

NEWS **briefs**

**Cans and Bottles**

By Maya Dotson

Marist's monthly cans and bottles drive was moved from last Tuesday to this Thursday. The various school closures in January didn't allow for enough time for people to drop off their recyclables. All the proceeds from the cans and bottles are donated to Stove Team International which produces safe, affordable, fuel-efficient cookstoves to replace dangerous open cooking fires that are common in other countries especially in Latin America.

**Dishing Out Doles**



Freshmen history teacher Tripp Nelson teaches about ancient Rome while dressed as an emperor. Photo by Griffin Puls

By Liesl Benda

On Wednesday, freshmen world history teacher Tripp Nelson began distributing doles, or free handouts, to students in his classes. Nelson dressed in a toga to act as a Roman government worker and gave out doles in the form of cookies to his students. The activity showed how Roman citizens became dependent on the government over time, and how they had to slowly wean themselves off the government gifts. The students definitely enjoyed their free cookies!

**She's Back!!!**



Tammy May and Kimberlee Gennarelli. Photo by Molly Holmberg

By Emily Jewett

After several months away, former attendance officer Tammy May is working in the Marist office again. May left at the end of last school year to work with her husband. She now juggles two jobs, which she admits is a "challenge."

May will share the duties of Office Coordinator with Kimberlee Gennarelli, who joined the Marist community at the beginning of this school year.

Gennarelli now works from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and May works from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I love seeing everybody," May said. "It's a wonderful environment to come back to."

## SUCCESS ON THE HORIZON



The seniors, staff and alumni leaders pose alongside the McKenzie River during the last day of the first senior Metanoia retreat. Photo by Ellie Cross

### Seniors reflect on the past and prepare for the future

By Ian Skaggs

Friday evening a group of seniors departed for the first of two "metanoia" retreats held at St. Benedict's. It was led by Senior Metanoia Moderator Bill Ferrari, who commented that "it was an energetic and responsive group."

This retreat is intentionally held just prior to the second semester of senior year, as the primary focus is realizing that the future is now. The word Metanoia is of Greek origin, and is translated as a conversion of mind by way of reflection. "We were able to get an idea

of looking forward for what is to come, in relation to what he had experienced," senior Cole Vendetti said.

Marist graduates led the small groups to give insight regarding their own transition into life post-Marist. "We focused on not worrying too much about the future," senior Joe Noonan said. The graduate speakers reflected on their plans from senior year, and how they have progressed or changed. As life moves forward there are hindrances and challenges that are posed, and Grace Bullock reflect-

ed that her greatest insight gained was, "living in the now."

One of the most talked-about occurrences of the retreat occurred during the return trip to Marist, as the bus suddenly pulled to the side of the road. "No one had any idea what was happening," Vendetti said. The bus was low on fuel, so the driver pulled the bus over to assess the situation and maintain the safety of the students. Ferrari expressed that in hindsight having to make a pitstop at a gas station was a very slight bump in the road during an otherwise great retreat.

## Seniors Connect with Freshmen

By Cole Vendetti

Back from a three-day weekend, freshmen spent their theology classes on Tuesday talking to seniors who are in the Christian Leadership Class.

Originally scheduled for Dec. 9, the event was moved three times due to inclement weather. But the event is too important to pass up, as it is an excellent way for the seniors to check in with the freshmen as they finish their first semester.

The students spent time playing games, eating food, and having lighthearted conversations in a relaxed environment about how the Marist experience has been for them. Senior Ben Thompson "enjoyed being able to connect to the future of Marist." The goal of the seniors was to spend time with the freshman on an individual level, and to make sure that the freshmen feel comfortable and accepted.



Senior Emily Beck and freshman Amanda Jewett play Connect 4 during freshmen conversations. Photo by Molly Holmberg

Conversations took place throughout campus, from the cafeteria all the way out to the CLC building by the football field.

## Final Finals Schedule

By Livia Kokkino

Due to inclement weather, Marist was forced to cancel school for six days. The Archdiocese of Portland requires students to be in school for a certain number of days. In an attempt to make up for lost time, Marist made up one of the six days of school at the end of

Christmas Break.

Administration, faculty and staff met to deduce the best way to make up for the missed school. There were three options that were voted upon, the decision was made to get rid of Finals Week to allow for more instructional time in the classroom.

This new schedule was implemented so the school year would not be extended into the summer. "We didn't want to do that to our students," Assistant Principal Andrew Oldham said regarding the idea of added summer classes.

Some teachers gave, or will give a modified version of their

## Sports UPDATES

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

On Friday, varsity won 64-45 against Eagle Point. JV won 57-36. Freshmen lost.

On Tuesday, varsity won at North Eugene 73-58, JV won 44-39, and the freshmen team lost.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Last Friday, varsity won against Eagle Point 60-28 and JV won 34-33.

On Tuesday, varsity won 73-58 against North Eugene and JV won 50-42.

**SWIMMING**

Without their seniors due to the Metanoia on Saturday, both boys and girls lost in a dual meet at Ashland. The boys lost 85-10 and the girls lost 86-74.

On Thursday, the girls won their tri-meet against Springfield and Mountain View. Senior Rachel Larsen won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, and freshman Lauren Barry won 100 breaststroke and the 100 free.

The boys lost the meet with five individuals competing.

**SKI TEAM**

On Saturday, the girls placed 4th overall at their Slalom Race at Mt. Bachelor. Junior Caroline Gonyea placed 13th out of 66, and freshman Sally Moore placed 14th. Senior Dale Helvoigt placed 20th and freshman Ellie Gonyea finished 23rd. For the boys, freshman Charlie Moore led the team, finishing 10th out of 76 racers. Freshman Evan Villano placed 13th, and freshman James Cross finished 44th.

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Freshman Evan Villano runs in a meet during cross country season. Photo by Susmi Helbling

By Maya Dotson

Freshman Evan Villano placed 48 out of 429 other competitors in the 4k in the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships, in Hoover, Alabama on Dec 10.

To qualify for nationals, a competitor must participate in both a state and a regional meet in Portland, Oregon.

final exam in class, while others omitted it. If omitted, the grading policy would be altered such that each quarter with be worth 50 percent of the semester grade. This differs, however, from the usual 40-40-20 structure, which will still be implemented in most classes with revised final exams.