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They Came, They Solved, They Conquered



Marist students at the LCC Math Fair last Thursday. Photo by June Miller

Marist wins 1st at LCC Math Fair

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EDITOR

Last Thursday, ten Marist students, who were nominated by their math teachers to represent Marist, spent the day at Lane Community College competing against other local high schools in the annual LCC Math Fair.

Overall, Marist placed first in the team competition. Individually, freshman Donny Bertucci placed first in the algebra 1 division and junior Griffin Puls tied for first in the algebra 2/trigonometry division. Senior Ian Skaggs placed second in the calculus division, missing a first place finish by a single point.

The Marist team also dominated in the math relay race.

The students that competed were freshmen Donny Bertucci and Charlie Moore, sophomores Rainy Adkins and Gabe Garboden, juniors Justin Potwora, Griffin Puls, and Alyssa Snyder, and seniors Jack Geisler and Ian Skaggs. They were chaperoned by science teacher June Miller.

Shrek is Coming!



Senior Ian Schwartz is Shrek in the upcoming Marist musical which runs May 12-13 and 19-20. Photo by Gloria Wang '17

Mr. Spartan 2017: He's Just That Guy!



Senior Ashton Stowell crowns Mr. Spartan 2017 Jack McGaughey during the pageant. Photo by Toni Cooper

McGaughey crowned Mr. Spartan 2017 as Mr. Spartan Team raises record \$62,000

Maya Dotson

EDITOR

It was a long and fruitful season for Mr. Spartan this year. The team of ten senior boys, eleven senior girls and two junior girls, organized five highly successful events and held a spectacular pageant several weeks ago. New events arose this year. Instead of bunco, the usual fundraiser the Spartan team hosted the first ever Ladies Sip and Shop as well as the first skate for the babies hosted at Skateworld. However no Spartan season has ever passed without the annual Spartan dance which was beach themed. Other returning events include an activity night in which Marist competed against Sheldon. All of the activities and events together raised upwards of \$10,000.

When pageant night arrived the members of the Spartan team were putting finishing touches on the Spartan Night Live themed sets. Based on the comedy show Saturday Night Live, Spartan Night Live presented a number of skits performed by various members of the Spartan team.

A crowd favorite was celebrity jeopardy showcasing Zach Galifianakis (Marcus Lydon), Justin Bieber (Andrew Meyers), Tom Cruise (Devin Miller) and Alex Trebec (Marist alum Josh Paiement and past Mr. Spartan contestant.)

Also causing numerous bouts of laughter was the cooking lesson from body builders Hans (Ian Skaggs) and Franz (Nick Olmos). In addition to these funny skits and bits, there were also some talent showcases.

Few could ever forget senior Jack McGaughey's performance on the keyboard. McGaughey was accompanied by several Marist students and Marist band teacher Jim Reinking but it was difficult to look away from the "true talent," a phrase coined by McGaughey's fellow Mr. Spartan contestants in reference to McGaughey's incredible musical and vocal abilities.

Laughter was a regular occurrence during the pageant but there were also several serious moments. All of the Mr. Spartans wrote

and recorded heartfelt and meaningful letters to their moms or other significant family members and escorted said family down the runway as the recording played.

At the end of the night all of the Mr. Spartans were sat on stage awaiting the ruling from the panel of judges which included past contestants and other members of the community.

Moments later McGaughey was crowned the 2017 Mr. Spartan by Ms. Spartan Ashton Stowell in lieu of the 2016 Mr. Spartan Leo Rain who could not make it due to a cancelled train. After all of the applause and roars died down, and McGaughey received his new sash and crown, after the total funds raised was announced.

A grand total of \$62,000 was raised by the Mr. Spartan team, shattering last year's total of \$53,476. "The pageant was well balanced between entertainment and raising awareness about the babies," senior Margaret Walters said.

Students Elect ASB Officers for 17-18 Academic Year

Liesl Benda

STAFF WRITER

The Associated Student Body elections for the coming school year took place two weeks ago. Seven students gave speeches in the gymnasium, in hopes of persuading students to vote for them in their individual positions the following morning.

The results of the vote were announced that Friday. Sophomore Katie Dunn was elected secretary, sophomore Claire Coughran was elected treasurer, sophomore Keegan Pond was elected public relations officer, junior Max Fulton was elected vice president, and junior William Loveall was elected president.

Loveall is extremely honored and thankful for the opportunity to serve as Marist's president in the coming year. It has been quite a journey for him, coming all the way to America after being adopted from an African orphanage.

In his speech, Loveall spoke of how he believes God brought him to America and how he hopes to make the Marist community a closer and more loving community.

"I have lived a different culture, I speak a different language, yet the Marist community is trusting me to lead them," Loveall said.

Loveall also has a dream for the Marist community which is building a shop near an orphanage in Uganda, where he used to live. He hopes that the profits of the store would go towards the orphanages in the region.

Marist students generally had a positive reaction to Loveall's speech. "I thought it was good because it was very different from other speeches," sophomore Tess Louie said.

"It didn't feel like he was presenting a resume. It felt like he had a passion for it and I liked his message about being in a more tight-knit community."



Sophomore Keegan Pond gives a speech during the ASB elections two weeks ago. Photo by Griffin Puls '18

NEWS briefs

AUCTION GEARING UP

Students, staff, and the Marist Advancement Team are busily preparing for the annual Marist Auction that takes place on Saturday, May 6. Students will be assisting with parking, serving, taking photos and breaking down. See Rebecca Larsen if you would like to help.

SPEECH AND DEBATE AT STATE

Every member of the speech and debate team qualified and thus are competing at the OSAA Speech and Debate State Championships this week at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon.

TESTING AND STUFF

This past Wednesday the juniors took the ACT, the sophomores took the practice ACT, and the freshman took the EXPLORE test while seniors took their senior class photo and met with the counseling department to ready for graduation and college life.

EASTER FESTIVITIES

The Marist community celebrated Easter last week. Theology classes attended Stations of the Cross in the Marist chapel on Wednesday and Thursday. On Saturday, Joy Church sponsored an Easter egg hunt on the Marist turf field. The eggs were dropped in by helicopter.

UPCOMING BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Three brown bag lunches remain for the school year: April 27 is careers in engineering, May 11 is careers in counseling/psychology, and the final one is careers in sports medicine and sports management.

KEY CLUB ELECTIONS

During block lunch on May 4 in Room 309 there will be Key Club officer elections. See Krista Hocker for more information about this leadership and service opportunity.

PROM TICKETS

Tickets for Prom are on sale April 17-27 outside the cafeteria for \$25 each.

CONGRATULATIONS

Justin Potwora won \$500 for an essay that placed in the top 10 of an essay contest put on by Wells Fargo and The First Tee.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

This spring some Marist students and freshman basketball coach and Marist parent, Dan Morehouse, have put together a boys volleyball team that practices weekly and will play in some weekend tournaments. Head girls coach, Shari Pimental, has also been helping with some of the practices.

MUSICAL ADVENTURES

Leader Alex Steele organized a trip for his Musical Adventures Club to see the American experimental band, Montreal, at the HiFi Music Hall in Eugene last Friday. They were joined by Marist grad Ben Hayes '16.



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Providing a Safe Place for Students



The non-profit organization Ophelia's Place creates clubs at several local high schools

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EDITOR

New clubs have been forming at both public and private schools which are geared towards empowering women. The meetings are led by officials from Ophelia's Place, a local non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls create supportive and healthy relationships in their lives.

In Shakespeare's Hamlet, Ophelia was a young woman whose tragic circumstances and lack of support prevented her from developing healthy relationships and achieving her own potential.

Ophelia's Place is dedicated to preventing and managing traumatic events such as domestic violence, low educational achievement, early pregnancy, or drug and alcohol abuse.

Marist has recently been added to that list of schools. Ophelia's Place has reached out to all the schools in order to establish the groups. They are supporting the groups with grant money.

There are two separate groups at Marist, one being the Empowerment Group and the other being the Young Amazing Women of Color. Each group

will take a separate block lunch to meet for the rest of the school year. Both groups are in place to "give a place for girls to connect and grow," Marist counselor and program liaison Shari Pimental said.

The Empowerment Group is going to be led by the program director at Ophelia's Place, Kira Kelly. The Amazing Women of Color will be led by another employee from Ophelia's Place. Both women leaders have already been screened and trained in all of the necessary areas to lead the groups.

"Czech-ing" Out Model United Nations

Marist sends 12 students, representing the Czech Republic, to Oregon Model United Nations Spring Conference



The members of Marist Model UN pose at the final General Session at Northwest Christian University on Saturday. Photo by Sarah Baird-Reed

Emily Jewett

EDITOR

Student delegates from Oregon high schools, representing nearly every country around the world, descended on Eugene last weekend to draft mock United Nations resolutions which are plans to deal with certain scenarios that have to do with massive international issues, such as terrorism and the Syrian refugee crisis.

The Marist Model United Nations club participated in the 2017 Oregon Model United Nations Spring Conference at the University of Oregon and Northwest Christian University on April 13-15. Different schools represented a wide variety of countries, from Indonesia to the United Kingdom. Marist del-

egates represented the Czech Republic.

This was Marist's first time having a Model UN club in recent years. Marist sent 12 delegates to the conference, accompanied by advisor history teacher Jon Nuxoll. English teacher Sarah Reed, and counselor Jerry Ragan also helped.

Marist delegates served on the Global Economics Committee, the Global Security Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Environmental Committee, and the Human Rights Committee. Sophomore Tess Louie served as the ambassador to the General Assembly. The General Assembly read and debated on resolutions and voted on whether or

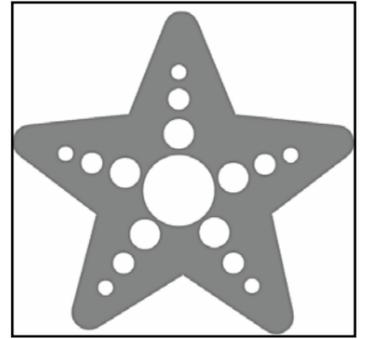
not to approve them.

Delegates discussed a wide variety of topics relevant to their committees and drafted resolutions to solve international issues.

On Saturday, all of the committees participated in a crisis simulation and drafted plans and resolutions on how to deal with a North Korean invasion of South Korea, in which North Korea committed atrocities against civilians and aimed to conquer the South Korean capital of Seoul.

The conference allowed delegates to practice policy making, public speaking, and diplomacy skills, as well as allowing students to further explore current events that shape the world around them.

Project Starfish Going Swimmingly



Nick Nepute

STAFF WRITER

For the last 10 years, Marist has been raising money for Project Starfish raises money for homeless families, one family at a time with the help of Catholic Community Services.

The idea comes from the story of an old man who was throwing starfish into the sea when a young boy came up to him and told him he couldn't save them all and the old man replied by throwing a starfish into the sea and replying with: "But I saved that one."

Project Starfish raises money through a variety of fundraisers such as Papa's Pizza Night, bake sales, dances, collecting miscellaneous donations and of course the annual Irish-themed dinner with live music from the local band "Irish Echo" which often makes the most money.

This year's Irish Echo concert already almost doubled the total amount of money Marist raised for Project Starfish for last year. This year's sold-out concert alone raised \$12,000 compared to last year's total of \$6,500 from all of the different fundraisers.

Fundraisers still to come this year — Carl's Jr. Day, the Farewell Dance during Homegoing Week, and a Chipotle fundraiser — will only further the record-breaking total raised so far this year.

One of Jerry Ragan's goals this year is to increase the number of donations from the students. People can donate money directly to Project Starfish through Ragan or give at the music and theatre programs that pass the hat to help families get into stable housing.

