first Marist blood drive of the year kicked off at the start of the day and ended with almost 100 donations.

The event was led by seniors Cade Miller, Madeline Balderston, Miriam Jacobson and Shannon Walsh who guided students through the process. "It was really cool that we were entrusted with the job," Walsh said. The leaders,

selected by literature teacher Bill Ferrari, made sure students were staying hydrated and fed before and after the blood donations.

The whole process, paperwork and all, takes about 45 minutes with an average of 10 minutes devoted to the actual transfer. Junior Hannah Hughes recalled that, "The prick on the finger [to test iron levels] hurt more than the needle in the arm."

Only five percent of donors feel light headed after making their contribution and only two

percent have an adverse reaction like having to stop and sit down for a while before going back to class. At the end of the day, Lane Blood went back to the center with 91 units of blood, and donors went home with a sense of service to the community.

Any student 16 years and older should seriously consider the benefits of donating blood to save lives, either when Lane Blood Center visits in the spring, or by visiting the Center in South Eugene.

Breaking the ICE

By Haley Anderson

Wednesday morning students split up into study halls, presentations and a special senior led session for the Freshmen

The Christian Leadership Class put on Freshman ICE—freshman inner-class extravaganza—to help the freshman become closer as a class. The event was planned by senior Christian Leadership students Lauren Sibole, Shannon Walsh, Jackson Bedbury and Maggie Over. The topic of the activity was friendship, which was completely different from previous years. Freshmen made friendship bracelets, played games and talked about the characteristics of a good friend.

Sophomores and juniors attended a counseling presentation on college and the future for the first half of the period. While juniors were attending the counseling presentation, sophomores were in third period classrooms for a study hall. A switch halfway through put the sophomores in the counseling presentation and juniors in the study hall period.



Freshman Kourtne Reddig looks to her leaders for instruction while making a friendship bracelet. Photo by Austin Bosworth '14

The seniors heard a presentation from Natalie Scott of the Scott Law Group. Scott spoke about responsibly handling money, the difference between debit and credit cards and how not to become bankrupt in order to secure a prosperous future.

Tournament Awaits Speech and Debate

By Chris Keylock

On Saturday, December 1st Marist's Speech and Debate team will battle it out in a tournament here at Marist from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The team of

nine students will be competing against six other high schools from Oregon including Willamette, Sheldon, Grants Pass, Newport, West Albany and North Valley.

In previous tournaments this debate season Marist's Speech and Debate team has had members make it to the final round in Debate and Expository events.

Rockin' the AC

By Jordan Pickrel

The Marist Rock Band took to the stage during block lunch this Wednesday for its second concert of the year.

Students, staff, and parents gathered in the Marist Activity Center to listen to classic rock verses amplifying through the space as band members played and sang ardently accompanied by Marist Band Director Jim Reinking on keyboard. "It was awesome!" sophomore Angelina Rivas said.

Reinking established this unique high school elective 13 years ago by to increase opportunities for Marist's musically talented.

"It's awesome," junior member Liam Turner said.

Swimming For a Cause

By Zach Silva

Thursday the Marist swim team joined forces with North Eugene and Cottage Grove, for a fun charity relay meet for Food for Lane Country at River Road Pool.

Swimmers and spectators alike were encouraged to bring four cans of food to donate to FFLC. This is the only event like this in the state and all three coaches were excited to be a part of it.

"Our motto is 'We Are One' and that cannot be overstated. Not only are we feeding the homeless, but we are setting an example of what it means to be in an actual community. This is what Marist is all about," Marist head coach Mike Cobarrubias said.

The Spartans placed second to North Eugene in the meet that was just a warm-up for the actual season. Swimmers raced in events they were not normally involved in and even races that featured kickboards.

Magic In the Air



Senior Josh Smallwood marvels at a magic trick performed by Marist graduate Fr. David Jaspers in Walt Fox's 20th Century Pop Culture class. Photo by Emma Pindell '13

Marist Football Advances to the 5A Finals

By Jessica Swan and Morgan Silver

Varsity football travels to Hillsboro Stadium on Saturday in hopes of grasping their first 5A state title.

The Spartans (12-1) dauntlessly defeated the top ranked Redmond Panthers (11-1) 40-8 last Friday at Willamette University in the semi-finals, despite the absence of senior wide receiver Austin Baird due to a season-ending injury against Mountain View the previous week.

"We're a better football team than we were at the beginning of the year, even though we're not as talented [without Baird]," Head Coach Frank Geske said.

With the help of two touchdown runs from junior running back Andrew Park, and a pair of touchdown passes thrown by senior quarterback Kamerun Smith to junior Liam Henshaw and senior Josh Harper, the Spartans kept the end zone-hungry Panthers caged during the first half.

In the third quarter, Redmond managed a touchdown due to an unlucky collision between two Marist defensive backs, and the Panthers

secured a safety after a poor snap by the Spartans, narrowing the margin to 34-8. But in the final quarter, Park solidified the Spartan victory, scoring his fourth touchdown of the game.

The Friday night win guaranteed Marist a spot to compete against the Sherwood Bowmen (12-0) in the highly anticipated 5A championship game.

For the current senior class, this may feel a bit like deja vu.

As sophomores two years ago, many of these seniors competed against the Bowmen for the 5A state title at Hillsboro Stadium, but suffered a 26-23 loss in overtime after a Sherwood 25-yard field goal.

Earlier this year Sherwood beat Marist at home 38-20. Not only does this loss further the Spartans desire to win, but it also provides an opportunity to exhibit the growth the team has accomplished this season.

This Saturday at 7:30pm, the seniors have the opportunity to seek revenge after two heart-breaking losses to the Bowmen.

"Putting yourself in their [the players] shoes, you'd be motivated no matter what. If



Junior Liam Henshaw catches a touchdown pass in the semi-finals against the Redmond Panthers. Photo by Toni Cooper

you're playing the state championship game, that's a pretty cool thing. The fact that it's Sherwood, that's a huge bonus," Geske said.