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QUOTE OF  
THE WEEK

“JUSTICE  
SUCKS.”

-FR. DAVE

# Track Takes First



The boys track and field team stands on the podium in celebration of their first place victory. Photo by Toni Cooper

*The boys track team steals the district title from Marshfield with a total of nine district champions.*

By Zach Silva

Last Friday at Springfield High School, the boy's track and field team claimed first place at the Midwestern district meet.

After the first day of competition, the team was in second place led by a trio of victories from sophomores Liam Henshaw and JP Kiefer and a win from junior Austin Baird.

Friday brought a new set of challenges that the Spartans were ready to conquer. The day got off to a good start when juniors Austin Baird and Colton Bloom along with seniors Taylor Walcott and Andre Post took first in the 4x100m.

The team started racking up points in the races that followed. Walcott went on to win the 100m and the

200m which marked his third straight district championship in each of those events.

Propelled by an impressive kick, Bloom went on to win the 400m. In the 300m hurdles, junior Coleman Byrum edged out sophomore Henshaw by a tenth of the second to place second and third respectively.

After it was announced that the team won, Coach Pat Wagner was “legitimately surprised” about the victory. “It was punch, counterpunch between us and Marshfield,” said Wagner. “They would get two guys to go 1, 2 in the 1500... then we would come back in the sprints.”

The team competes this weekend at the State meet at Hayward Field.



Senior Taylor Walcott takes a baton handoff from junior Austin Baird in the 4x100m relay. Photo by Toni Cooper

## SPARTAN Sports

### EQUESTRIAN

This past weekend the Marist-Sheldon Equestrian team competed in their state competition in Redmond. Senior Macaela Crowley and juniors Kristin Schlitt and Susie Baird competed in a total of 17 events. The 13 team members took three first place finishes. Two of the girls on the team broke state records in the bi-range competition

### PETANQUE

Last Thursday, Marist Petanque concluded their spring season at University Park with Sheldon and South in a new mixed team format. Sophomore Eric Parker tied for the best individual season record in the league, finishing 4-2.



Sophomores Jeff Carr and Eric Parker at a petanque competition. Photo by Ryan Baker

## The Sound of Spring

By Monica Anderson

Four music groups enthralled their audience with selections from a variety of genres at the annual Spring Concerts this week.

Wednesday night featured the strings exhibiting a special performance by their upperclassmen quartet; the concert/jazz band showcasing solos from several instruments; and the Reflections choir displaying both dancing and singing talents in a Disney song medley.

Jamie and the Decibels, Marist's resident rock band, completed the show cycle with its own production Thursday night presenting songs chosen by the senior members.



Seniors Jessica Perry, Adri Cardani, and Kendra Greenwell perform as part of reflections vocal ensemble. Photo by Toni Cooper

## FOREIGN FOOD FRENZY

By Katie Holdampf

The Marist International Club met during block lunch on Wednesday with an Iron Chef competition to wrap up their final meeting of the year.

Members brought homemade dishes from different countries, such as lasagna and baklava, to be judged by all in attendance. Freshman Mextli Palacios won the competition with her pot stickers.

“I was glad I didn't have to vote. I just got to eat,” said moderator Melinda Boettcher.



A group of students from the International Club samples various cuisines. Photo by Amy Miller

## Students Honored



Senior Graham Simon receives an award from Ryan Moser. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Michael Lyford

National Honor Society held the annual awards assembly in the gym on Wednesday morning.

The ceremony began when senior NHS officers Michael Busse, McKenzie Tritt, and Lauren Haga welcomed the student body and parents in attendance.

Soon thereafter, four year achievement awards in each subject were distributed to senior winners who displayed outstanding

accomplishments in their respective subject areas.

Vice principal Rick Gardner and counselor Jerry Reagan continued to distribute “outstanding student” and “second in merit” awards to students from every grade for each specific course offered by Marist.

Recipients were selected to receive awards by the teacher of each respective course based off academic accomplishment.

## BOWLING FOR BUCKS

By Claire Koester

Last Friday night Strike City Bowling Alley was overtaken by Marist's foreign language students during the annual Hablarama, a fundraiser that gives students an opportunity to practice their foreign language skills outside the classroom.

Students in Debbie Cullen's Spanish classes raised \$300 dollars with almost \$100 going to benefit Project Starfish while Melinda Boettcher's Spanish classes raised over \$50.



Sophomore Andrew Park prepares to throw a bowling ball down the lane. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick

## WATER SAFETY CHECK

By Michael Busse

Three AP Chemistry students accompanied the Department of Environmental Quality on a routine water safety check in rural Lane County on Tuesday.

The group, along with teacher Ryan Moser and lab assistant Sue Yellowtail, collected water from four wells between Coburg and Junction City. After splitting the samples with the DEQ, they tested water on Thursday for groundwater contaminants like nitrates, which pose a threat to water safety.



Seniors Jonathan Wildish, Bear Sawaspanich and Irene Guzman stand over a water collection machine. Photo courtesy of Bear Sawaspanich