40 Days for Life



Members of Marist For Life stand outside of the Eugene Planned Parenthood with auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Portland Peter Smith. Photo by Theresa Danovich

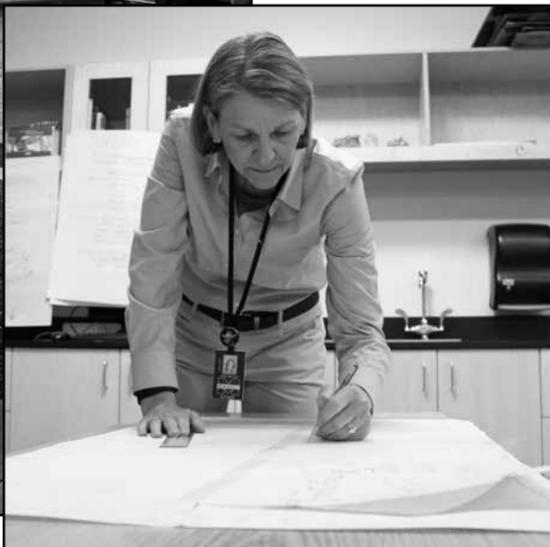
Marist for Life spent the Lenten season participating in 40 Days for Life to bring attention to pro-life issues, including holding a vigil outside the Eugene Planned Parenthood with moderator Heidi Susec and auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Portland Peter Smith.

ECOLOGY CLASS TO BEAUTIFY COURTYARD



The new science wing courtyard sits empty waiting for student-friendly landscaping. Photo by Madi Potter '17

Ecology teacher June Miller works on a plan for the science wing courtyard development project. Photo by Madi Potter '17



Miller's ecology class making plans to landscape empty science courtyard

Liesl Benda

STAFF WRITER

After a year of looking out at an empty science wing courtyard, June Miller's ecology classes have begun designing a landscape plan to spruce up the space. Miller enlisted three master gardeners from the Lane County area to assist her classes in the landscape design. "We'd like it to be nice, somewhere where students can hang out," Miller said.

Students have been shown how to form their plans on large grid paper and they have been provided with many pamphlets and

other resources to help them research their gardening ideas.

Miller hopes that the students will choose mainly native plants to Oregon so the garden maintenance will not be strenuous. She also hopes that the garden will attract wildlife, like birds and butterflies.

Miller has been discussing the courtyard planning with Marist President Suzanne Graf, and hopes to plant the garden in the fall of 2017. At this point, money is needed to put the project into full swing, so Miller is

brainstorming fundraising ideas.

The methods of fundraising used depend on the plans made by the class. It's possible that Marist may ask businesses for plant donations, and students along with others in the Marist community to volunteer to help plant the courtyard.

The Marist community has high hopes for the project. "It should be visually appealing to tie in the rest of the beautiful look of the new building. It just needs that finishing touch," Graf said.

Cheating: The New Epidemic



Maya Dotson

EDITOR

It's the phenomenon that's sweeping the nation! No it's not Donald Trump's latest tweet. It's cheating.

Cheating is not an idea that has recently become popular. Students have been cheating for decades; but with the emergence of new technology cheating has evolved quickly, and in a way that teachers and administrators can barely keep up with.

Marist faculty feel like they can relate. "From the feedback that I've heard from teachers they have seen [cheating] increase," Marist principal, Stacey Baker, said.

Now equipped with iPads, it is much easier for students to share homework with each other, search for answers, as well as share the answers they've found. While cheating is becoming more and more frequent, teachers are beginning to adapt.

Cheating has become easier with the use of new technology, but it has also become harder in some respects. Teachers have access to resources such as websites like turnitin.com which automatically confirms whether any part or all of a paper has been plagiarized and provides where that plagiarized passage or passages came from.

Staff also are able to do things like lock iPad screens during tests so that students aren't able to access the internet and others like resources during assessments. While cheating has become more commonplace, so has a new attitude towards cheating.

Cheating often isn't perceived as cheating anymore. While students know that it is unethical, according to a survey of 23,000 high school students in public and private schools conducted by The Josephson Institute Center for Youth Ethics, 51% of high school students admitted they had cheated on a test during the past year.

The same study also found that 74% of students say they have copied another student's homework which at Marist and other schools is considered cheating and the consequences which may be implemented could include detention, a failing grade or even suspension.

At the end of the day, teachers can use all the precautions in the world but it's the students who are going to make the decision to cheat or not. While there seems to be a growing attitude of indifference and heedlessness growing among students which may seem difficult to reverse, Baker is optimistic. "The best tool is teaching integrity and honor," Baker said. "It's about who we are as people of character."

Collecting Cans and Bottles to Help Those in Need of Stoves

Stove Team International, founded by local Eugenic, provides clean and safe stoves to replace dangerous open fires in Central and South America

Livia Kokkino

EDITOR

"Don't forget your monthly contribution of deposit cans and plastic bottles to StoveTeam International!"

This announcement is delivered by Marist counselor Jerry Ragan over the intercom once every month, calling out for the Marist community to bring in cans and bottles for an organization called StoveTeam International.

But what exactly is StoveTeam International and where does all of the money go that is collected from depositing the cans and bottles?

StoveTeam International is a nonprofit organization that collects money from the deposit of local cans and bottles, which are donated by the Marist com-

munity. The organization was started by a Eugene local, Nancy Hughes.

After the death of her husband, Hughes volunteered with a medical team in Guatemala. After volunteering with the group for two years, she met a woman named Irma whose hands were mutilated with burns after falling into an open fire at the age of two. The medical team was able to restore the use of her hands and saw the need to prevent burns. Burns were only part of the problem though.

Due to the smoke from the open cooking fires that was encapsulated inside of homes, babies and children were breathing the equivalent of smoking three packs of cigarettes a day.

Nancy saw the need for safe fuel-efficient cooking stoves, and with the help of the local Rotary club, Eugene Southtowne and many other supporters, including Marist, she not only was able to develop a safe fuel-efficient stove, but she was also able to start a factory in El Salvador that would be able to produce these stoves.

The money that is collected from our monthly deposit cans and bottles collections goes directly to StoveTeam International, who use it to help start factories in Mexico and Central America that build the stoves.

There are currently seven factories in four countries and there are more that are being constructed. In this year alone,

about 7,000 stoves have been distributed throughout Mexico and Central America, improving the lives of over 52,500 people.

The stove factories give people work and the stoves themselves reduce burn, respiratory, and eye problems. The stoves also reduce carbon emissions by up to 70%, and reduce wood use by over 50%. They are built from local resources, are low-cost, are built and distributed in Mexico and Central America, and are portable and quick-cooking.

Marist's next collection of cans and bottles for StoveTeam International will be Tuesday, May 9. Please consider donating your cans and bottles to this important cause.



Counselor Jerry Ragan poses with a Stove Team International model stove. Photo by Gloria Wang '17

CONSPIRACY THEORIES: FACT OR FICTION?

Conspiracy theories. To some, this phrase evokes the image of a deranged individual in a tinfoil hat screaming that the end of the world is nigh. However, conspiracy theories are more prevalent in society than many realize. There are many conspiracy theories that a decent chunk of the American population believe in, so let's explore the weird, the wacky, and the just plain impossible conspiracies that people have believed in over the years.



Senior Emily Jewett wears a tin foil hat, to supposedly keep the aliens and the government from accessing her brain. Photo by Gloria Wang '17

Emily Jewett

EDITOR

Paul is Dead

Paul is Dead is a conspiracy theory that began in the 60s and claims Paul McCartney of the Beatles actually died in a car crash and was replaced by a look alike. Evidence is supposedly provided by lyrics that sound like "I Buried Paul" sung by John Lennon at the end of "Strawberry Fields Forever" (although he claims he really sang "cranberry sauce"). The cover of Abbey Road album could be symbolism too. Lennon in front in white is the heavenly figure, Ringo Starr in black is the undertaker, George Harrison in denim is the grave digger, and Paul, barefoot and out of step with the others, is the corpse. McCartney was also left-handed, but is depicted holding a cigarette in his right hand on the cover of the album. This theory has been rebutted by McCartney and the Beatles, and is difficult to prove and is most likely false.

The Phantom Time Hypothesis

Heribert Illig, German scientist, invented the Phantom Time Hypothesis. Now, buckle your seat belts ladies and gentlemen, because this theory is a wild ride.

The Julian Calendar, invented by Julius Caesar, used the cycles of the moon to calculate the year. Due to miscalculation, each year was about 10 minutes too long, and over the thousands of years it was used, from roughly 45 BC to 1582 AD, led to a total of 13 too many days.

When Pope Gregory XIII switched to the Gregorian Calendar, with correct calcula-

tion he accounted for 10 of these 13 added days and removed them, leading to discrepancy about where the other three days went. These three days accounted for approximately 300 Julian years.

The Phantom Time Hypothesis dictates that Otto I, the Holy Roman Emperor, along with Pope Sylvester II, who supposedly reigned during the 7th century, wanted to rule in the year 1000 AD, and fabricated the 300 years in between. To accomplish this task, they invented Charlemagne, the ideal hero Otto wanted to be. People were illiterate and did not have clocks, so to know what day and year it was people would have to ask a priest or scholar, which could have been controlled by Otto and Sylvester II.

However, scientific dating of Middle Ages documents and artifacts corroborates the traditional view of history. Also, coins and manuscripts about Charlemagne were so far reaching that it would have been a massive effort to pull off this plot. Astrological events, such as Halley's Comet and eclipses, were dated accurately in medieval manuscripts, and match manuscripts detailing these events in China. Some claim that Pope Gregory only removed 10 days so that Easter would fall on the date agreed on at the 325 AD Council of Nicea. So how true is this theory? It definitely has detracting evidence, but there is no way to concretely disprove it.

The Sports Illustrated Cover Jinx

Many sports fans believe in the Sports Illustrated Cover Jinx. This theory states that athletes or teams featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated will be met

with injury or failure soon after.

There is strong evidence to this claim. In Jan. 2015, the Seattle Seahawks were featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, before their Super Bowl game against the New England Patriots. Injuries plagued the Seahawks during their game, and they lost to the Patriots.

Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon was featured on Sports Illustrated before suffering a knee injury that ended his season in 2007.

Oregon Basketball player Chris Boucher was featured on the November cover before tearing his ACL during the Arizona game for the PAC-12 Championship in March. There seems to merit to this theory, but it could only be described fully as superstition.

The Mandela Effect

The Mandela Effect is a trippy theory that states that some parallel universes bleed into each other, and some theorists believe this is why we collectively remember information that is not true. The Mandela Effect was founded by paranormal enthusiast Fiona Broome, who insisted that she remembered Nelson Mandela dying in prison during the late 20th century, and many others recalled the same memory, even though Mandela died just four years ago. She named this phenomenon the Mandela Effect, and many believe this to be true. This theory insists that we are part of a collision of parallel universes, with information leaking between the two.

As for evidence of this theory, Darth Vader never said "Luke, I am your father" he said "No, I am your father." Hannibal Lecter

never said "Hello, Clarice" in Silence of the Lambs. The Berenstain Bears are not really the Berenstain Bears, they are the Berenstain Bears. Looney Tunes is not spelled Looney Toons. Froot Loops is not spelled Fruit Loops. Many people remember these things differently, with extreme clarity. How could so many people collectively remember false information? This theory could be true, but it could also be people failing to remember information correctly.

The 1969 Moon Landing was Fake

A widely acknowledged theory is that NASA faked the Moon Landing of 1969. According to a 1999 Gallup poll, 6% of surveyed people believe the 1969 Moon Landing was fake, and another 5% were undecided on whether it was real or fake.

What evidence has prompted this considerable percentage of the population to doubt that America really won the space race? The American Flag was waving as though blown by a gentle breeze, although there is no wind in space. Suspicious. There was also a lack of an impact crater beneath the lunar module, and looked as though it was simply placed there, instead of landing from space.

There were no stars in the sky in the photos, which is strange given that space is filled with stars. Passing through the Van Allen radiation belt could have cooked the astronauts alive with radiation, and they would have been dead before the reached the moon.

