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MARCH MADNESS!

Signing Madness



Senior Ethan Smith poses with friends after signing to play football with Carroll College next fall. Photo by Nick Lynch

Tournament Madness



Seniors Davis Jacob and Tanner Lloyd view live streaming of an NCAA Division I Men's March Madness basketball game. Photo by Toni Cooper

Science Madness

By Cory Park

Students munched on their lunches in Room 200 this Thursday as they listened to Oregon Research Institute scientists Dr. Judy Andrews, Dr. Tony Bigman, and Gael Johnson describe their careers in science.

"From anthropology to economics every science is using the same set of tools to answer questions," said Dr. Bigman.

The three scientists explained how they became involved in the scientific field and gave examples of how science can be used to encourage people to live healthier lives.

As an example, a slideshow was presented which showed the results of a field experiment involving the prevention of cigarette smoking,

Irish Echo Madness



The Irish Echo group before the event. Photo courtesy of Jerry Ragan.

By Brandon David

This year's Irish Echo performance occurred last Saturday. This fund raiser featured a formal dinner with a musical performance. About 320 people attended the program and raised over \$4,600 for Project Starfish.

"The whole crowd stood up and sang along to the 'Unicorn Song'" said Marist counselor and talented singer Jerry Ragan.

Seussical Madness



Sophomore Jordan Haggas, as Horton, protects Whoville from an angry crowd. Photo by Victoria Richards

Marist Theatre performs its final production of the year

By Karlin Andersen

In a flurry of colorful costumes, vibrant music and backgrounds straight out of "Oh the Places You'll Go," Marist's production of "Seussical" opened last Friday night.

The production opens with senior Maddie Thompson as the Cat in the Hat leading freshman Bryn Garland, playing JoJo, through a whimsical adventure. The two travel through a compilation of stories by Dr. Seuss including "Horton Hears a Who" brought to life by sophomore Jordan Haggas who

tries to save Whoville throughout the play.

The play is based off music, lyrics and a book by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens and features many other of Dr. Seuss' characters including a band of sassy birds led by junior Hannah Beeler and cameos from Thing One and Thing Two along with General Gengus Khan Schmitz played respectively by juniors Natalie Tichenor, Katelynn Williams and Carl Lemhouse.

"Seussical" runs again tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and benefits project starfish.



Senior Maddie Thompson and freshman Bryn Garland perform "Oh the Things You Can Think." Photo by Toni Cooper

"End of Winter" Musical Madness

By Katie Tarrant

The sounds of bouncy jazz, harmonious singing, awesome rock tunes and smooth string melodies filled Bob Devereaux theatre this week as Marist Arts presented its series "End of Winter" concerts.

The musical merriment began Wednesday evening when the Reflections choir, Marist Strings, and the Deacon Blues jazz band performed. The choir opened the show with a set of folk and jazz songs, Strings followed with classical renditions of several modern tunes, and the Deacon Blues band wrapped up the show with their lively performance of upbeat, jazzy tunes including Parissi's "Play That Funky Music."

The festivities continued on Thursday night, when Marist's rock band, the Decibels, entertained



Junior Sydney White reads her sheet music during the Strings performance on Wednesday night. Photo by Rose Cully

the audience with a variety of classic rock selections, including renditions of songs by Carol King, Billy Joel, Styx and Pink Floyd.

Super Spectacular Spring Sports Madness



Freshman Lauren Martin swings at a pitch during a varsity softball game. Photo by Anne Yates



The boys lacrosse team gathers for a team discussion to end practice. Photo by Toni Cooper



Senior Rose Cully leaps over a hurdle. Photo by Toni Cooper

SPARTAN SPORTS

with HART TRACK AND FIELD

3/20: The boys won a four way meet in Cottage Grove, and the Girls finished 4th.

BASEBALL

3/17: Varsity beat The Dalles 3-2 in their first game of the season. JV lost 1-11.

3/19: Varsity beat N. Salem 15-7.

SOFTBALL

3/17: Varsity lost to The Dalles 6-10.

3/19: Varsity beat N. Salem 16-3.

3/21: Varsity plays at Silverton High School

BOYS GOLF

3/18: JV had a match at Middlefield Golf Course, but did not have enough players to post an official score.

3/19: Varsity finished second out of 11 teams at the Marist Invitational at Tokatee Golf Course.

BOYS LACROSSE

3/18: Varsity lost to Aloha 7-8.

3/19: Varsity lost to Westview 5-12.

SHOOTING TEAM

3/22: The team has a competition in Creswell.

GIRLS LACROSSE

3/21: Varsity plays Thurston at home at 5:00 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

3/20: The Spartans won their opening season match against Springfield 7-0.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

3/14: Varsity lost to South Eugene 6-15. JV lost 10-12.

3/16: The Spartans lost in their first City League game of the year.

DANCE TEAM

3/19: Competed in the first round of the OSAA State Dance and Drill Competition, but narrowly missed qualifying for the second round by a margin of 3.72 points.

Wilson Madness



Senior Ryan Wilson performs his routine on the parallel bars. Photo by Austin Bosworth

By Brennick Thompson

Marist senior Ryan Wilson and his brother, freshman Tyler Wilson both beat their previous best scores this past weekend in the state gymnastics competition and are now headed to regionals.

Ryan earned first place in the floor routine. "It was very fun and it was great to have an audience of Marist kids to show them what I do every day after school," said Ryan.

This was Tyler's first competition to perform routines he had created; previously he had to perform routines that were standard for all competitors.