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# THE SPARTANS ONLINE

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm a child of the late seventies. I love polyester and tight jeans."  
-Social studies teacher Mark Chronister

# Marist's Got Talent



Junior Jackson Bedbury, junior Vanessa Weber, and senior Wendy Hong hold up their trophies after Wednesday's talent show. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Marist students put on an entertaining show of singing, dancing, and other talents

By Macaela Crowley and Katie Holdampf

Marist held its annual talent show Wednesday afternoon and awarded first place to multi-talented senior Wendy Hong for her interpretation of her journey to America through music, traditional dance and hip-hop.

Artistic junior Vanessa Weber swept second place with her impressive improvisation on the piano. Third place went to junior Jackson Bedbury for his renditions of Amos Lee's "Keep it Loose, Keep it Tight" and Keane's "Somewhere Only We Know."

Students from every class showcased their talents, ranging from traditional piano playing to opera. The Mr. Spartans concluded

the event with a special preview of the dance they will perform at the Mr. Spartan Pageant in April. Senior dancers Nikki Hallenbeck, Kristin Zebrowski and cheerleader Tuyen Bolten choreographed the dance.

The contestants were judged on content, execution and overall effect. A student from each class joined the judging panel, which included teachers Becky Boyd, June Miller, Dave Schmidt and counselor Court Wirth.

"Everyone was worthy of a trophy," said Boyd of the participants. "I was impressed by the variety and surprised how students who are shy in class were able to show off their talents in front of the school."



Junior Ben Fish plays guitar at Wednesday's talent show. Photo by Amy Miller

## GIVING HEARTS



Seniors Dylan Karr, Mckenzie Tritt and Claire Koester distribute valentines. Photo by Ryan Whalen

By Nikki Hallenbeck and Courtney Volta

This past Tuesday for Valentine's Day, campus supervisor Jeff Dreiling gathered senior students to spend their third period class distributing valentines made by art teacher Lex Schmidt's crafts class to children at the Relief Nursery.

Over 70 valentines were given to children from the ages of two to six. Senior Ryan Whalen says the best part of the experience was, "seeing the kids rip open their valentines and the smiles on their faces."

## Seaver, Sampson swim their teams to state



The girls swimming team cheers on freshman Angela Sampson as she finishes the last leg of the 400 yard relay race. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Jake Gram

The Marist boys and girls swim teams competed at the 5A Midwestern League Districts this past weekend at the Willamalane Pool. Both the Marist boys and girls team finished in 5th place at the meet, behind a group of strong individual performances.

The meet was highlighted for

the Spartans by a victory in the Boys 200 yard relay race. Other strong performances included Junior Alex Seaver's first place finishes in both the 200 and 500 yard freestyle races, and Freshman Angela Sampson's first place finish in the 100 yard backstroke. The state meet takes place next weekend at Mount Hood Community College.

## SPARTAN Sports

Reported by Zach Silva

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday varsity defeated Willamette 61-58 on senior night. The highlight of the night was senior Willy Malos' 75 foot shot to end the first quarter. Junior Josh Harper led the team with 25 points and 15 boards. The JV and freshman teams both won. Tonight the teams face Thurston on the road in their final game of the regular season.

### CHEER

Saturday the team traveled to Memorial Coliseum where they took 8th place out of 11 teams in the co-ed division.

### DANCE

Saturday the team performed their state routine at the South Eugene Showcase. Dance companies and teams from throughout the area performed as well. The UO Dance Team also performed at this event.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday varsity fell to Willamette on the road 58-37. Junior Dani Krier had a team high 14 points. JV won. Thursday varsity thrashed Thurston 66-40 on senior night. Senior Hanna Mack led the team with 20 points and 10 rebounds. JV and the freshmen team both recorded victories.

### WRESTLING

The season came to a close Saturday at the district meet at Eagle Point where the wrestling team placed 11th.

## Debate season underway

By Colton Bowden

On Jan. 28, the Marist speech and debate team participated in the McMinnville Invitational tournament, held annually by the McMinnville speech and debate team. Students competed in public debate as well as individual events.

According to head coach Steve Barth, the team has shown plenty of potential throughout the season and has improved after each competition.

The team has many spots available for anyone who wishes to join. The next speech and debate competition will be on Feb. 24-25 at the Robert Clark Invitational at the University of Oregon.

## GIRLS JOURNEY

By Claire Koester and Chris Boyce

Last weekend 27 sophomore girls joined Retreat Team leaders at St. Peter's and Marist for the annual sophomore girls' retreat.

The retreat started at St. Peter's where the girls grew closer through small groups and ice breakers. Before dinner the group headed to Marist where they spent the night.

"I will take away the new relationships that I built with girls I had probably never talked to before," said sophomore Kelsey Maher.



A group of sophomore girls share a laugh during last weekend's retreat. Photo by Toni Cooper

## BOYS ENCOUNTER

By Jackson Bedbury

This past weekend 32 junior boys and Retreat Team leaders made the hour and a half long journey to Saint Benedict's Lodge on the banks of the McKenzie River for the Junior Encounter.

Senior Retreat Team members ran the small groups, talks and other activities during the weekend.

"The retreat was full of lots of surprises and unplanned events," said co-moderator Andy Oldham.



Juniors Levi Yarborough and Grant Jamieson relax by the McKenzie River at last weekend's encounter. Photo by Tyler Beyerlein