On top of this evidence, some believe famed director Stanley Kubrick filmed the fake moon landing footage, given that 2001: A Space Odyssey looked so realistic and perfect that NASA could have used him to make hyperrealistic footage to fool people into thinking the moon landing really happened. This sounds strange, right? And you might be right. NASA has rebutted this theory countless times, offering seemingly convincing evidence that the Moon Landing was real. However, it cannot be concretely disproven, so this theory will continue to maintain relevance.

Ted Cruz is the Zodiac Killer

During the 2016 election cycle, a meme on social media blossomed into a full fledged conspiracy theory. In 2013, @RedPillAmerica tweeted, "#CPAC Alert: Ted Cruz is speaking!! His speech is titled: 'This Is The Zodiac Speaking'." This was the first mention of Ted Cruz as the Zodiac Killer, but this theory did not explode until 2016 when Cruz ran in the Republican primary election.

People on Twitter and other social media platforms began insisting that Cruz was the Zodiac Killer, so much so that a PPP Poll conducted in Florida revealed that 38% of those surveyed believed it was possible that Cruz is the Zodiac Killer. This theory spread so far that Heidi Cruz had to explicitly state that her husband is not the Zodiac Killer. Though this theory spread far, it is implausible given that the first confirmed Zodiac killings occurred before Cruz was born.

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While the human race has continuously struggled to unify throughout its tumultuous history, there is one thought that every person has experienced at least once in their lifetime. The thought consists of three words, spoken by a nagging voice in the back of the head.

It is curiously uncomfortable, like a doctor's otoscope peering into the caverns of your ear. It appears when you're sitting in the back seat of the family sedan on a long road trip; when the conglomerate of endless summer days render you a sleepy couch potato; or, God forbid, when a teacher's lecture about something or other just cannot seem to capture your full attention. Like a dull haze wrapping you in a warm blanket of indifference, the thought dares to speak:

"I am bored."

What a treacherous notion! Boredom is a curious feeling, and if you are anything like me, you know how confusing it can be to deal with.

Boredom can be hard to define because it manifests itself uniquely in each individual. Merriam Webster defines "boredom" as "the state of being weary and restless through lack of interest." This definition lacks any amount of depth or context, because it fails to address boredom's multi-faceted nature.

Boredom's triggers can be boiled down to two main states of being: having nothing to do, or having too much to do. The responses to boredom can be categorized as follows: wanting something to do, or wanting nothing to do.

Pairing one of the triggers listed above with one of the responses helps diagnose the type of boredom you are feeling in its fundamental state. Writing this article and devising my primitive "Boredom Theory" have certainly helped me articulate the wash of bored feelings I have experienced, and I hope they help you with yours.

Allow me to take you through the four types of boredom and their effects:

Having nothing to do, wanting something to do

When there's nothing to do, you usually want to find something to do. I think this is what causes people to fear boredom, because as humans we fear uncertainty. In this case, people will try almost

anything to avoid doing nothing - fidgeting, humming a favorite tune, pacing - you get the idea. To me, this seems to be the stereotypical state we picture when we think of "boredom."

Boredom in adolescents can be caused by feelings of emptiness and entrapment. While short-term boredom can be healed by accepting change and learning to create a fresh interest, long-term boredom can take a heavier emotional toll on teens.

Having nothing to do, wanting nothing to do

Ah, nothing, *sigh*. Sweet, sweet nothing. This boredom can be a good boredom, despite how empty it may feel. It means that you are giving your busy body a break from the stresses of daily life and a chance to recharge for the tasks ahead. I can understand the array of feelings that people experience about this type of boredom, because we are taught to avoid apathy and be productive.

I believe that the occasional void in scheduling can be a good thing, especially if you are usually a busy person, because you just might run yourself into the ground if you do not give yourself a break. If you habitually have "nothing to do" or are not regularly involved in an activity, wanting nothing to do is perfectly okay! Sometimes you just need to be lazy, that is human nature.

Having too much to do, wanting something to do

Yes, as absurd as this sounds, this type of boredom exists. I usually like to think of it as "having too much to do, wanting something else to do." In this phase of boredom, one is preoccupied with an array of activities, and yearns to drop what they are doing and take on something else.

As a musician, I frequently yearn to ditch my school responsibilities in order to make time for my music. It can be easy to pass up annoying tasks like chores and homework for more enjoyable things like video games and other forms of entertainment. The word "procrastination" comes to mind...

Having too much to do, wanting nothing to do

This type of boredom I personally experience the most - I find that I always

Why are students of this generation more easily bored?

Senior Jack McGaughey struggles to work on homework while plagued by indomitable boredom. Photo by Madi Potter '17

by Jack McGaughey

The Hollywood Gender Pay Gap

Why are women paid less in Tinseltown?

Emily Jewett

EDITOR

Can you believe Natalie Portman was paid three times less than Ashton Kutcher for their 2011 film, "No Strings Attached," even though she is an Oscar winner and a more refined actress?

In 2011, Portman, a bona fide star, had appeared in blockbusters such as "V for Vendetta," and Black Swan. She also won an Oscar and Golden Globe for her performance in Black Swan.

Additionally, she has been nominated for an Oscar and Golden Globe for her performance in "Closer."

Kutcher had launched to fame on "That 70s Show," and has been in movies such as "Dude, Where's my Car?" He has never been nominated for an Oscar or Golden Globe. Kutcher should have made the same amount as Portman, given that he was less experienced and his acting has been less praised.

The gender pay gap is a pervasive issue in Hollywood. Women are often paid much less than their male counterparts for the same work, even if they are more popular or experienced.

It seems executives and producers in Hollywood value men's work over women's work, which is deplorable. Men should not be paid more than their equally talented and recognized female co-stars just because they are men.

Jennifer Lawrence, Oscar winner and successful actress, has also been paid shockingly less than men on par with her merit. For David O. Russell's "American Hustle," Lawrence and female costar Amy Adams were awarded 7% of the film's profits, which is 2% less than the male actors Christian Bale, Bradley Cooper, and Jeremy Renner received.

Lawrence was only paid \$15 million for the third and fourth "The Hunger Games." This may seem like a big paycheck, but Robert Downey Jr. was paid \$40 million for his appearance in the singular film "Avengers: Age of Ultron," and he is not even the sole lead like Lawrence was in "The Hunger Games."

To add context to this, "Mockingjay" parts 1 and 2 grossed \$2 billion worldwide, and "Age of Ultron" made \$1.4 billion and featured several other lead characters. This is frustrating and demeaning for so many Hollywood actresses, but few speak out in fear of sounding like a "diva" or being passed over for roles by executives or producers.

Actresses have been calling out the industry for their irresponsible and immoral acceptance of the gender pay gap as the norm. Lawrence published an open letter questioning why she was paid much less than her male co-stars in "American Hustle," and expressed her disappointment in herself for failing to negotiate a higher paycheck.

Actress Amanda Seyfried has said that for some films she only made a tenth of what her male co-stars did. Even after taking home three Oscars, Meryl Streep has stated that she is often paid less than her male co-stars.

How could someone as revered and iconic as Meryl Streep not receive equal pay? This is absolute lunacy!

Hollywood actresses are just as talented as Hollywood actors, and to pretend otherwise is to do a disservice to actresses everywhere. Until we acknowledge that the gender pay gap not only exists, but is pervading the culture of Hollywood, we cannot have equality.

EDITORIAL

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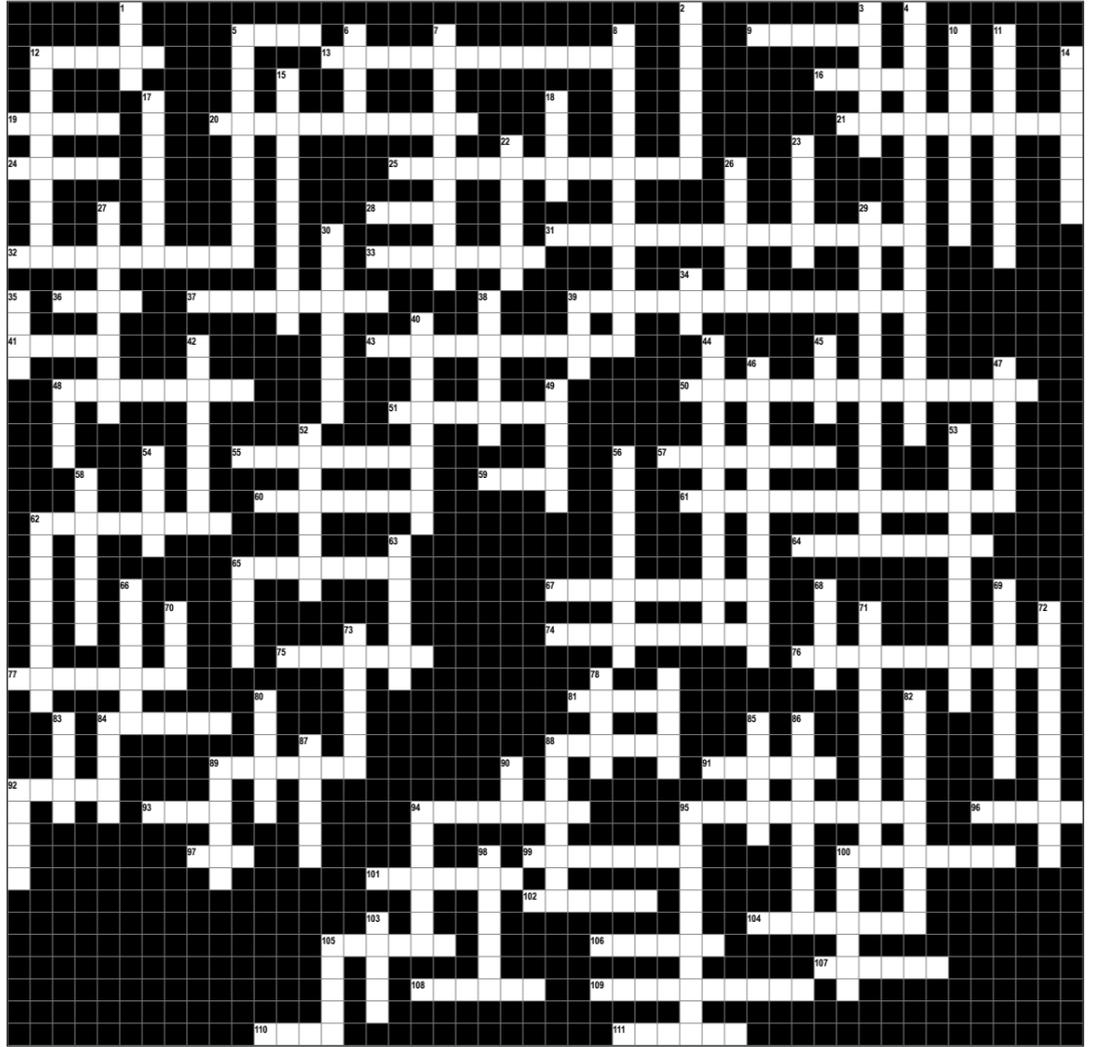
Spartan Spear Crossword Puzzle

This puzzle will require a plethora of eclectic knowledge, copious amounts of intellectual strength, and likely the use of a search engine. Have fun and good luck!

