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THE SPARTAN ONLINE

Blinging for babies

SPARTAN
Sports

DANCE

The Passion Dance Team competed last weekend at Gresham where they qualified for state for the second time this season.



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The team finished first overall out of 18 teams last weekend in the second of three district meets at the Oregon Horse Center. They recorded eight first place finishes.

BRAUD IS BACK



Kayla Braud as a senior in 2006. Photo by Toni Cooper

Class of 2009 Marist softball star Kayla Braud, now a standout outfielder for number one ranked Alabama, is coming home to Eugene to play the Oregon Ducks.

At Marist Braud set the national hit streak at 103, destroying the previous record of 46. She led the team to back to back state championships in 2008 and 2009 as short stop.

"I'm most looking forward to playing in front of my friends and family," said Braud. "They don't get to come to a lot of games. Our coaches here work so hard to get us to Oregon and that's just the coolest thing."

Braud earned first team All-American honors her freshmen and sophomore seasons in addition to leading the nation in stolen bases. She also led her team in four other offensive categories: batting average, runs, hits, and on-base percentage.

Of fans unsure of who to cheer for at next Tuesday's game she says, "They could be Oregon softball fans and Oregon football fans 99 percent of the time but for one day I think they should be Alabama fans."



Senior Sami Pitts signs with NCU to play basketball on Friday. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi



Students have a great time during last Friday's dance. Photo by Jenna Laver

Students raise record amount at Mr. Spartan dance

By Claire Koester

Last Friday, students gathered in the Marist cafeteria for the much anticipated Blingin' for the Babies dance, keeping alive one of the most popular traditions organized by the Mr. Spartan team to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

After dancing enthusiastically for three hours, the school raised over \$1,500 to help premature babies in our local community, besting the amount raised at last year's dance by over \$100.

Students were given ample opportunity to help the babies as they bought raffle tickets to dance with the Mr. Spartan contestants and coordinators, enjoyed the concession stand, and paid to hear their favorite songs played.

Keeping with the theme of "blingin'", students dressed up in everything from flashy necklaces and rings to other sparkly attire.

"I really liked the theme and how everything was glittery," said junior Haley Anderson, while junior Kenzie White said she "liked all the gangster chains."

"It was fun to have a good time with my friends while supporting a good cause," said sophomore Maddie Thompson.



Top: Senior Michael Busse poses with juniors Zach Silva and Drew Boyles. Photo by Jenna Laver

Middle: Juniors Megan Braud and Courtney Rustik take a break from the dance.

Bottom: Sophomores Emily Hollander, Maureen Pappin and Shoshanna Hwang break it down for the babies. Photo by Toni Cooper



Pro-life steps it up

By Jake Gram

The Marist For Life Club will be intensifying their efforts to support the pro-life cause over this Lenten season through increased prayer and social activism.

The group met after school this past Wednesday in the Marist Chapel, where they prayed the Stations of the Cross with reflections centered on the pro-life cause. The group plans to continue the Wednesday prayer services for the rest of Lent.

The club will also meet on Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. throughout Lent to pray outside the Bours Health Center in Eugene which provides abortions. These meetings are conducted as a part of the nationally organized 40 Days for Life prayer movement.

"This is not just a political battle to change opinions. It is about transforming our culture from one of death to one of life," said club moderator Heidi Susec.

SOPHOMORE PARENT NITE

By Colton Bowden

Last Tuesday, sophomore parents met with counselor Jerry Ragan in the theatre for an informational meeting to discuss what students should do to prepare for college.

As sophomores, students should be challenging themselves academically while maintaining a high GPA, said Ragan. Though they do not need to know what college they will be attending, they should begin looking at schools through Naviance, the counseling department's online resource which helps students stay organized in the college search and application progress.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"A reminder to the freshmen, we're here to save babies, not make babies."
- Marist teacher and DJ, Mr. Oldham at the Mr. Spartan Dance



Junior international club member Mia Wang describes snack choices to sophomore Ben Parks. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

INTERNATIONAL LOVE

By Katie Holdampf

The new Marist International Club, led by foreign language teachers Melinda Boettcher and Miyoko Nakajima-King, showed off the first half of Thai comedy "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" last Friday in the theater and invites everyone to view the second half today.

Half of the proceeds from the sales of international snacks went to Project Starfish.

Acoustic Night at the Marist Coffeehouse

Saturday, March 10, 7pm
in the Marist theater

FREE

--See you there for a night of entertaining performances by the best of the Marist community!

--Coffee and snacks will be available for sale.

--All proceeds benefit the Mr. Spartan Program and Children's Miracle Network



Senior Hanna Mack handles the ball against Lebanon last Saturday. Photo by Sami Kast

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls basketball team ended their successful season last Saturday with a 43-48 loss against Lebanon in the round of 16 in the state tournament.

Senior Hanna Mack led the team in scoring with 16 points.