



Sports Updates

Boys Basketball

Varsity beat Philomath on Tuesday in the first round of state. They will play today at Cascade for the chance to advance to the final eight at Gill Coliseum.

Dance

Dance team will compete Saturday at Liberty. State is in two weeks.

Girls Basketball

At their 33rd state appearance they lost to Yamhill Carlton in the first round of the competition.

Focus on the Action

Gianni Carter

By Dani Gehrke and Jeff Bedbury

On Tuesday the Spartans took on Philomath in the first round of the state playoffs. Senior leader Gianni Carter led the team with 20 points. "We just ran and I got lucky enough to finish" said Carter when asked why things were clicking Tuesday. Carter hopes to repeat as state champion saying, "We have a lot of momentum right now and if we play our game we usually do pretty well." Carter will be going to Montana State University to play football for the Bobcats next year. The Spartans will play at Cascade this evening at 7 p.m. in the second round of the playoffs.



Show of Talent



Juniors Henry Harper, and Luke Vanderville, Zach Brandon serenade Tammy May with The Temptations' "My Girl". Photo by Erica Little.

By Art Hickman

Students let their talents shine at Marist's annual talent show last Wednesday. Even though all acts but one were musical, there was no lack of variety.

The show started with a bang when senior Gianni Carter and junior Brady Kirkpatrick performed an interpretation of Prince's "Kiss," and the show only got better from there. What followed were more songs from students including freshman Michael Busse, Jessica Stambaugh, and Abbie McCallum.

For a change of pace, junior Jessica Svetal confidently recited a

monologue from Joseph Zeccola's play "Scuba Lessons."

While every act had its charm, a panel of judges was forced to choose only three as the best of the show. In third place was Yashara Lund for her rendition of Taylor Swift's "Love story." In second was the Senior Rock Band for its performance of "Burnin' Up" by the Jonas Brothers. Coming in first place was the skilled Joseph Tomcal, for playing Chopin and "Lucy and Linus" on the piano.

"It was the best talent show we've had in a while" said senior Erin Miller, whose words were met by her friends with a chorus of agreement.



Senior Joseph Tomcal performs his first place piano piece. Photo by Erica Little.

Over all, most audience members seem to agree that this year's diverse mixture of performances made it something special.

Last Chance For Seconds

Terri Clemens cooks for her last Marist retreat.

By Mercedes Downer

Last weekend 26 junior girls went on their Encounter at St. Benedicts Lodge on the McKenzie River to make new and rekindle old friendships.

The girls left Sunday and returned Tuesday because the girls basketball team had a league playoff game on Saturday. Most say it is the highlight of their junior year.

It is a step up from other retreats and taking things to the next level. The Junior Encounter is known as the best and only kept secret among the Marist community.

As the girls returned, over 100 parents and students greeted them with a warm welcome back.



Terri Clemens spends her last moments in the kitchen at St. Benny's as a cook. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Junior girls enjoy some play during their lunch break. Photo by Laurie Campbell.

Last weekend also marked the last retreat that Terri Clemens would be the cook for.



Poop; It's Everywhere!!

By Jordan Schrader

Anyone who participates in a spring sport knows his mortal enemy: the goose. It's even more so when the flocks of twenty or more invade the playing fields and leave a piece of themselves behind, covering fields in goose-made landmines.

The most noticeable step taken toward fending off these water fowl on campus are the wooden cut outs of dogs placed on the fields. But for anyone who spends time on these fields, they know they aren't doing the job.

There are only two other major steps that can be taken to help keep the geese away. Step one: Don't feed the geese. Step two: Make noise that will scare the geese away from the area.

We can try our best to deter the geese, but the spring sports community will just have to deal with our feathered foes on our fields. They will always be around, and will leave something for us to step in.

Every Season Is A Holiday Season

By Rebecca Hanson

Throughout my life I have learned that when there is something to celebrate, it is celebrated and moods are lightened. The world seems just that much happier. Why not celebrate something every day?

Believe it or not, there is some obscure holiday for every day of the year. There are the good ole math related holidays, like March 3, which was Square Root Day (3-3-09), and Pi Day on March 14.

There are also some plain awesome holidays, like National Banana Cream Pie Day on March 3, and both National Chocolate Cheesecake Day, and National Frozen Food Day on March 6.

My personal favorite holidays are National Taco Day, which lies on October 4, and Waffle Day, on March 25.

Baker's Back

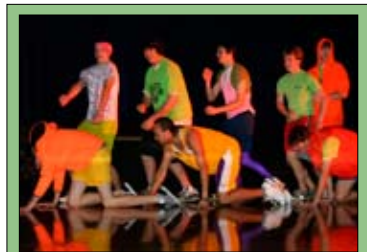
Stacey Baker returns from her travels in China

By Kristen Lee

Stacey Baker arrived back on this Thursday from her China experience. By Baker traveling to another country to present Marist to interested foreign students, the goal to have more Chinese students attend Marist in the upcoming

years is a great possibility.

Mixing work with a dash of fun, Baker went to the famous Great Wall of China where she was practically a celebrity as she walked the steps of one of the Seven Wonders of the World, being the only American around.



After the talent show, the Mr. Spartan's give the Marist community a preview of their dance for the pageant on April 4th. Upcoming events include the Mr. Spartan Dance this Saturday and Ballin' for the Babies on March 14th. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Who woulda' THUNK it?

By Jordan Brandt

Simone Thornton is a sophomore here at Marist, and who woulda' thunk it? She was a competitive skier on South Eugene's ski team, because we don't have one here at Marist. They would practice up at Mt. Bachelor. She started last school year because she thought it would be a nice activity. But she has just recently quit because it was too much of a commitment. When asked what she liked about it the most, "It's really fun, but a lot of hard work."