By Jack Benda and Jack McGaughey

- ACROSS
- Marist swim team 200 yd freestyle record holders, first initials
 - Antagonist of "The Little Mermaid"
 - Let's say I give you a clue. What do you give me in return?
 - According to Mr. Chronister, "It's not sexy, but it's vital."
 - The magical fruit
 - "_____, Beets, Battlestar Galactica."
 - 1,987 + a _____ = a ton. (2 Words)
 - M. _____ Stadium (2 Words)
 - Franklin and Theodore Roosevelt were _____ cousins.
 - The shortest day of the year (2 Words)
 - Unofficial mascot of the University of Miami, Florida
 - First Broadway production to ever reach 10,000 performances, "The..." (4 Words)
 - Morgan Freeman's age, spelled out (2 Words)
 - Oscar for Best Production Design this year (but not Best Picture) (3 Words)
 - Elvis Presley's middle name
 - Which president is on the \$1,000 bill? (Last name)
 - "Kachow!" (2 Words)
 - Please go through the _____ door. (Freshman, we're looking at you.)
 - Inventor of Play Dough (2 Words)
 - Producer of Star Wars: Episode IV (2 Words)
 - CNN (3 Words)
 - Earth's largest volcano on land (2 Words)
 - Largest country in the Central American isthmus
 - Cottage Theatre banner that hangs above Mr. Rust's classroom doorway
 - The number of vending machines at Marist
 - Marist won a state championship for what sport in 1973?
 - Register Guard headline, "Oregon to seek federal approval for _____." (2 Words)
 - Who brought King Arthur's quest for the Holy Grail to a halt in the Monty Python cult classic?
 - The dismal science
 - West of Spain
 - Deepest lake in the United States (2 Words)
 - The only commercially produced fruit to be picked by hand
 - Smallest county in the United States
 - He did it his way. (2 Words)
 - 63 gallons in a "_____" barrel (2 Words)
 - Baskets for this fruit were used to create basketball
 - Kevin _____ Field
 - "The Beaver State"
 - Dwight from The Office's last name
 - Brand of the "healthy" vending machine in the Marist cafeteria
 - Number of doorways connected to the Marist newsroom
 - Damaliscus korrigum
 - Exit 72 on I5 in Washington leads to _____ (2 Words)
 - Top speed of a cheetah, spelled out in MPH (2 Words)
 - Chubby Checker's famous dance
 - Most popular dog name
 - Steve Miller Band, "This here's a story about Billy Joe and _____." (2 Words)
 - Scott _____ Field
 - Civic _____
 - Acid, a runner's enemy

- Oakland A's mascot
 - Northern Mariana Islands capital
 - Most common type of computer keyboard for Latin script
 - Before the Marist Spartans, there was the St. Francis _____
 - Cody _____ Field
 - Famous 1920's dance named after a city
 - What is the Oregon state beverage?
 - Defeated rival city Athens in The Peloponnesian War
- DOWN
- NBA star Kobe Bryant was named after the famous _____ of Kobe, Japan.
 - Billboard #1 song of 1998 by Next (2 Words)
 - "In Memory of John _____, Class of 1975, From His Family and Friends"
 - The quote on the glass donor board outside the Marist theatre in the 100 hallway comes from which play? (5 Words)
 - Kevin Bacon's first movie
 - Pilots use this speed measurement
 - Marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent (2 Words)
 - Bricks outside Health room; donor name on farthest upper right hand corner (3 Words)
 - Westernmost of the Isles of Scilly, world's smallest island (2 Words)
 - "Dazed and Confused," "Misty Mountain Hop," "Moby Dick," among others (2 Words)
 - "I pledge _____ to the flag..."
 - The 200 hallway belongs to which class?
 - Lennon and McCartney's first band name (2 Words)
 - Day of the week of Marist Talent Show 2017
 - Blues artist, Blind _____ Jefferson
 - Crayons. Literally, the answer is just "crayons."
 - Which vital organ does the adjective "renal" refer to?
 - Reed College's mascot
 - Figure on band room light switch (2 Words)
 - "My man." (2 Words)
 - FM radio channel numbers represent wavelength measurements in _____.
 - How many natural lakes are in Texas? How many Oscars does Leonardo DiCaprio have? Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassination prompted World War _____. "All for _____, _____ for all." "3, 2, _____ blast off!" "We Are _____"
 - Letters atop Jesus' cross
 - "Race car" spelled backwards
 - The longest Gospel in the Bible
 - Washington state, "The place so nice, they named it twice." (2 Words)
 - Submarine technology; social media app
 - What is the name of the 100 wing? (2 Words)
 - Chick-shaped Easter treat
 - Marist girls triple jump record holder (2 Words)
 - What is the name of the 300 wing? St. _____
 - In 2013, Marist won 4th place in 5A State for Boys _____.
 - Longest Shakespeare play
 - Tyranny of the _____.
 - Conspiracy theorists think that this Englishman is dead. (2 Words)
 - The color blue on the American flag is the color of the _____.
 - "We're no strangers to love..." (2 Words)
 - Prince owned 67 _____, valued at nearly



- \$1 million. (2 Words)
- About 1/3 of the dogs that are surrendered to animal shelters are _____ dogs.
- Floating wreckage of a ship
- Holden Caulfield thinks you are this
- Another name for a Spartan warrior
- A, B, _____, D...
- Panda bears are not in fact _____.
- Length of Oscar speech restrictions, in seconds (2 Words)
- Name of former US President Teddy Roosevelt's Pit Bull
- Eighteenth century British group that worked to end slavery (3 Words)
- Movie utilizing "Also sprach Zarathustra" and "An der schönen blauen Donau;" "A..." (2 Words)
- A "spicy" meme (2 Words)
- How many states can be seen from Lookout Mountain?
- Nation where the wheelbarrow was invented
- Hawaii, "The Forbidden Isle"
- The only ports on the new MacBook Pro, other than the audio jack. (Believe me, I am upset too.)
- Popular African zoo animal, never been truly domesticated
- Three hundred and eighty four ounces in how many gallons?
- Robert _____ Activity Center
- Gatorade contains no _____ (2 Words)
- This frozen bird can be stored for up to 2-3 years and still be safe to cook and eat.
- U.S. state, Broadway musical
- What is the Syrah grape called in Australia?
- Term for the connection on a typical microphone cable
- Conspiracy theorists think this rapper is still alive.
- "Work work work work work work;" renowned poet, songwriter & pop artist
- The Demon of Screamin' (2 Words)
- Lou Reed, "You do what you want to do, Hey, but I love you, _____."
- Popular name for the "octothorp"
- They just want to have fun.
- First movie to win Best Animated Feature

MONDAY STORIES

At 10:45 am every Monday morning the newspaper staff opens up a Google doc and patiently waits for a prompt that grabs our attention and inspires us to fill the page with whatever comes to mind. It might be a short narrative or a colorful memory or even a passionate argument. Here's a few of our favorites from this quarter...

Prompt: Write about your day from the perspective of a \$1 bill:

Crumpled up, folded over and over, and ownership changed with indifference. My life is not extravagant by any means; in fact, I feel lost. I've met so many great tens, fives, and other ones, but for brief periods of time.. I even met a man named Benjamin, who was quite the rare and unique fellow. And the people who have held me showed me no love. Can I blame them? I'm just a one. In all my life I've had never had a good friend always by my side.

That changed, however, when I was exchanged for a Krabby Patty and met Mr. Krabs, who upon meeting me exclaimed, "this be my millionth dollar." He showed me a love that I had never experienced. Though he expressed it in some extraneous ways, I felt a genuine care for the first time in my life. He even explored the depths of the sea within the sea, and fought a giant clam to hold onto me. Mr. Krabs made it so I was no longer just "a one," but rather "the one."

-Ian Skaggs

Wow, what a week. It all started with Nancy pulling out her wallet and reaching for me inside, but I slipped away from the pocket and drifted away in the breeze. She ran after me for blocks and blocks, but the wind was too mighty. Eventually Nancy gave up, and there I was, blowing through the streets of downtown Eugene. I finally came to a halt and found myself lying

on the sidewalk near what seemed to be a park. After hours of being stepped on and ignored, a stranger towered over me, blocking out the beaming sun. He seemed to be a little under 10 years of age, and his eyes came closer to me moments before snatching me away. He crumpled me up and stuck me in his pocket, skipping away immediately after, leaving me tossing and turning with every move.

The night passed, and after hours of sitting, still in the pocket might I remind you, on the thrashed floor of the boy, I felt someone pick me up. Then, out of nowhere, water. Everywhere I could see, a sea of water and clothes circled around me, leaving only the slightest moment to gasp for air. I knew this was it. This was how it would come to the end. My edges started to fade and my mint green becoming more pale by the second. But then, there was a light. Could this be "the light"? I found myself coming closer by the second, until I realized, this wasn't the light at all. I MADE IT! My crumpled, washed out self had successfully made it through a week of hell. If I could make it through this, I could make it through anything.

-Claire Hoffman

I had been savagely crumpled into the cold leather wallet of Eeber Stout. He had just been given change for purchasing a Snickers bar at the Portland International Airport convenience store by gate C6. Eeber squeezed me into the front pocket of his blue jeans, as I heard the loud speaker announce, "Flight 4386

with service to New York will begin boarding at this time." I was violently shaken as Eeber sprinted onto the jet and sat in his seat. I peered out of the wallet just enough to see the flight attendant walking by, aggressively slamming the overhead compartments shut.

Since I wasn't a big fan of heights, I decided to hide deep in the wallet and close my eyes, sleeping until the plane landed. I woke up and I was no longer in the tightly packed wallet of Eeber Stout. I was now laying down on the cold, concrete tarmac of the John F. Kennedy International Airport. I screamed in pain as a luggage transport car drove over my poor crinkled body. Suddenly, the car screeched to a halt and the driver leapt out of the front seat and walked in my direction. He bent over and picked me up by the corner. "Ah, shoot," the man said in disappointment. "I thought this was a twenty!" A tear crept out of my paper sheet. I wasn't valued because of the one printed onto me. My body fell limp. Now, I was just an insecure and self-conscious one dollar bill, loved by no one. The man took me anyway, and I spent the rest of the week listening to the radio playing Helene Fischer. Over time, I began to appreciate my value. Because I was a dollar bill, I wasn't used as often as the more valuable bills, so I got to stay in the same place for longer periods of time. Maybe life as a dollar bill isn't so bad after all.

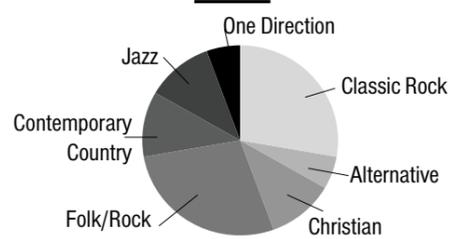
-Liesl Benda

WHAT DO TEACHERS JAM TO?

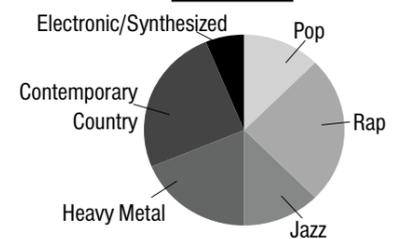
A look at staff musical tastes

by Nick Nepute & Ian Skaggs

LIKES



DISLIKES



*Compiled from 23 responses

Most Surprising Answer: Bart Pollard. Supposedly he has a love for One Direction. Mr. G initially hinted at this by answering the survey, "I can answer for Pollard: One Direction." In Pollard's response he included both lyrics and a photo to express his appreciation for the groundbreaking group of boyish good looks and talent. Is he being serious? It's still a mystery.

Best Answer: Frank Geske. He likes the "David Haggard Quartet," but dislikes the "Trip Nelson Trio."

Keeping it Real: Andrew Oldham. He likes "anything authentic," which is an answer that should be no surprise to anyone. I mean, did you hear him DJ the Mr. Spartan Dance? A chill answer from a chill guy.

"Ya Like Jazz?": Britton Reeser does. The guy likes jazz, and has a honed taste in the genre. He says that he likes "early jazz, New Orleans jazz, and pre-WWII jazz" specifically.

SPARTAN SHOTS

A few weeks ago we asked Marist students to show us their favorite photos that fit the four categories of action, human portrait, nature, and pet portrait for a chance to win an appearance in The Spartan Spear... Here are our winners!

