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## Rhododendron Revamp



Brother Dan Grogan poses for Helzer. Photo by Megan Braud '13

By Emily Boyd

A sculpture of a Marist brother, a teacher and two students by local artist Peter Helzer is being built in the well-lit rhododendron garden between the front office and gym. The statue will be surrounded by rocks, where there will be room for students to sit.

During the accreditation of the school about five years ago, it was decided that the school was lacking Catholic identity, specifically Catholic art. A team of teachers and staff came up with the idea to have a statue built at the school as a reminder of our history. An anonymous donor is funding the project.

## AP Exams

By Jordan Pickrel

AP final exams began this week at Marist, kicking off the end of the year.

AP tests for Chemistry, Calculus, both junior and senior Literature, and Statistics were held this week at both the St. Mary's and St. Paul's Parish Centers.

Tests for AP Biology, Physics, and US Government and Politics will take place next week at St. Mary's.

## Exploring History



Students listen to arguments proposed by their classmates, and the teachers silently judge. Photo by Megan Braud '13

By Emily Boyd

For the past week, Tripp Nelson's history classes have been learning about famous kings that reigned in the days of absolutism and philosophers from the Age of Reason. They are using their newfound knowledge to portray historical figures to their classmates while donning costumes.

Yesterday and today, the students debated which group affected society in a greater way. Nelson judged the debates with the help of various other staff members.

# NEW PROM VENUE A HIT



Prom King Chris Damewood goes to congratulate Prom Queen Shannon Walsh at the Ford Alumni Center last Saturday. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Students get classy for a night of dancing

By Jackson Bedbury

Juniors and seniors flooded the University of Oregon Ford Alumni Center last Saturday for the Marist Promenade.

This year brought a transition away from the longtime Prom venue McDonald Theatre, and was met with rave reviews.

The prom committee, made up of junior students and moderator Beth Wirth, felt that the new building would make for a better venue—and they were right. Students liked the more open nature

of the Alumni Center. "Changing from the split stage at McDonald to the open floor at the Alumni Center made for a way more prom-friendly venue," senior Kenzie White said.

In addition, while the dance was bumping prom attendees could make their way to a photo booth with a friend or two, put on some costumes and pose for a few pictures. "I put on this white top hat, and I felt like Mr. Monopoly. It was an awesome thing to have

there," junior Jonah Saraceno said.

A while into the dance, the Prom Court was introduced. The five princes—Jackson Bedbury, Chris Damewood, Ben Fusek, Josh Harper and Grant Jamieson—and the five princesses—Madeline Balderston, Miriam Jacobson, Jenna Laver, Shannon Walsh and Kenzie White—took their places at the front of the dance floor.

The Prom King and Queen of 2013 were seniors Chris Damewood and Shannon Walsh.

# Spartans moving on to state

By Zach Silva

After a sensational second round of golf at Tokatee Tuesday, the Marist boys were able to claim the Midwestern League Title while securing a spot at the State Tournament.

After day one of the tournament on Monday, the team uncomfortably sat in second place where they were just a stroke ahead of Churchill and nine strokes back from Willamette. On the individual side, Marist's number one, junior Billy Pollock who went on to win the individual title, was a stroke behind the leader.

Tuesday the team came alive.

It did not just come from Pollock's success but was a team effort. The entire team consisting of junior Austin Owen, senior Neu Nipatasaj and freshmen Dave Walters in addition to Pollock all shot better on day two of the tournament. This led Marist to shoot 302 as a team. Their previous best score was over 320.

Pollock went on to birdie four holes on the front nine to take the lead and he never looked back. His



The boys team celebrates its championship trophy with coach Don Hanley. Photo courtesy of Neu Nipatasaj

individual title propelled the team to snag the district title and a spot at state next Monday at Trysting Tree Golf Course in Corvallis.

Also this week, the girls had their district meet. While the team finished in \_\_\_. Senior Amelia Barker shot 183 and finished fourth overall which qualified her for a spot in the state tournament next Monday at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks.

## Students learn how to stand out in the world of business



Scott Hanscom and Doug Wilson share stories about their experiences in business. Photo by Harry Zhou '14

By Harry Zhou

Thursday, University of Oregon business professor Doug Wilson, who is also the father of English teacher Beth Wirth, and Scott Hanscom from Levi's Corporation came to Marist for a Brown Bag Lunch about business.

The two visitors addressed how they got their starts in business, and spoke about how rapidly the indus-

try was evolving. Professor Wilson also went on to talk about how significant a role multilingualism will play in a world where international business is becoming the norm.

Both presenters explained the abilities and skills college students lack and should seek to improve in order to impress future employers.

## SPARTAN SPORTS with CHRIS KEYLOCK

### BASEBALL

Varsity was undefeated in league until a loss at Churchill 8-7 last Friday. On Monday the Spartans fell again 18-14 against the Pirates at Marshfield. Junior Dustyn Smith went 5-for-5 with 3 doubles, five RBI's and a homerun. Varsity turned things around and clinched the League title on Wednesday with a 5-4 victory over Willamette. In extra innings, freshman Andrew Jablonski hit a line-drive with the bases loaded to allow fellow freshman Matt Haney score the game-winning run. Varsity plays North Eugene tonight at home.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Varsity pulled out a victory against Thurston last Friday in a sudden death overtime 11-10. Senior Chris Damewood assisted fellow senior Hunter Duckworth's fourth goal for the win. On Tuesday varsity defeated North Eugene 7-3. Junior Drew Anderson scored three goals. Tonight varsity travels to Sisters to compete in the SALI Tournament.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Varsity defeated West Salem last Friday 9-5. Junior Hannah Hughes scored three goals and had two assists. Juniors Jessica Swan and Danica Shephard along with senior Brooke Gemmill all had two goals. The squad dominated South Salem on Monday 17-5. Gemmill had six goals and two assists. Hughes had four goals and four assists to lead the Spartans. Varsity squashed the Irish on Wednesday 17-6. Gemmill scored six goals and Hughes scored another five.

### SOFTBALL

Last Friday's game ended in a loss for varsity 6-1 against Churchill. Sophomore Shawna Burke was 2-for-3. Varsity lost to Marshfield on Monday 2-1. Sophomore Shawna Burke threw a three-hitter with 16 strikeouts. The Spartans beat Willamette 3-2 on Wednesday, sending home the Wolverines with only their second league loss. Sophomore Shawna Burke struck out 10 in a complete game.

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### TRACK & FIELD

Last Friday the boys placed 4th and the girls placed 12th at the Dean Nice Invitational in Gresham. Senior Colton Bloom got 2nd in the 200m while fellow senior Coleman Byrum got 1st in the 110m hurdles and 2nd in the 300m hurdles. Junior Bri Kempf placed 3rd in the high jump. The team competed in a dual meet at South Wednesday where they recorded many individual victories, including junior JP Kiefer's 800m victory. For the girls sophomore Anne Yates won the 200m and 1500m.