

Y El Oscar Va A...



Junior Clark Embleton accepts his Oscar during the Spanish Oscar's today. Photo by Sam Inouye

Seniors Have Their Final Change Of Heart



The seniors on the third Metanoia get together for a group picture. Photo by Chad DePaoli

By Joe Laver

Last weekend a group of 25 seniors, four staff members, and three Marist grads ventured to St. Benedict's Lodge to participate in fun games, hiking, bonding in group activities, and sitting by the McKenzie River at the senior Metanoia retreat.

University of Oregon sophomores Jenna Laver, Megan Braud and recent Oregon State University graduate Sarah Jamieson worked with theology teachers Chad Depaoli and Matthew Oppe, who moderated the events of the retreat, centered on the transition from high school to college and beyond.

The grads led the seniors in small group activities and provided advice and suggestions regarding life in college.

"I really liked seeing the team work displayed in our class," said senior Brian Wang.

Environmental club Plants For The Future



Members of the Environmental Club remove sod for the new garden. Photo by Ben Rain

By Emily Jewett and Madisyn Bryant

Environmental Club planted a new garden last Monday near the science wing to replace its previous garden by the track in order to make it more convenient and manageable. The garden is open to help from the Marist community for maintenance at the next work session on Friday, Feb. 27th.

The garden's crops will most likely be used in a fundraiser to raise money for Food for Lane County, or will go directly to the organization.

PROVIDING PERSPECTIVE



Rabbi Maurice Harris speaks to students while a video of a Holocaust survivor is played in the background. Photo by Kayla Backer

Rabbi visits Marist to talk with lit students about Holocaust

By Austin McIntire and Jordan Pickrel

Rabbi Maurice Harris visited Marist Friday to talk to students in English teacher Sarah Reed's sophomore honors literature students in the theater in connection with their study of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel's book *Night*.

Rabbi Harris spoke primarily about Father Patrick Desbois, a Roman Catholic priest who went to Ukraine in 2004 to uncover the mass graves of the Jewish victims killed in a little known part of the Holocaust.

Based on Fr. Desbois's book, *The Holocaust by Bullets*, Rabbi Harris described how Fr. Desbois was disturbed by the lack of documentation for the victims who were killed by German execution commandos called Einsatzgruppen. Nazi leaders Heinrich Himmler and Reinhard Heydrich set up these kill squads which killed almost one and a half million Jews, yet remain little known.

Fr. Desbois was only able to enter Uruguay after it was no longer a communist state and he began to uncover the mass graves

and to give the Jewish victims proper burial rights once he did.

Reed said she first met Rabbi Harris at Eugene Bootcamp.

"We started talking and realized we were both educators and I knew I wanted to bring him in at some point," Reed said. "We were studying *Night* and I thought 'I would totally love a Jewish perspective on this.'"

Reed said the class's study of *Night* is to allow students to use the book "as a foundational text to examine how stereotypes and bias can lead to things like genocide."

Ashes To Ashes, Dust To Dust



Junior Trae Gould receives his ashes from Father Vincent Benoit O.P. Photo by Sam Inouye

By Natalia Zreliak

Marist donned crosses upon their foreheads at the Ash Wednesday Mass marking the beginning of Lent. As participants received the ashes they were reminded that, "From dust you came and to dust you shall return," reminding us that humility is our best pathway to finding God's will for us.

Mass was celebrated by Father Vincent Benoit O.P. from St. Thomas More parish in Eugene. His message was one of sacrificing our will for the will of God.

Benoit reminded us that by wearing the cross we become ambassadors of Christ and challenged us to not just go through the motions of Lent but try something new.

"You can give up something for Lent, or you could do something," said Fr. Benoit. He suggested just simply wearing a smile a smile everyday even if you don't feel like it.

Friday Lenten Masses will begin next Wednesday and will continue until Friday, Mar. 20.

Speaker Advocates Healthy Life Choices

By Jordan Pickrel

Distinguishing between "imitations" and "real love" was the message guest speaker Chris Stefanick shared with Marist students Thursday during a visit organized by the Campus Ministry Office.

Stefanick, a Director of Campus Ministry at the Archdiocese of Denver is a nationally-recognized speaker, author and self-proclaimed "chastity guy."

After beginning the assembly by inviting students on stage for a karaoke-esque game with guitar accompaniment, Stefanick presented to



Speaker Chris Stefanick

students about choosing sexual abstinence for sake of sexual health and growing in faith.

"You can choose what you do but you can't choose the consequences," Stefanick said in his speech, concluding by challenging students to work toward healthy, authentic relationships.



Senior Braden Bromley accepts an iTunes gift card after winning the singing contest. Photo by Sam Inouye

Spartans Swim Towards State



Senior Corey Solari butterflys to victory. Photo by Jack Kieswetter

By Janan Hart

Many Marist students are joining the best 5A swimmers from around the state at Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center in Gresham, Ore this Friday and Saturday evening at the 2015 OSAA Swimming State Championship.

The showing comes from good performances at the Midwestern League District meet last weekend, where the Marist girls captured the league title by 84 points, and placed first in eight out of 11 races. The boys team placed 3rd, and included a win by Senior Corey Solari in the 200 Yard Individual Medley.

In total there are eight girls and five boys competing at the state championship this year.

Runners Prep For Track Season

By Michael Baird

To prepare distance runners for track and field season, Marist health teacher and track and field co-head coach Chase Wells shuttled students to two of the University of Portland's Tuesday Night at the Races, a weekly event open to the public featuring three different-length races and a field event held on the 240 meter indoor track on campus in Portland.

Students competed in the 2000 meter, 1500 meter, and 800 meter race. Junior Clark Embleton won the second heat of the 800 that night. The following week senior Olivia Powell finished in the first heat of the 1500, while junior Jordan Pifer clenched victory in the second heat of the 800.

Kearney To State

By Trevor Konrady and Clara Lee

Over Valentine's Day weekend junior wrestler Justin Kearney clinched his spot in the 5A state wrestling tournament by finishing second in the 170 lb weight division. Kearney will compete at the state tournament Mar. 6 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

"I transferred from Churchill so it's the original wrestling team I've grown up with," Kearney said, "It's exciting. It's my third time going so I'm looking to place this year."