ACTION



Photo by Max Fulton '18



Photo by Trent Sherman '19



Photo by Megan Kimball '18

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HUMAN PORTRAIT



Photo by Taylor Proden '19



Photo by Max Fulton '18



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Photo by Erin Caracol '18

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PET PORTRAIT



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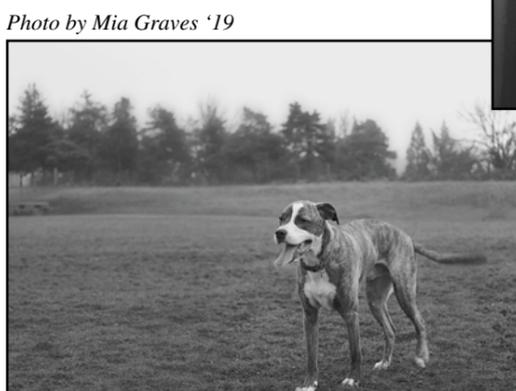


Photo by Mia Graves '19



Photo by Ivan Kaurov '19



Photo by Hannah Eades-Urso '20

To Eat or Not to Eat? Is That Even a Question?

Q: *Alright. Let's begin. So, when did your love of chicken really start?*

A: Well, I went to KFC this one time and I was just starvin'. See... I've been starvin' before but this was just next level stuff. So, I went to KFC and I got four chicken legs and three pieces of tenders. I've never been so satisfied in my entire life.

Q: *Dude, so I hear you eat chicken like everyday. How much chicken would you say you consume in a week?*

A: Four and a half chickens, like full rotisserie chickens. That's about what I average a week.

Q: *So what's the best deal in town?*

A: Right here dude. (As we stand together at Albertsons) Five bucks for eight pieces at Albertsons. Cheap Chicken Monday. Mmmmm

Q: *Alright, give me the low-down on Winco.*

A: Ok. So at about one o'clock in the morning they take all of their hot chicken, right, and they put them in these boxes. Then they put the boxes in the refrigerated aisle, but because it was hot, you can get it for a much discounted price. I mean you end up gettin' like 12 pieces of chicken for \$4.99 at Winco. Ah man, just throw that "stuff" in the microwave, and man it tastes good as new. 12 pieces for five bucks, Winco is the best. And that's not just it, you can pick up all kinds of stuff... It's amazing.

Q: *That kinda leads into my next question. What's the best compliment to chicken?*

A: Oooo... I like some light chips. Lays are pretty good, they just add a nice texture and they don't have an overwhelming flavor. It just adds that crunch. A loaf

of bread is "darn" good too, not gonna lie. Market of choice it's \$2 for a loaf of french bread, or at Winco for about the same price you can get I think it's called focaccia bread or something, it's round thing with cheese on it. That "stuff" is good.

Q: *How is chicken best served?*

A: Chicken wings probably. Just a bunch of chicken wings on a plate. But, a full rotisserie chicken is a pretty unique experience. "Just like munchin' it like an apple."

Q: *How fast can you eat a whole one?*

A: 20 minutes. I timed it. It was something like 21 minutes and 40 seconds. It was delicious.

Q: *Favorite chicken wing sauce?*

A: Buffalo.

Q: *Bone-in or Boneless? (I am a staunch bone-in fan personally. It adds flavor, and is part of the experience)*

A: Psh bones! Are you kidding me. I mean I'm not saying boneless is terrible, but bone-in is just better.

Q: *Best beverage pairing?*

A: Lemonade.

Q: *What's your favorite chicken place?*

A: Well because my favorite chicken is wings, so Buffalo Wild Wings is pretty solid. There was a place by my house that had some "darn" good chicken. But, the problem was, it was by my house, and nobody lives where I do, so it went out of business. I swear they made the best fried chicken. That's the best part of fried chicken though, you can get it like anywhere and it's cheap.

Oh dude... ya know what's good. That

slow oven roasted chicken with some barbecue dry rub seasoning on it, just let it soak and it gets that flavor mixed in there. That "stuff" is good.

Q: *Okay, finally, tell me the "Chronister story."*

A: So I went to Winco right...and I got some "friggin" chicken, like two loaves of bread, couple bags of chips, and like a bunch of tenders right. But I didn't have time to eat the chicken wings. And it was a 3,2,1 day and I had Chronister's class next, so I'm like "shucks" how am I going to do this. Mr. Chronister doesn't screw around with this stuff. So I'm sitting in the back of the room, with Nick right behind me. Every time Chronister would turn around, or I'd even suspect he would look away, I'd just whip a chicken wing out and just munch on it really really fast. Then I'd just throw it back in my pocket, and pretend like everything was cool.

It took me like 45 minutes to get through all the chicken wings, but MAN it was so worth it. Every bite tasted better I swear.

Q: *Wait, I've got one more question. Does chicken ever get old?*

A: No. Are you kidding me?

Steven Holvey is a man with a stomach of steel and an endless appetite for chicken. His unconditional love for this cooked bird is one of fairytale proportions. He and Ian Skaggs sat down for a couple of drumsticks in a finger lickin' interview.

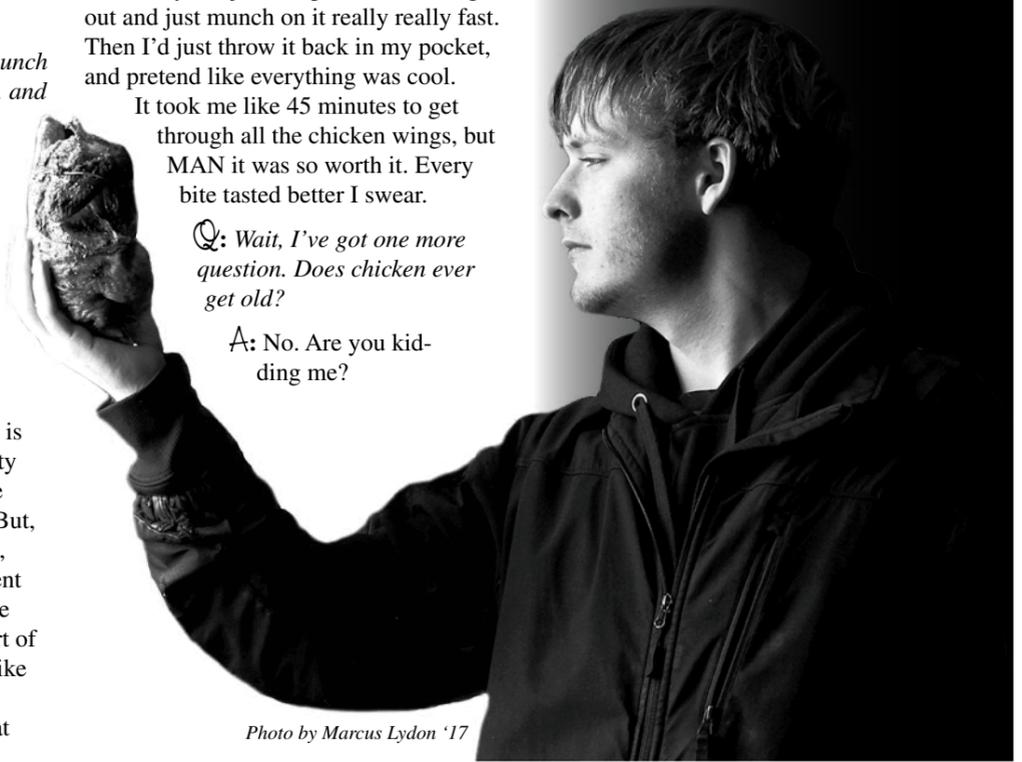


Photo by Marcus Lydon '17

How Well Do You Know Your Sibling?

It has to be a record...17 pairs of freshmen and seniors walk the halls of Marist this year

by Jack Benda and Jack McGaughey



Photo by Madi Potter '17

We asked these sibling pairs if they knew their siblings' favorites. Here are a few responses:

The Bertucci's



Juliana's Favorite Musician: Drake
Donny's Guess: Matty B
Juliana's Favorite TV Show: *Criminal Minds*
Donny's Guess: *Fresh Prince Of Bel Air*
Juliana's Guilty Pleasure: Make-up tutorials
Donny's Guess: Make-up tutorials

Donny's Guilty Pleasure: Physics because no one seems to like it
Juliana's Guess: Playing X-Box
Donny's Dream Job: Radiologist
Juliana's Guess: Radiology
Donny's Favorite Subject: Science
Juliana's Guess: Science



The Rochon's



Anna's Favorite Restaurant: Cafe Yumm
Michael's Guess: Cafe Yumm
Anna's Favorite Sport: Horses
Michael's Guess: Riding horses
Anna's Favorite Band: Black Veil Brides
Michael's Guess: Black Veil Brides

Michael's Favorite Subject: Math
Anna's Guess: Math
Michael's Dream Job: Accountant
Anna's Guess: Engineer
Michael's Favorite TV Show: *The Middle*
Anna's Guess: *The Middle*



The Helbling's



Lincy's Favorite Restaurant: Izumi
Emmerine's Guess: Cafe Yumm
Lincy's Favorite Class: AP Literature
Emmerine's Guess: Yearbook
Lincy's Dream Job: Nurse Practitioner
Emmerine's Guess: Nurse Practitioner

Emmerine's Favorite TV Show: *NCIS*
Lincy's Guess: *NCIS*
Emmerine's Dream Job: NICU Nurse
Lincy's Guess: NICU Nurse
Emmerine's Guilty Pleasure: Desserts
Lincy's Guess: Instagram



The Holmberg's



Molly's Favorite TV Show: *Blue Bloods*
Alex's Guess: *Blue Bloods*
Molly's Favorite Movie: *The Choice*
Alex's Guess: *The Notebook*
Molly's Favorite Restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings
Alex's Guess: Buffalo Wild Wings

Alex's Favorite Musician/Band: Ice Cube
Molly's Guess: Ice Cube
Alex's Favorite Sport: Lacrosse
Molly's Guess: Lacrosse
Alex's Dream Job: Owner of Nike
Molly's Guess: Shoe Collector



While She Was Sleeping

Senior editor Livia Kokkino discusses the funny, strange, and just bizarre things she has said and done in her sleep

Livia Kokkino

EDITOR

Sleep is a wonderful thing. If anyone knows me at all, you would know that I not only love to sleep, but that I also have a tendency of doing some pretty weird things in my sleep.

I don't really know why it happens, but my family and friends are always telling me about some of the things that I said or did in my sleep the night before.

This first takes place a few years ago. My parents were out of town, so my grandparents came over to my house to watch my younger sisters and I. The first night, I was laying in my bed, drifting in and out of sleep. I had watched too many episodes of "NCIS" before bed and was feeling super paranoid that something might happen to me.

My 85 year-old grandma decided to check on my sisters and I, so she walked into all of our rooms to make sure that we were all asleep. When my grandmother walked into my room to check on me, I was half awake when I saw her.

I didn't recognize who it was because the hallway light was casting a shadow over her face. She reached out to try to touch me, but I freaked out and screamed because I didn't recognize her. I feel really bad because I scared her to the point where she almost had a heart attack.

This next story comes from a few years ago. Maybe it was a freshman

year, I'm not really sure. Anyway, I was at a sleepover with my friends. I was kind of mumbling in my sleep and my good friend and fellow editor, Maya Dotson, woke up to try to figure out what I was talking about. All of a sudden, I blurt out "big blondes rule the world." Maya tried to talk to me to figure out what I was talking about, but I had already fallen back asleep.

These next few stories happened fairly recently.

The first takes place around mid-November of this school year after I got home from leading the Fall Women's Encounter. Once I got home, I took a nap.

I remember having a dream that the junior girls who were on the Encounter were coming over to my house and I needed to clean it really fast. I was convinced that the juniors were coming over, so I got up out of my bed (still asleep), and walked into my sister Eva's room.

