

## NEWS briefs

### Using Music to Help the Community

Favorite Album Band Performances will be performing the entirety of The Rolling Stones' classic album "Sticky Fingers" and other "sticky" hits at the Wildish Theatre on March 25 at 8 p.m.

Marist theatre director Tony Rust and Marist music director Jim Reinking created FAB Performances and are accompanied by local professional musicians. All profits go to community needs.

Marist sophomore Brandon Foster will be featured on percussion at the upcoming event. Tickets can be purchased at [www.fabperformances.org](http://www.fabperformances.org).

They covered the Doors' first album and put on the musical "Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson" in November. Rust hopes to continue to expand the company as well as what it can do for the community.

### Senior Wins Free Trip



Senior Molly Holmberg with a flyer about her all paid trip to the Academy of Country Music Awards. Photo by Gloria Wang

By Madi Potter

Last week senior Molly Holmberg was informed she won an all paid for trip to the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas starting on March 31 to April 2. The trip is paid for by JD Entertainment and the Academy of Country Music and includes tickets to the award show, the after party with a few of the artists, a chance to watch the artists rehearse their performances the day before the award show, and two tickets to the ACM Party For A Cause event that includes several major artists.

All of the ticket sales go to ACM Lifting Lives which contribute to developing and funding music related therapy and education programs. Molly is allowed to bring one companion and decided that she and her mother will go along for the ride together.

Being a die-hard country music fan, it has been a dream to check this off her bucket list. Holmberg said, "I always tell my parents that one day I will go to one of these and they laugh at me every time. Looking back at myself in November saying that same thing yet again I had idea that it would become a reality just four months later."

## LOVIN' THE LUAU



Freshmen Jacqueline Potwora and Allison McAllister pose with their fathers and the Father-Daughter Celebration on Sunday Night. Photo by Max Fulton

### Marist fathers and daughters enjoy luau celebration

By Emily Jewett

Marist fathers and daughters enjoyed a night of food, dancing, and fun Sunday evening in the Marist Activity Center at the Father-Daughter Celebration.

The celebration was Luau themed and featured Hawaiian food, such as teriyaki and pineapple chicken and rice, and festive decor which included centerpieces with fake hibiscus flowers and a

vase of water with live goldfish, which were given out to a few lucky girls in attendance.

The music was provided by Marist alumnus and DJ Caleb Coulombe '16 and the event was emceed by Marist parent Rob Henry.

During the dancing portion of the event, a dance-off was held to the song "Footloose." The competition as won by father George

Helbling and his daughters seniors Lincy and Susmitha and freshman Emmerine.

Beach themed items were raffled off, including gifts such as towels and tropical soda.

The event was planned and hosted by the Marist Parent Association.

"It was incredibly cute and it was a lot of fun to hang out with both my friends and my father," senior Nora Quick said.

## Irish Echo Breaks Records

By Nick Nepute

Last Friday, Marist hosted its tenth annual Irish Echo fundraiser for Project Starfish. The proceeds go to support local homeless families. While it is also the name of the event, Irish Echo is also a bona fide band of 16.

Marist counselor Jerry Ragan and the rest of Irish Echo have been together for 36 years and in the last ten, have been playing at the Irish echo event to raise money for Project Starfish. Most of the money Marist raises for Project Starfish comes from the Irish Echo fundraiser.

Last year the fundraiser raised \$6,603. This year the total was almost doubled, coming in at approximately \$12,000, which is about how much Marist raised in total last year for Project Starfish. 120 more people than ever before came to the event to eat Irish food and listen to traditional Irish music.



Counselor Jerry Ragan sings in his band Irish Echo at the Irish Echo fundraiser last Friday night. Photo by Toni Cooper

Although Irish Echo brings in the most money, there are plenty more opportunities to raise money for Project Starfish.

## Seniors Diagnose Hamlet of Denmark

By Liesl Benda

Students in Becky Boyd's AP Literature class are presenting their "Rotten Projects" this week in class. Students must explain to a fake insurance company why Hamlet acted irrationally. They are given one of five stances: the politician, the hopeless romantic, the genius, the victim, the sufferer of mental illness, and the jerk.

"Working in small groups allows students to practice real world skills, collaborate with each other, share the stage, do the work, and also dive more deeply than I think they would if it was just a standard paper test," Boyd said.



Seniors Hope Powell, Ben Thompson, Lincy Helbling, and Molly Homberg present their case during first period AP Literature and Composition. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Sports UPDATES

### BOYS TENNIS

Tuesday, varsity boys beat North Eugene 7-1 at home. Thursday, they beat Marshfield 8-0 and also beat North Bend 4-4 winning based on total games won.

### GIRLS TENNIS

Girls tennis won 8-0 at North Eugene on Tuesday. Thursday, the girls won 7-1 at Marshfield and North Bend 8-0.

### BASEBALL

Tuesday, varsity boys lost 2-3 against Ashland at home.

### SOFTBALL

Varsity girls beat North Eugene 20-0 at home on Tuesday.

Wednesday, they defeated Sheldon 10-2 at home. JV lost 4-21 against Thurston at home.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Boys lacrosse lost 7-15 to Summit at home last Saturday. JV lost 10-3 to Summit.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Tuesday, varsity girls won 17-6 against Thurston at home.

### GIRLS GOLF

The girls team of four played local schools. Sophomore Adrianna Dryden is the only girl on varsity.

### BOYS GOLF

Varsity boys took 1st out of nine teams on Monday at Shadow Hills Country Club.

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Sophomore Connor Eklund.

By Ian Skaggs

Almost every weekend sophomore Connor Eklund ventures to a park near Corvallis to jet ski. About two years ago Connor Eklund's passion for jet skiing began. The interest really sparked when he "rebuilt his first ski," Eklund said.

He began his involvement with the community by buying, selling, and rebuilding skis; two of which were from classmate Lucas Albertini. "The second one sank though, it's totally [Lucas'] fault," Eklund said in a joking fashion.

Through one of the individuals he bought a ski from he got to know some pro skiers, who he now skis with. The pros often ride 230 horsepower skis, Connor rides a more modest vehicle. "Oh gosh no, mine is only 170 horsepower... but I can do a back flip if my dad makes a wave with the boat," Eklund said. A unique hobby, done by a unique guy, Connor Eklund is indeed a Strong Spartan.