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THE SPARTAN NEWS

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"CATERPILLARS"

-Senior Michael Busse when asked what gives him butterflies



Left: A statue of Mary sits on top of Marist's snow-covered courtyard. Photo by Carter Detering

Below: A snow covered cherry blossom emerges after this week's winter storm. Photo by Samantha Bock



Snow knocks out two school days; students rejoice

Surprise snow storm drops six inches on Eugene Tuesday night



The Marist courtyard on a sunny Friday morning. Photo by Emma Pindell

By Michael Lyford

Marist students and faculty went to sleep Tuesday night with the expectation of a normal Wednesday; instead, they woke up to an unexpected winter snow storm, which graced the Willamette Valley with over six inches of snow.

Early on Wednesday morning, students received a call with principal Jay Conroy's friendly voice informing them of school's cancellation for the day. "I yelled 'there is a God!' I was absolutely

shocked," said senior Taylor O'Connor.

Despite minimal precipitation on Wednesday night, the administration deemed travel conditions too hazardous for school to remain in session, giving students Thursday as the second snow day in a row. School returned to its regular schedule on Friday, though Lenten mass was cancelled to allow more class time.

Senior Carlos Foerster was one of many students left in the dark

after power outages knocked out electricity for tens of thousands of residents in the area. "I plugged my computer into a generator and watched 15 episodes of That 70's Show," said Foerster.

Unfortunately, some of Marist's foliage couldn't hold up to the icy onslaught. Notably, the cherry tree in front of the weight room lost a few boughs.

Gabi da Silva summed up the mid-week break saying, "All I have to say is amen to the snow!"

St. Patrick's celebration benefits charity

By Claire Koester

Last Saturday night in the Activity Center the Irish Echoes, a band that includes several members of the Marist community, led a St. Patrick's Day celebration and dinner show in support of Project Starfish.

People donated \$1,500 out of their pocket contributing to the \$4,525 raised throughout the night. After adding in the money raised by Godspell, the Marist Volunteer Program is a little over half way to its goal of \$10,000.

Project Starfish fundraisers will continue until the end of Lent, with all proceeds going towards the Connections Transitional Housing Program of St. Vincent de Paul, a program that helps homeless families get off the street and have a fresh start.

NEW GATE CREATES SAFETY



The newly installed gate inhibits access to Marist's athletic fields. Photo by Nikki Hallenbeck

By Jackson Bedbury

Due to the concern for the safety of students, a new electronic pass code gate was installed to control after school traffic between the tennis courts and the Christian Life Center, formerly the foundation building. The gate will now be locked from 2:30 PM until 8:30 AM on weekdays and at all times during the weekend.

A code was given to all teachers, and coaches, and umpires. Assistant Principal Rick Gardner has the ability to change codes, make a code valid for certain hours only, make any code void, and grant one time codes, making this an easy and practical solution for the traffic saturation in this area.

If you need to park in the handicapped spaces by the tennis courts, contact the coach of the sport you will be watching.

SPARTAN Sports

Reported by Zach Silva

BASEBALL

Varsity was destroyed 0-12 Monday at the hand of the Summit Storm.

BOYS LACROSSE

Last Friday varsity defeated West Albany at Spencer's Butte 14-4 led by junior Chris Damewood's 4 goals. Varsity and JV travel to Madison Middle School tonight where they will face Sisters.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Last Saturday, varsity lost 10-9 to Bend despite senior Claire Koester's 4 goals. Tuesday the Spartans beat South Eugene on the road 16-8 led by Koester's 9 goals.

BOYS TENNIS

The teams travelled to Springfield where they defeated the Millers 6-0. Senior Andrew Stewart and freshmen AJ Bartko won No. 1 doubles.

GIRLS TENNIS

Varsity travelled to Springfield Tuesday where No. 1 doubles senior Haley Marsh and junior Lauren Sibole were victorious.

DANCE COMPETES AT STATE

By Courtney Volta

The Marist Passion Dance Team placed 7th in the OSAA State Championships at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland last Saturday after competing since Thursday.

Despite starting with only five members, the team closed their season strongly with a total of 15 dancers, 2 managers, and 2 coaches.

Senior captain Kristin Zebrowski said, "The coaches are great, the girls are great, and I have so many fun memories." Zebrowski was one of five dancers in the 5A division named with All-State honors.



The Marist Passion Dance Team performs at the state competition last Saturday. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick

TUESDAY TEST DAY

By Chris Boyce

While the seniors enjoyed a well-deserved day off, other Marist students arrived at school Tuesday for the annual standardized testing day.

Freshmen took the Explore test, and the sophomores took the Plan test. Both exams serve as preparation for the ACT and contain surveys which provide guidance on future study options. Having been prepared for the past two years, the juniors took the ACT.

Like many students, junior Levi Yarborough saw taking the ACT at Marist as an advantage, because he was surrounded by people he knew.