I then asked maybe four or five times where the juniors were. She had no idea what I was talking about and I got frustrated because she didn't know what I was talking about, so I eventually gave up and went back to my room.

This next story comes from late January when I went on the Senior Metanoia. I was rooming with my good friend and fellow editor, Emily Jewett. Going into the Metanoia, I knew that we were going to be sharing rooms, so I was pretty nervous that I would get paired with

someone that I didn't know well and that I would completely embarrass myself.

Of course, I ended up doing something pretty weird in my sleep but at least I was with someone that I knew well. So basically, I had been making a bunch of noise and Emily woke up to see what was going on.

Next thing you know, I'm standing up with my pillow in my hand and trying to roll up my sleeping bag saying "I've got to go." Emily said to me "No, no, you've got to go back to bed," to which I kept saying "No, I've got to go." Eventually, Emily was firm enough with me to the point where I eventually gave up and went back to bed.

This last story comes from Spring Break. The week before Spring Break, I got super sick which included an enlarged liver. All of the tests that I had taken came back negative, so doctors concluded that I had a really aggressive virus that was attacking my intestinal tract and was affecting my liver. For awhile though, I thought that the doctors didn't know what was wrong.

I guess that was something that I had been thinking about a lot at that point because I was sleep talking about how I had been sick for the past week and how no one could figure out what was wrong with me. My sister Eva was awake and heard me talking and took videos.

I love hearing about the crazy things that I do in my sleep and I hope that you all enjoyed reading these stories and hearing them second hand as I do.

Senior Struggles

Maya Dotson

EDITOR

Of course you'll be told to start working on your college applications the summer before your senior year, but that's only part of the college search, as I found out this year.

It was December and I had decided what colleges I was going to apply to. I had glanced at the various costs of tuition and room and board but didn't pay particular attention, because why would colleges accept me and not make it so I can afford to go? I also thought I knew the size of the school I wanted which was about 10,000 to 15,000. Next was actually submitting the applications.

I had taken my SAT's, written and rewritten my college essay several times, and selected my schools. I applied, paid and sent my scores to six colleges, sat down and believed that it was time to wait. Wow, I was so wrong.

Although while I was waiting for my college letters to arrive, I knew I wasn't finished with my scholarship search. I knew that I wasn't going to get a full ride from any college, and college debt was not an option in my naive mind, so I started more applications, this time for scholarships.

Essay after obscure essay about my greatest accomplishment, my greatest fear, my most influential female role model, my greatest challenge and my idea of a great vacation, just to name a few. At least after this I rarely had to write an essay for any application, I just rewrote or reused entire essays I had already written.

By the end of December, I had filled out about 30-40 scholarship applications for banks, specific colleges, rotaries and other organizations. I thought I could take a break. Again I was wrong, which seems to be a repeating pattern here. This realization hit not when I got my acceptance letters, but when I got my financial aid packages which were definitely not enough.

None of the schools I had applied for had given me enough money for tuition. I honestly had no idea what to do. One week later Saint Mary's College of California offered me a chance at a pretty large scholarship if I applied. So I wrote another essay, got another letter of recommendation and sent in the application.

One week later I was named a finalist for that scholarship and was to be interviewed later that month, February, by two professors at the college. So my parents bought some plane tickets, which aren't cheap, and flew down to California.

My interview was 9:30 Saturday morning. Walking around I found that I really enjoyed the small campus. I then interviewed with several of the professors from the political science department.

Unfortunately, two weeks later I got my rejection letter in the mail. "Alright, okay, I can do this. I can do this. I'll just have to get more scholarships," I would repeatedly think to myself. Obviously this is much easier than it sounds and of course calling the colleges and asking for more money was another dead end.

What to do next? By this point, after scholarship applications and college financial negotiations it was about mid-March. I thought that there wasn't much left for me to do but apply to more colleges. I found out that a lot of colleges had rolling enrollment or just really late deadlines.

So over Spring Break I found myself applying to about five more colleges. I've heard back from three so far. While this isn't the solution I had expected or really even wanted at least now I have options again mainly because I was more realistic picking the second time around.

I expected my college hunt to last until January at the latest. I thought I would have a college picked out and would be committed to one by this point in time but that's not always the way it goes and I learned to adapt just as many other seniors have learned to do as well.

Here's my advice: don't wait to start looking at and preparing for college. I don't just mean write your essay early but that's not a bad idea either, but I'm talking about figuring out what you want.

I wish I had given price more weight. I also wish I had known that I really do like smaller campuses when I was originally applying. Once you know what you want, it's easier to find.

A Day in the Life of Mr. Couch

Senior Gloria Wang interviews a reliable friend about his daily life

Gloria Wang

PHOTO EDITOR

Have you ever thought about talking furniture? If not, imagine "Beauty and the Beast". In the movie, all the furniture can talk and even walk around the castle. You might say all the are transformed from human because of the magic and of course they can speak. Well, the couch from the Newspaper and yearbook teacher Toni Cooper's room can speak. Let's see what he had to say.

Q: Alright, Mr. Couch, I'm just going to start this conversation with a background question. How long have you been at Marist?

A: Oh let me see... That's a long story. Toni got me from her friend in 1997 because I was hurting her friend's back. And then I stayed in Toni's house for awhile until she started working in the room 318 at Marist, my twin brother lives in Andy's room or was it Bart's room? Oh man I'm old, I can't remember that much.

Q: What's it like being here all the time?

A: Well I'm just a couch, what do you expect. I just stay here all day and can't do much. I'm pretty bored and lonely almost every single day.

Q: Well what do you do during class time?

A: I can't move so basically my vision is limited to this classroom. I have been through class after class of students sitting in here learning about photography, newspaper and yearbook. It's been fun listening to what questions they ask, and watching what they do during the class especially photography class.

Q: What are some of the most interesting things you have seen?

A: I like to watch the students take photos, it's really interesting that a small black box can take such amazing photos. Also, every quarter before the printed newspaper comes out, the newspaper editors will sit on me and discuss what news and what stories they should cover in the paper. It's surprising to me that they always come up with so many ideas. The yearbook students are also always busy at work, on the computer, and putting everything together. I have seen the yearbooks, those are just awesome!

Q: What are you doing during break, lunchtime or after school?

A: Oh, lunch time is probably the most fun for me! You know, Toni only has 4 classes so other than that I feel lonely because she is always busy working, but during lunch time there's more people who come to sit on me and I feel like more useful. The whole classroom becomes more dynamic, and they always bring so many delicious foods. I mean



Senior Gloria Wang interviews Mr. Couch in journalism teacher Toni Cooper's room. Photo by Madi Potter '17

even I can't taste but at least I can smell it. But I'm always wondering why they are always on their phones. In the time of my birth, kids didn't have that much technology, and now I'm watching them play on their phones all the time and I'm a little worried about their eyes.

Q: What do you think your job is?

A: I'm a couch as you know, I love when people sit on me and make themselves comfortable. Sometimes some students have to come to school early during late-ins, I'm here for them to take a nap on. Or after a tired day of school, they can just put all the stress down, sit on me and relax. Just like you right? You lie on me every block day during free 5th period. To be honest, when people lay down on me, that's the most fun time for me, I hope I won't hurt their back and I also hope kids can just put their phone down and rest.

Q: Are you scared during the night time when people are all gone?

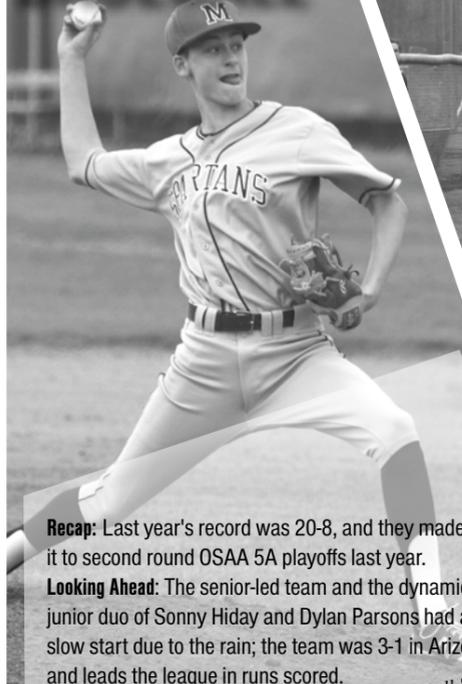
A: You know what, I'm gonna go back to sleep. You ask too many questions and I'm tired. Talk to you next time.

Oh well, it seems like Mr. Couch doesn't want to continue the conversation anymore, and I think that he is scared when it gets dark. But we are appreciative that Toni has Mr. Couch in her room and we can rest there whenever we want to.

SPRING SPORTS RECAP

Looking back and looking ahead at the spring sports season

BASEBALL



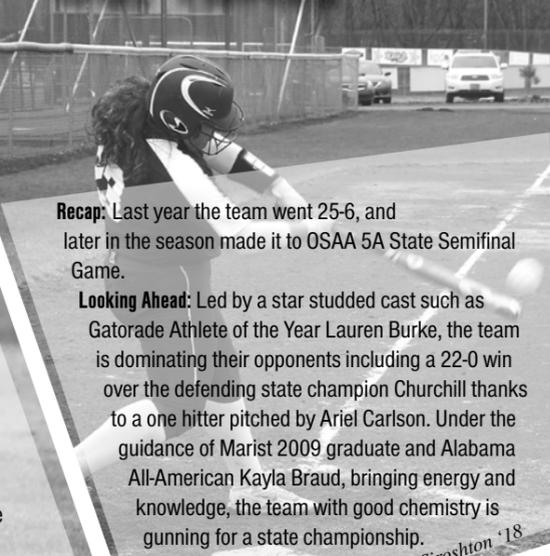
Recap: Last year's record was 20-8, and they made it to second round OSAA 5A playoffs last year.

Looking Ahead: The senior-led team and the dynamic junior duo of Sonny Hiday and Dylan Parsons had a slow start due to the rain; the team was 3-1 in Arizona, and leads the league in runs scored.

Record: 10-4

Photo of Sam Bell '20

SOFTBALL



Recap: Last year the team went 25-6, and later in the season made it to OSAA 5A State Semifinal Game.

Looking Ahead: Led by a star studded cast such as Gatorade Athlete of the Year Lauren Burke, the team is dominating their opponents including a 22-0 win over the defending state champion Churchill thanks to a one hitter pitched by Ariel Carlson. Under the guidance of Marist 2009 graduate and Alabama All-American Kayla Braud, bringing energy and knowledge, the team with good chemistry is gunning for a state championship.

Record: 14-0

Photo of Abbey Siroshon '18

GOLF



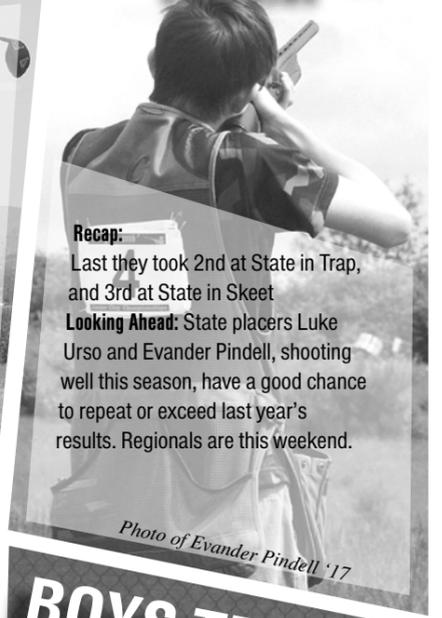
Boys: Last year they finished 4th at the OSAA 5A State Tournament.

Looking Ahead: With returning state competitors Justin Potwora and Cole Vendetti, the team is looking solid and challenging for this years season. They have a good shot at improving on last years state finish.

Girls: Last years record: N/A Only JV
Looking Ahead: This year the new varsity team looks to be strong competition.

