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Grand Theft Gator



By Ray Ferrari

Friday November 26, Marist's John Deere Gator was stolen by a pair of local public high school students and driven down to the Valley River Center area.

The teenagers ripped a hole in the side door of the vehicle, used a screwdriver and a ring of keys to start it, and drove it to the Maurie Jacobs Park behind Valley River where they were caught and arrested by police. As they left campus, they attempted to drive it through the gate between the tennis courts and gym, smashing and denting the gate but failing to get through.

At 2:30 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving, Assistant Principal Rick Gardner received a call from the Eugene Police Department. After being informed of the theft, Gardner had to drive to the mall and was then escorted to the Gator. He then had to drive the Gator back to Marist on the bike path being led by a police car at approximately 3:30am.

As Gardner road back to the mall in the police car, the pre-dawn events grew even more exciting as the cop pulled over a speeding driver while en route to Gardner's parked car.

"Cop cars aren't comfortable. That's for sure," Gardner commented when recalling the events of the morning.

LEADERS CHECK IN



Senior Jeremy Dibos and freshman Danica Shepherd talk about the year while making fruit smoothies. Photo By Colton Hansen.

Senior Christian Leadership students meet with freshmen on Friday to see how the year is going

By Brady Chionghian

During theology classes on Friday, the Christian Leadership class spent the day getting to know freshman in the annual Freshman one-on-one's.

At the beginning of the period, seniors paired up with a freshman and departed to the stage or the cafeteria, where they spent the remainder of the class time bonding through playing board games, talking, and hanging out.

"The whole goal was to get to know how their year

is going and see if there was anything they needed assistance with," said Senior Taylor McAdams.

"It was cool getting to know the seniors," said Freshman Mak Hutson. "We played this fun game called Aggravation, and I really think we formed a friendship that will last throughout the rest of the year."

"This was probably my favorite activity we've done all year," said Hutson. "I'm glad we got the opportunity to do this."

Eugene Football Flourishing

By Morgan Silver

Winning must be a Eugene thing, as our very own Marist Spartans are 12-0 and Oregon Ducks are 11-0. As the road comes to an end, history has been made. Marist's last victory over the Crescent Valley Raiders, with a score of 60-22, assures the

trip to the 'ship. This Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium, the Spartans will take on Sherwood, shortly after the Ducks play Oregon State in the Civil War game. Supporting fans cheer on the team throughout their journey as old and new traditions are passed on each year. It will be

the last time for the seniors to play wearing a Marist jersey. Already winning two state championships, one last victory would be the perfect way for the seniors to say goodbye to those following in their footsteps.

Saving Lives



Junior Michael Busse gives blood in the Friday blood drive. Photo by McKenzie O'Leary.

By Ray Ferrari

Friday, Lane Memorial Blood Bank came to Marist to collect for the annual fall blood drive.

Students over 16 were excused from class to donate a pint of blood before replenishing their bodies with the free food provided. Over sixty members of the Marist community donated blood to help save lives Friday.

Chess Season Begins

By Jeanine Gutierrez

Chess club had their first competition against South Eugene at LCC on Wednesday losing 1-3.

Despite their loss, Jon Nuxoll says the chess club played well. Their will compete in eight more competitions before the season ends in February. Chess club is still accepting members, so come check them out!

History Students Travel Back In Time



Photo By Geoffry Wildish

By Helen Kwak

On the Monday before Thanksgiving, Mr. Jon Nuxoll's AP U.S. History students rode the Amtrak Cascades Train for a learning experience at the Mission Mill Museum in Salem to explore a typical 19th century textile mill.



The girls gather in front of the McKenzie River at the end of the retreat. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Junior Girls go Up, Up and Away

By Tressa Parra

The first Girls' Encounter of 2010 kicked off on November 20th and ended on the 22nd. The group consisted of 21 junior girls, strong retreat team members, and the adult leaders. Retreat cook Diane Hall provided the delicious food. Since the weekend was filled with snow, the small groups spent most their time huddling by

the fireplace in boots and blankets and rarely explored the outdoors. But that didn't stop the weekend from being filled with fun and spirituality. "It was a really great experience because I got to spend more personal time with people in my class and got to grow more as a person," said junior Roselynn Williams.



Photo By Audrey Hart

Reconciliation

By Micah Stratton

All theology classes were given the opportunity to participate in a Reconciliation service in the theater Thursday. Led by Father Dave and Marist religion teacher Julie Ferrari, the time included prayer, candles, and reflection on the late Cody Waters, who was a symbol of a life in Reconciliation.



Photo By Toni Cooper

Picasso in Seattle

By Mackenzie Henshaw

Train enthusiast and history teacher Jon Nuxoll along with art teacher Lex Schmidt, led AP European history students and art students on a train ride and all day field trip to the Seattle Art Museum's Picasso exhibit.

The exhibit presented Picasso's personal works, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and photographs from every major stage of his artistic career.

Following the museum, the group travelled back by train, arriving in the Eugene station at midnight.