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MARIST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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### Irish Echo benefits Project Starfish

By Zach Silva

**W**ith the support of over 325 eager guests, Saturday's Project Starfish Irish Echo Sing-a-Long raised over \$4000.

The annual event that is held in the AC is the biggest fundraiser for Project Starfish each year and features the band Irish Echo. The 15-person group, primarily composed of those with Marist ties, pleased the crowd with a variety of Irish songs throughout the night. The many guests sang and danced to the music.

Tickets for the event were \$25 and those who came not only enjoyed music but also the Irish themed food provided by Billy Mac's, a restaurant owned by a former Marist parent.

### Europe trip departs

By Jackson Bedbury

**E**leven Marist students—accompanied by Ryan and Stacy Baker and two other parents—departed the Eugene airport yesterday morning and headed for Paris.

After a connection in San Francisco, the group departed O'Hare International airport in Chicago. A short eight and a half hour flight later they landed in Paris at about 10 a.m. local time.

Upon their arrival, the students took a driving tour of the city with their trip's guide, after which they had a large block of time to explore the city. An extra day in the City of Light was added to give the students even more time to experience all that it has to offer.

The group will leave Paris for Nice, and over the course of their 10 day trip also stop in Monaco, Florence and Rome.

## Stress: Students of all grades feel the pressure of the ending of the quarter

### College decisions weigh heavily on seniors

By Hayley Olson

**I**t's spring of 2013 and for this year's seniors that means one thing is looming in each one's mind: college decisions.

Letters have been slowly trickling into everyone's mailboxes -- ranging from rewarding acceptances to bittersweet denials, with worrisome wait listing falling in between -- and within the next week colleges will be finishing up sending out their decisions.

With the deposit day of May 1 quickly approaching, seniors now have their own decision to finalize: which college will each of them actually attend in the fall?

For some the decision may be easy -- they may have one school in mind or may be bound to an early decision acceptance. For others the decision may be stressful -- an array of choices or a rejection from a top choice can make the process a lot more difficult.

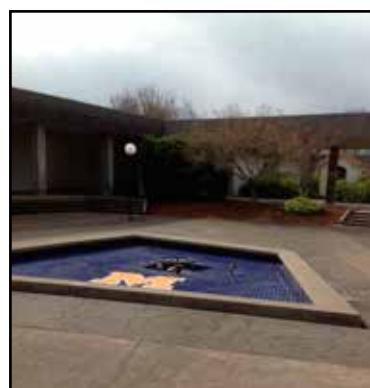
So if you see a senior pacing around or ripping his hair out over college decisions, give him a hug and remind him it'll all be over by May 1.

## SPRING HAS SPRUNG



In typical Eugene spring fashion, the last week has been a mix of gorgeous sun and replenishing rain. Flowers are blooming all across campus, and Marist photography students are taking full advantage of the beautiful weather. Photo by (clockwise from top) Alex Seaver '13, Hannah Beeler '15, Alex Seaver '13, and Alex Seaver '13

## Fountain failings require temporary fix



The Marist fountain sits empty in the courtyard due to not meeting building code. Photo by Emma Pindell '13

By Monica Anderson

**O**ne of Marist's most defining structures has been turned off. The fountain—the centerpiece of the courtyard and location of the famous kissing of the M—has temporarily ceased its water flow until an electrical issue can be fixed.

A recent problem with the power box that required repair resulted in the fountain becoming against Eugene city code.

Since the fountain was first

built, the city has allowed it to maintain its current structure, adhering to 1968 city codes; however, after the recent change, the fountain must now comply with current guidelines.

Marist is now in the process of transferring the power system outside of the fountain, which will enable its water flow to return. They aim to finish before a freshman event in May or, at the latest, graduation.

### Juniors lead the battle against stress

By Zach Silva

**I**n addition to the seniors, the juniors, sophomores and freshmen have also been experiencing school-related stress.

The juniors have been feeling the stress that leads individuals to believe that junior year is the hardest. In the past week they have been attempting to fend off a bombardment of assignments before the end of the quarter, which occurs just days after spring break. These assignments have spanned from chemistry to history with tests everywhere in between. Those who are in CLC also have been feeling the pressure of upcoming peer-ed projects.

In the past week a host of juniors and sophomores turned in applica-

tions for Christian Leadership Class and for next year's retreat team. A total of 106 students applied for these slots.

While this was not the hardest week for the sophomores, the class of 2015 had their share of pressure as well as a result of end of quarter cramming.

As for the freshmen, the class felt strained with a document based question for history and tests in many subjects.

"I was nervous for the week knowing that these tests affect my final grade and there is not much cushion with the quarter ending the week we get back," said freshman Margo Werner.

### SPARTAN SPORTS with JACK AND ZACH

#### BASEBALL

Tuesday at home varsity defeated Elmira 5-1 at home. Junior Cameron Jack pitched a one-hitter and recorded 10 strikeouts. Thursday on the road the Spartans fell 2-0 to North Marion as they suffered their first loss.

JV has not played a game yet due to weather.

#### BOYS GOLF

At Tokatee Thursday, the team took fifth place out of twelve teams. Junior Billy Pollock led the team with a 79.

#### GIRLS GOLF

Monday the team placed fifth at the Midwestern League Tournament at Emerald Valley with a team score of 499.

#### BOYS LACROSSE

The team traveled to Roseburg Thursday and after jumping out to an early 3-1 lead on the defending league champions were down 4-3 at the half. The Indians opened the second half with a flurry of goals and pulled away from the Spartans, ultimately winning 9-6.

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Tuesday the team headed to face cross-town rival Sheldon.

Senior Brooke Gemmell led the charge with eight goals.

#### SOFTBALL

Varsity fell 0-4 to Elmira on the road Monday. Sophomore Shawna Burke led the Spartans with two hits.

Thursday at home the team lost 13-1 to North Marion. Junior Shawna Burke recorded seven strikeouts in five innings.

#### GIRLS TENNIS

Wednesday the team faced Sheldon in a match where the girls swept singles, ultimately winning 7-1.

#### TRACK AND FIELD

The boys team won the meet with a score of 85 points and were led by senior Kaelen Byrum and junior Liam Henshaw. Byrum won javelin, high jump and triple jump while recording a second place finish in long jump. Henshaw won long jump, pole vault and was second in the 100m hurdles. On the girls side, the team finished second. Senior Monica Anderson cruised to victories in the 1 mile and 3000m.

#### Martin to be a Beacon



Senior Delaney Martin signs her letter of intent to play basketball at Northwest Christian University next year. Photo by Emma Pindell '13