Photo of Justin Potwora '18

SHOOTING TEAM



Recap:

Last they took 2nd at State in Trap, and 3rd at State in Skeet

Looking Ahead: State placers Luke Urso and Evander Pindell, shooting well this season, have a good chance to repeat or exceed last year's results. Regionals are this weekend.

Photo of Evander Pindell '17

GIRLS LACROSSE



Recap: Last year's record was 10-5, they were second in league to Summit and made it to the OGLA play-offs.

Looking Ahead: Led by seniors Grace Bullock, Angel Haney, Ashton Stowell, Livia Kokkino and Margaret Walters, the team has 15 newcomers on a roster of 28, many with experience playing lacrosse. With the movement of Summit to a different league the girls are hoping to cinch the South League title this year.

Record: 3-5

Photo of Margaret Walters '17

BOYS LACROSSE



Recap: Last year's record: 11-8 Made it to First Round of OHSLA Playoffs

Looking Ahead: The team is led by 16 seniors who have been playing together since freshman year. The team just broke its overtime curse with a game winning shot by Nicholas Olmos in a 9-8 win over Sheldon in double overtime, after dropping its first two league games 8-9 in overtime.

Record: 3-4

Photo of Brennan Franssen '17

GIRLS TENNIS



Recap: Last year's record: 13-0 and placed 2nd at OSAA State Championships

Looking Ahead: With a team of many returners, the undefeated squad is led by number one single player senior Emma Duvall and number one doubles team made up of sophomore Chloe Lee and senior Emily Yeh. Under the helm of new coach Jeff Priske, the team stands united and ready to fight for a potential state title later this season.

Record: 7-0

Photo of Emily Yeh '17

BOYS TENNIS



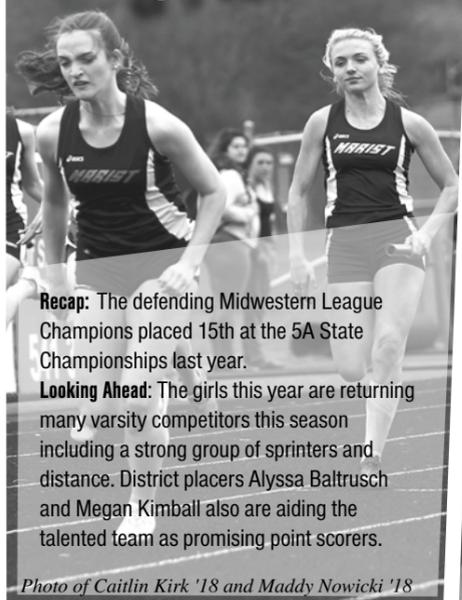
Recap: Last year's team finished 5-5-6 and sent two pairs of doubles to state.

Looking Ahead: Although the team is young and without seniors, there are many good new contributors and improved returners, with talent, such as singles leader freshman Evan Villano and doubles team juniors Ben Hakala and Joey Weilbrenner, and should improve their finish from last year.

Record: 5-1-1

Photo of Joey Weilbrenner '18

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD



Recap: The defending Midwestern League Champions placed 15th at the 5A State Championships last year.

Looking Ahead: The girls this year are returning many varsity competitors this season including a strong group of sprinters and distance. District placers Alyssa Baltrusch and Megan Kimball also are aiding the talented team as promising point scorers.

Photo of Caitlin Kirk '18 and Maddy Nowicki '18

BOYS TRACK & FIELD



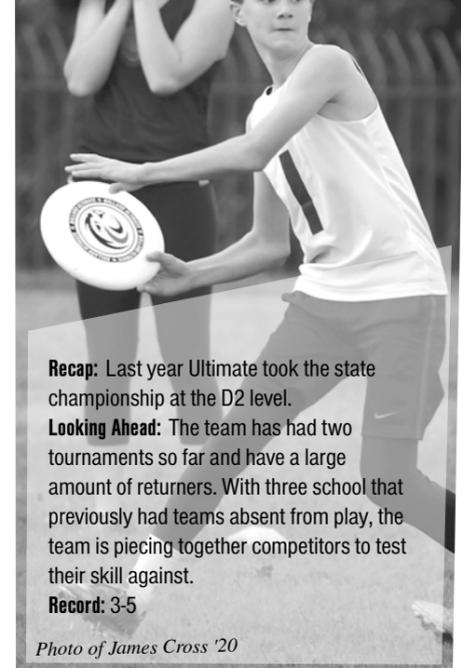
Recap:

Last year the team placed 2nd at the OSAA 5A State Championships but graduated 28 seniors from that team.

Looking Ahead: The boys still remain strong in the distance corps led by junior Jerik Embleton and thanks to junior jumper/sprinter Pierce LaCoste who went to state in sprints last year while other areas of competition are rebuilding.

Photo of Pierce LaCoste '18

ULTIMATE



Recap: Last year Ultimate took the state championship at the D2 level.

Looking Ahead: The team has had two tournaments so far and have a large amount of returners. With three school that previously had teams absent from play, the team is piecing together competitors to test their skill against.

Record: 3-5

Photo of James Cross '20

PÉTANQUE



Recap: Due to the rainy spring weather, pétanque has started slowly. There are only three schools—South Eugene, Sheldon and Marist that are participating. Anyone is welcome to join. Meet Ryan Baker for practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays with from 3:30-4:30. There are only four contests left in the season.

Photo of Andy Fudge '20

by the NUMBERS

11:00.11

Freshman Isabella Zachem's time for the 3,000 meter race, the second best time in 5A

1

The number of goals that the boys lacrosse team beat Sheldon by in double overtime on Tuesday

15

The number of new players on the girls lacrosse team out of the 28 total

3

The number of Frisbees thrown on the roof by the Ultimate team

76

The height of junior Peter Hart, the tallest boy on the boys tennis team, in inches

Watch Out For the Bubbles

Marist track in dire need of replacement

Claire Hoffman

STAFF WRITER



One of the many bubbles in the Marist track. The bubbles have made the track unusable for the 2017 track and field season. Photo by Madi Potter '17

We need a new track, it's a fact. Whether it's track meets in the pouring rain, sprints in P.E. under the blazing sun, cheerleaders doing the Spartan Rumble on a warm fall evening, or homecoming cars parading royalty around to the applause of the crowd, the Marist track has had quite the run. But all good things must come to an end, and over the years, the 35 year old substructure of the track has continued to break down and has caused bubbling on the surface, leaving no other choice but to replace it.

It has been apparent since last spring that a change would have to occur. The track was resurfaced just 10 years ago, but resurfacing will not be an option this time, due to the underlayment being the major problem.

The multiple bubbles that have arrived from lanes two to six on both sides of the track are caused by excessive amounts of water getting trapped in between the asphalt and the surface. When that water evaporates, it causes the asphalt to raise and eventually create bubbles that have broken open, leaving gaping holes throughout the surface and causing major hazards for the athletes.

They began to appear before the start of the 2016 track season, but a combination of factors including time, snow and ice, along with the cracking of the foundation underneath the asphalt, have only intensified the situation.

These issues are now preventing the track team from using over half of the lanes. The team is now unable to host home meets for the second season in a row.

"For practice we have 84 kids on the team, and we have three lanes we can use," track and field head coach and health teacher Chase Wells said.

Marist is aware of the issue and has already begun planning and fundraising. "It's urgent, for sure," President Suzanne Graf said.

According to Graf, many alumni have been willing to help because they have fond memories of their time here at Marist and running track.

It is estimated that a new track will cost \$500,000. Through a mixture of fundraising and applying for grants, the school has raised nearly half of the total goal to create a new track, which would include starting from the base and laying the correct amounts of rock, asphalt, and drainage. Funding needs to be secured by the end of April.

There have been meetings with the construction and track company about what needs to be done as far as getting the track taken care of.

"We have enough funding to allow landscape architects to draw out the plans and they can apply for the permits from the city," Graf said. "If we are able to give the green light at the end of the month, the architects can start as soon as school gets out and begin the demolition of the old track, and they'll have six weeks to get it done before daily doubles begin."

NCAA Tourney Recap

Jack Benda

STAFF WRITER

This spring's NCAA March Madness basketball tournament was an extraordinarily exciting one for the Pacific Northwest and the Marist community, with both the Oregon Ducks' and Gonzaga Bulldogs' men's basketball teams making the journey to the Final Four in Phoenix.

After losing star senior forward Chris Boucher to a devastating ACL tear before the start of the tournament, many experts predicted that the Oregon Ducks would be quickly eliminated from contention; however, after soundly defeating Iona, a narrow win over Rhode Island following Tyler Dorsey's go-ahead three pointer, and another close victory over the red-hot Michigan Wolverines, the Ducks had many supporters heading into the Elite Eight round.

Up next for the Ducks were the Kansas Jayhawks, one of the blue-bloods of college basketball. To add to the pressure, the game was played in Kansas City where the Jayhawks were essentially the home team due to the close proximity of the campuses.

After an outstanding thirteen rebound performance from Jordan Bell, the Ducks advanced to the Final Four in Phoenix with a fourteen point win.

Sadly, the journey for the Ducks ended in the following round after a devastating but hard-fought, one point defeat at the hands of the North Carolina Tar Heels. Even so, the outstanding performance by the team this season and in the years leading up to the run will live on for decades to come in the memories of the Oregon Ducks fan base.

The Gonzaga Bulldogs' impressive one-loss season was followed up with an admirable NCAA tournament run, including a trip to Phoenix for the Final Four and Championship games.

After the one-seeded "Zags" took down South Dakota State, Northwestern, West Virginia, and Xavier, they faced off against the South Carolina Gamecocks, led by Sindarius Thornwell, in the Final Four.

Gonzaga was able to endure a late comeback by the Gamecocks to advance to the Championship game against another basketball elite, the North Carolina Tar Heels.

The seven-foot-tall Polish center Przemek Karnowski's dominant run was slowed by the Tar Heels' center Kennedy Meeks, and point guard Joel Berry II who added 22 points as North Carolina were crowned national champions.

While Oregon and Gonzaga both fell short of the national title, the tremendous effort from the players and coaches of these teams could be an indicator of great things to come in basketball out West.

With both Tyler Dorsey and Dillon Brooks leaving the Ducks for the NBA draft, and Zach Collins and Przemek Karnowski leaving Gonzaga, both teams will have a great deal of work to do in order to reach this same stage in San Antonio next year.

Ask an Athlete



Ryan Kirk
Baseball

Q. What is your favorite quote?

A. "Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth." -Lou Gehrig



Justin Potwora
Boys Golf

Q. Which Disney princess would you be and why?

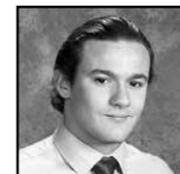
A. "I would be Ariel, so I could swim into the direct messages."



Mia Graves
Girls Golf

Q. If you had to predict the next celebrity couple to break up, who would it be?

A. "Taylor Swift and whoever she's dating."



Sam Landry
Boys Lacrosse

Q. Who's the funniest person on your team?

A. "Ethan Almond, he's a nut!"



Amanda Jewett
Girls Lacrosse

Q. If you could rename your sport, what would it be?

A. "The sport that Oregon has denied."



Abbey Siroshon
Softball

Q. If you could have any celebrity as a coach who would it be?

A. "Definitely Shia LaBeouf because I would want him to scream 'JUST DO IT' to get me pumped up."



Alyssa Baltrusch
Track and Field

Q. If you were an animal what would you be?

A. "A turtle."



Nithya Vaikuntam
Girls Tennis

Q. Who do you look up to on your team and why?

A. "I'd have to say the seniors because they are all so hardworking and nice."



Isaac Zachem
Boys Tennis

Q. If you could speak with any accent in the world, what would it be and why?

A. "French, because how can any woman resist a French accent?"

Grasping at a Title

Sophomore Grace Haga to compete at the equestrian state tournament

Grace Haga hugs her horse Pepsi after learning her time was the fastest of the day. Photo courtesy of Grace Haga '19



Liesl Benda

STAFF WRITER

After riding horses for seven years and competing for one, sophomore Grace Haga has earned the opportunity to compete for a title at the Oregon High School Equestrian Teams State Meet in Redmond, Oregon on May 11-14 after placing first in pole bending at the South Valley District Meet on April 2.

