

NEWS briefs

Juniors Take PSAT

By Jack Benda

Marist's junior class took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, or PSAT, in the Activities Center on Wednesday morning.

In addition to providing a preview of the types of questions on the SAT, the PSAT provides scores that are used to determine students that are eligible to be National Merit Scholars in their senior year.

Two current seniors were recognized as Commended Scholars. Another senior is a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist. Semifinalists must complete an application for consideration as a Finalist and a chance at \$2,500 toward freshman year in college.

Helping Students Succeed

By Maya Dotson

Last Friday, while students got the day off, Marist staff spent the Statewide In-Service Day discussing learning disabilities and how the newly developed Student Support Team will help students who might otherwise fall through the cracks.

Assistant Principal of Student Affairs Christi Nicholson, an expert in this area, ran the events of the day. Nicholson also invited Pilar Bradshaw, a local pediatrician and Marist parent, to talk about the rise of anxiety and depression that she has seen in her practice and how that might be paralleled in the school environment.

College Financial Aid Night

By Livia Kokkino

Marist seniors and their families gathered in the Bob Devereaux Theater for the annual College Financial Aid Night on Monday evening.

Admissions representatives from the University of Oregon and Marist senior class counselor, Court Wirth provided information to the students about applying for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, as well as information on how to apply for other various grants and scholarships for colleges.

Careers in the Military

By Claire Hoffman

Friday, the Brown Bag Lunch series hosted four speakers who informed students about United States military academies, including the Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy, and West Point Military Academy.

HOMECOMING VICTORIES FOR ALL



The varsity football team celebrates after their 17-14 win against Thurston last Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper

Marist football team kicks off Homecoming weekend

By Liesl Benda

"It's so good to see you guys happy," Frank Geske said to the Marist football team following an inspirational 17-14 win against Thurston in the annual Homecoming game.

The theme for the game was preppy, so fans showed up in their themed attire ready for a rainy, stormy game. Up until the game on Friday, Thurston's football team was undefeated, but Marist came ready to fight for the win.

While the football team played their hearts out on the field, the student section roared with excitement, jumping up and down and cheering throughout the entire game. "Everyone was so happy whenever the

team scored and it felt so amazing to win our Homecoming game," sophomore Saba Samy said when asked about the atmosphere of the student section.

The weekend festivities continued with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening in the main gym. What initially seemed like a dreary and rainy day transformed into a night of fun and exuberance. Under the colorful lights, students danced to the music DJ'd by Marist alum, Caleb Coulombe '16.

"I thought Caleb was a really great DJ, and it was awesome to have him back," said senior Rachael Plant.

The highlight of the dance was the announcement of the Home-

coming king and queen, seniors Jack McGaughey and Alyssa Baltrusch. The Homecoming court came to the center of the gym for a special dance before the other students joined in. The night came to a close at 10:30 p.m. when the lights turned back on and everyone went home. It was definitely a weekend to remember.



Seniors Jack McGaughey and Alyssa Baltrusch are crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Photo by Toni Cooper

Classes Come Together in Spirit

By Maya Dotson

The annual class Masses took place yesterday as all of the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors gathered in their designated buildings for the Masses.

Fr. Ken Olsen celebrated Mass with the freshmen, Fr. Tom Yuchak with the sophomores and juniors, and Fr. David Cullings with the seniors.

Before their Mass began, the freshmen class experienced a blast from the past as they viewed a slideshow of photos from the Freshman Lock-In earlier this month, and after Mass they watched and laughed at the music videos they made in the middle of the night.

Marist mathematics teacher, Jeanette Herro, gave an address to the sophomores and juniors during their Mass. She spoke of communities being circles, and that Marist is a circle which never ends; and through it, we are all unified. "Mass made me feel hopeful for the



Fr. Ken Olsen celebrates Mass with the freshman class. Photo by Toni Cooper

future, especially when Ms. Herro spoke," sophomore Maddie White said.

Fr. David entertained the seniors with stories that illustrated how everyone needs to trust themselves instead of trying to please everyone.

Although the student body attended separate Masses yesterday, everyone was reminded that 'we are one'.

Godspell Lights Up Marist

By Benny Flores

Marist Theatre will perform their first play of the year, Godspell, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. This will be the first of three productions put on by the group. Godspell is an upbeat interpretation of the parables within the book of Matthew and is full of catchy tunes. This will

be the third time that theater director Tony Rust has conducted this play at Marist.

Senior Jack Lund plays the lead as Jesus, in addition to senior Bryn Garland playing as a follower of Jesus and sophomore Brandon Foster as John and Judas. General admission is \$10 and \$5 for students.



Seniors Jack Lund and Bryn Garland perform "All Good Gifts" from Godspell. Photo by Toni Cooper

Sports Updates

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, varsity boys cross country came in 6th at the Portland Meadows Invitational, led by junior Jerik Embleton, who placed 4th. Girls varsity came in 11th, led by freshman Isabella Zachem, who placed 11th. On Wednesday at the XC Country Fair Classic, with teams from all divisions from 1A to 6A, boys varsity placed 6th, girls varsity placed 8th, boys JV placed 5th and girls JV placed 7th.

FOOTBALL

Varsity football beat Thurston at home 17-14 last Friday in the Homecoming game. JV lost to Springfield 22-28 Thursday. Varsity plays tonight at Springfield at 7 p.m.

PETANQUE

Thursday, petanque lost at South Eugene 8.5-1.5.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, varsity won at Crater 4-1. Varsity and JV play Ashland tonight at 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity girls soccer beat Crater 9-0 on Senior Night Thursday. Both varsity and JV play at Ashland on Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL

Last Friday, varsity volleyball swept Eagle Point 3-0 on Senior Night. JV and JV2 both beat Eagle Point 2-0. On Tuesday, varsity won at North Eugene 3-0 and JV won 2-0. Also on Tuesday, JV2 won at Creswell 3-0. On Thursday, varsity beat Crater 3-0, never having lost a set in Midwestern League play. JV lost 0-2 and JV2 lost 1-2. The no. 1 ranked varsity team starts their run for a state championship on Oct. 29. Opponent TBD.

WATER POLO

Water polo plays their last game tonight at South Albany.



Junior Tucker Karo sacks the Thurston quarterback to seal the win last Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper