



MARIST  
HIGH SCHOOL  
EUGENE, OREGON

# THE SPARTANS SPEAR

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## Spring Sports Begin

By Michael Busse

The spring sports season began this Monday, with practices officially starting across campus for nine teams.

The lacrosse teams have both grown, and the girls will have a junior varsity team for the first time ever. Boys and girls tennis have enough people interested to fill full teams after cuts. Though notably low on female athletes and seniors, the track and field team is of average size. Baseball and softball both are experiencing lower numbers than previous years.

The girls golf team will be led by new head coach Rick Nelson, and former assistant Don Hanley will be the head coach of boys golf.

Despite the rainy weather, teams had a successful first week, with several groups utilizing the activity center for practice.

**"PREPPIE FOR THE PREEMIES"**  
MR. SPARTAN DANCE  
**TOMORROW NIGHT!**  
Saturday March 5th  
7:30-11:00 P.M.  
\$5 Admission

**"Ballin' for the Babies"**  
MR. SPARTAN 3  
ON 3 COED\*  
BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT  
Sat March 12 1-3 P.M.  
\$10 per player  
Forms available at  
Campus Ministry.  
Return by Mar 8  
\*All middle and high  
school teams must have  
at least one boy and  
one girl

## TALENT OVERPOURING



A group of AP Spanish students perform a skit in Spanish during the Talent Show Wednesday as senior emcees Kevin Haskin and Katie Kline look on. Photo by Toni Cooper.

### Marist Talent Show ends with ties for first and second place

By Morgan Silver

Dancing feet, ready voices, and eager actors competed this past Wednesday morning in the annual Marist Talent Show which ended in ties for 1st and 2nd place out of twelve acts, lasting a little over an hour.

The talent varied with performances including solo and duet singing acts, bands with original pieces, a skit from the A.P. Spanish class, an original Hamlet monologue, and a Chinese dance. This was followed by a dance from the Marist cheer team, and ended with a dance by the nine Mr. Spartans previewing the dance they will perform at the Mr. Spartan Pageant in April.

Marist's rock band, Malicious Mangos, and junior dancer Wendy Hong tied for second place. Singing a duet, junior Michael Busse and senior Micah Stratton's tied for 1st with the soul band, Bluesbusters, which also included Stratton along with sophomores Ben Fish and Jackson Bedburry. These winning acts were presented a trophy and \$50.

Junior Wendy Hong performs a cultural Chinese dance at the Marist Talent Show Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper.



Siblings, sophomore Brooke and senior Dillon Gemmell, sing a song they wrote for each other. Photo by Toni Cooper.



Sophomores Ben Fish and Jackson Bedburry perform as the Bluesbusters. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Junior Michael Busse sings with senior Micah Stratton on guitar. Photo by Toni Cooper.



Senior Savanna Johnson sings, senior Justin Geertsen plays drums, and sophomore Ben Fish plays guitar as the Malicious Mangos. Photo by Toni Cooper.

## Basketball Advances

By Ray Ferrari

Last Friday, both Marist basketball teams continued their run in the 5A playoffs, winning at Ashland and advancing into the round of sixteen.

Entering as the fifth seeds out of the Midwestern league, the boys and girls varsity teams needed two wins before advancing to the final sixteen. And they got them.

After losing to Ashland earlier in the season, the boys team sought and received a bit of revenge, beating the Grizzlies when it mattered. After finishing with four players scoring in double digits, the Spartans won 55-40.

After barely escaping Silverton last week, the girls team grinded out another close, low-scoring victory with a 33-29 win last Friday.

Both teams will travel to Bend this weekend, where the boys will face the top-ranked Bend Lava Bears and the girls will play the Mountain View Cougars. Wins will put teams into the quarterfinals at Matthew Night Arena next week.



**Wait... WHAT?!?**  
By Rachel Ashworth

Junior Tierney Werner likes to go fast like most kids her age, not on the ground but in the air by flying planes! Wait... What?!?! You heard me right Tierney has been taking classes since the summer of 2008 and has been flying planes since September. She is trying to get her private pilot's license and is currently a student pilot. She flew on her own for the first time this past Thursday. When I asked her why she likes to fly she replied by saying, "It's a real passion for me, it gives me freedom and the relief from stress."



Photo by Jeanine Gutierrez

## Brown Bag Lunch

By Jeanine Gutierrez

Thursday, engineers and Marist parents Mel Damewood and Amy Caruana met with students to discuss their occupation.

Damewood stressed how engineering impacts everything in life. Caruana explained the process of becoming an engineer and advised what classes interested students should take while at Marist.



Photo by Stacey Baker

## No One Left Behind

By Carlee Stiltner

Thirty-two junior girls embarked on their Encounter last weekend at St. Benedict's Lodge where they experienced spiritual growth and were able to relax with their peers.

The retreat team seniors led this final retreat of the year with senior Katie Kline as the rector. The retreat was centered around the idea of "Ohana," the Hawaiian word for family.

"My favorite part was the hike to the power lines with snow up to our knees," said Jessica Perry.