Haga competes with the Creswell High School equestrian team and dedicates 3 hours to practice every Monday night. She lives on five acres in

Creswell and began horse riding for fun when she was nine.

It was through a woman from her church, Lisa Laroe, that she got the idea to begin competing, along with the chance to lease the woman's horse, Pepsi, for the competitions. Haga has been riding Laroe's Palomino Quarter Horse for the last few months and she will be taking him to the next contest as well.

Haga will be competing in pole bending at state, an event where she has to direct

her horse through a series of six poles. She also loves to do working pairs, an event where the horses and their riders perform choreography to music. Haga also runs on the Marist cross country and track and field teams.

Haga couldn't be more thrilled to compete in the state meet! "It's my first year competing, so of course I'm ecstatic that I get to go! Creswell hasn't had anyone go to state for 10 years, and they have five kids going this year." Haga said.

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The number of years that the girls tennis team has gone undefeated in season play

840

The number of strikes pitched by the baseball team

0

The number of games the softball team has lost this season

60

The number of balls used during each pétanque match

250

The number of discs shot by the shooting team during one practice

STUDENTS OF THE ISSUE

FRESHMEN

HARPER KAST

How do you spend the majority of your free time? Why?

"Doing homework for Ms. Herro's class."

Would you rather give up your phone or your pet? Why?

"I don't have a pet, but I want a cat named spaghetti."

What fortune would you want to get from a fortune cookie?

"To not have math homework."

If you could fight anyone in history, who would it be and why?

Al-Khwarizmi, the inventor of algebra.



ANDREW BASCOM

How do you spend majority of your free time? Why?

"Playing tennis."

Would you rather give up your phone or your pet? Why?

"I'm not sure."

What fortune would you want to get from a fortune cookie?

"They don't come true so why does it matter."

If you could fight anyone in history, who would it be and why?

"No one."

SOPHOMORES

CHASE BOND

What would you do and where would you go if you were invisible?

"I would become a better spy."

If you could ask for one wish, what would it be?

"Mrs. Reed would be easier on me."

What's the wildest thing you've ever done in a hotel room?

"Attempted Morse code through the walls."

What board game do you hate the most and why?

"Mancala, because I always lose."



EMMA SKAGGS

What would you do and where would you go if you were invisible?

"I would go on airplanes and travel the world for free."

If you could ask for one wish, what would it be?

"I wish that school was easier."

What's the wildest thing you've ever done in a hotel room?

"Intense Just Dance sessions with my brother."

What board game do you hate the most and why?

"Monopoly because games until 1 a.m. aren't fun."

JUNIORS

TERESA MOLINA-GOMEZ

What does a perfect day look like to you?

"Laying in bed, watching Netflix, drinking a slurpee and eating Lochmead ice cream."

What word would you add to the dictionary if you could and what would it mean?

"Stuzy and it means a lazy student."

If you could talk in your sleep, what would you say?

"Bring me FOOD!!!"

What is one thing you've always wanted to do and why?

"Travel the world with my friends."



HARMONY TODD

What does a perfect day look like to you?

"When it is not raining, I slept for 10 hours, there is no homework, and go out with the people I love, or play video games for the next 36-42 hours."

What word would you add to the dictionary if you could and what would it mean?

"Sus which means sauce."

If you could talk in your sleep, what would you say?

"I'm one with the force, the force is with me."

What is one thing you've always wanted to do and why?

"Tour all of Asia."

SENIORS

HAERI PARK

Would you rather be read everyone's mind all the time or always know their future and why?

"I'd rather know people's future. Because I don't want to know what's going on in people's mind."

What was the strangest punishment your parents ever gave you?

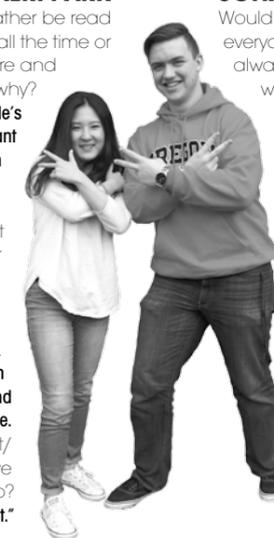
"I don't remember."

Describe your own personal heaven.

"Sunny seaside with shade, hammock, and cold beverage."

What's the funniest/weirdest place you've ever fallen asleep?

"Rock concert."



JONATHAN FECHTEL

Would you rather be read everyone's mind all the time or always know their future and why?

"Always know the future because then I would know what I'd always be doing."

What was the strangest punishment your parents ever gave you?

"A little sister."

Describe your own personal heaven.

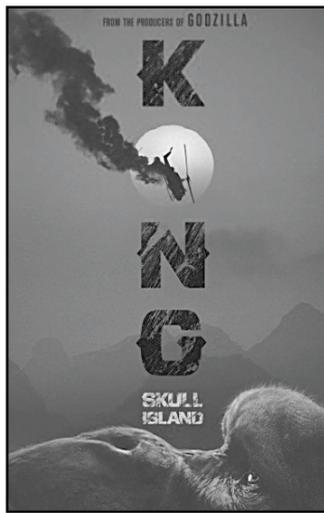
"Car garage with all the tools. I need and endless cars."

What's the funniest/weirdest place you've ever fallen asleep?

"Upside down on the backseat of the car with my feet over the back."

REVIEWS WHAT'S HOT AND WHAT'S NOT

MOVIES



KONG: SKULL ISLAND

Over my birthday weekend, my boyfriend and I went to see Kong: Skull Island. I went in expecting to hate this blockbuster franchise piece, clearly aimed to make an immense amount of money without immense creativity or effort. However, I was terribly mistaken. I liked this movie, and the twist put on it. Instead of being a villain, Kong the gigantic gorilla is the benevolent king of Skull Island, protecting the innocent animals and indigenous people from the "skull crawlers," evil lizard creatures who killed Kong's parents years ago.

The film focuses on a broad cast of characters on an exploration mission of the mysterious Skull Island, including jungle expert James Conrad (Tom Hiddleston), anti-war photographer Mason Weaver (Brie Larson), monster-enthusiast scientists Bill Randa (John Goodman), Houston Brooks (Corey Hawkins), and a biologist known only as San (Tian Jing), aided by a helicopter squadron fresh from the Vietnam War all of whom were led by Colonel Preston Packard (Samuel L. Jackson). Along the way, they meet Hank Marlow (John C. Reilly), a WWII soldier who has been trapped on the island for thirty years.

This movie features a myriad of giant creatures, from Kong the gorilla to spiders and ants, many of which pose a danger to the expedition. This movie also contains a good amount of character death and fantasy violence, but has a mostly happy ending. Kong: Skull Island is worth seeing if you are a fan of adventure and fantasy monsters, and don't mind a touch of dramatic, and over the top special effects. -Emily Jewett



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Beauty and the Beast has been one of my favorite Disney movies for as long as I can remember. Little Emily loved Disney princesses (I was a Disney princess every year for Halloween from kindergarten to third grade) and struggled to find a princess to relate to. Sleeping Beauty was quiet, submissive, and blonde, Snow White was just lame, Cinderella was too helpless, Ariel was half-fish and mostly mute, Pocahontas was great but Little Emily wasn't "outdoorsy," and Mulan was just too cool. But then Little Emily found Belle. A brunette (finally!) who liked to read, and did not accept fate as it was thrown at her. She fought for what she believed, resisted the wiles of a charming misogynist, and created her own happily ever after. Little Emily related to that, and I still do. So accordingly, I was hyped to see the live-action Beauty and the Beast.

Emma Watson, everyone's ideal Belle, was a vision in the iconic blue outfit, but with one noticeable change. Pants under her skirt! Yes! In this adaptation, Belle is an inventor and the only literate woman in her village. She is headstrong and brave, and selfless, sacrificing herself for her father. The Beast (Dan Stevens) was gruff at first, but quickly melted into a jovial, kind and gentle man who put Belle before himself, breaking the curse. I loved the subtle changes in the Beast, as he became more comfortable with Belle and his true personality starts to peek through.

A new twist this in this film, that differed from the classic story, was the evolution of Gaston (Luke Evans). Gaston is a war hero, with anger management issues. At first, Gaston seems alright, but as the film progresses his misogyny becomes more and more prevalent. It sneaks up on you, and culminates as he demands, with violence,

Belle's hand in marriage from her father. Yikes.

From a broad view, this movie was fantastic. It was socially relevant and encouraged young girls to dare to be different, and to always pursue their dreams. The music was glorious and I honestly cried during the first song. The acting was amazing, the filmography was great, and the music and choreography were fantastic. I loved every moment of this movie, and I would absolutely recommend it to anyone. -Emily Jewett

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS



Dear Madi,
What's your opinion on Drake's new album, "More Life"?
Sincerely, Drake-alicious Donovan

Dear Drake-alicious Donovan,
I am not a diehard Drake fan, those of you who know me know that I much more prefer Watsky. The new album is all right, Passionfruit probably being my favorite as of right now.
Sincerely, Madi

Dear Livia,
What was your best/favorite article you wrote?
Sincerely, Inquisitive Iggy

Dear Inquisitive Iggy,
I think that the best article that I've ever written was my article about Fr. Ken and his icon painting and my favorite article was my sleepwalking story in this issue of the printed paper because it's a reflection of my inner weirdo.
Sincerely, Livia

Dear Maya,
How do you handle being called "catholic school kid" or a "Marist kid" with the stereotype of being innocent and spoiled?
Sincerely, Not-Spoiled Netty

Dear Not-Spoiled Netty,
I don't believe that anyone has ever called me innocent or spoiled but for argument's sake if I were called innocent or spoiled I would probably take action to fix my reputation. This may include but is not limited to starting small controlled fires, stealing a motor vehicle or, in extreme cases, wearing jeans with holes.
Sincerely, Maya

Dear Editors,
Which teacher has the most swag and boi yeet ye?
Sincerely, Swaggy Sally

Dear Swaggy Sally,
Ian says Chron-dog (though he is aware of possible repercussions of this answer), but Maya and Livia say Becky "pics-or-it-didn't-happen" Boyd is the physical embodiment of swag. Madi and Emily think "Swaggard" Haggard is obviously the swaggiest. Gloria says Bart "One Direction" Pollard by far has the most swag.
Sincerely, The Editors

Dear Gloria,
What is your opinion on Szechuan sauce?
Sincerely, Foodie Fred

Dear Foodie Fred,
That's an American thing.
Sincerely, Gloria

Dear Ian,
Ian Skaggs, PROM?
Sincerely, Definitely Not Jack Geisler

Dear Definitely Not Jack Geisler,
Maybe...
Sincerely, Ian

Dear Emily,
I'm infatuated with the cross country boys, they're so suave! How do I impress them?
Sincerely, Infatuated Ilene

Dear Infatuated Ilene,
Maybe if you strike up a conversation about their "sick flow" they'll fall instantly in love with you. If that fails, challenge them to a foot race for their hand in marriage.
Sincerely, Emily

Dear Ian,
In the current year of #2k17, fashion trends can be hard to keep up with... Are jorts still in style? What is the proper occasion to wear jorts? Is a fedora an appropriate, fashion forward accessory? Or was Justin Timberlake the last one to wear it well? Any other fashion tips would be greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, A Frustrated Fashionista

Dear Frustrated Fashionista,
This is quite the loaded question, that being said I'll be brief. Jorts never went out of style, and are appropriate for any occasion, especially when paired with a striped polo. And ya know, I personally have never been bold enough to rock a fedora, but I think it's due time I add that to my wardrobe...
Sincerely, Ian Skaggs