

Mr. Spartans Revealed

By Jessica Swan

Last Wednesday senior girls gathered to nominate this year's Mr. Spartan candidates.

Eight senior boys were invited to participate in the pageant: Jackson Bedbury, Chris Damewood, Ben Fusek, Josh Harper, Logan McGann, Cade Miller, Simon Olson and Zachary Silva.

The boys will spend the next four months raising funds to support Children's Miracle Network. Later this month, two junior and eight senior girl coordinators will be notified of their acceptance to work alongside the boys in preparation for the pageant on April 13.

Marist Gives Back



Juniors Garrett Stollar, Gavin Doremus and senior Amelia Barker collect gifts for the drive. Photo by Alex Seaver '13

By Joe Laver

Over the past three weeks, students of National Honor Society worked with theology classes to collect a number of gifts for needy families in the community.

The gift drive was led by NHS President Ben Fusek and Vice President Monica Anderson, along with NHS directors Jerry Ragan and Becky Boyd.

Each theology class "adopted" a family that came with a list of household needs and holiday wants. The students signed up to provide items from lists presented by members of NHS and brought them into their respective classes.

The teachers continuously lobbied their students to bring their gifts, and students responded—in a big way.

"It was an awesome effort," Ragan said.



By Drew Boyles



Freshman Kournie Reddig took recreational swimming to a whole new level when she became a licensed scuba diver last summer. Reddig dives with her dad off the Oregon and Washington coasts, encountering large starfish and even the occasional playful sea lion. Would you put on your goggles and look at that??

A VERY MARIST CHRISTMAS



Today the gym served as both a chapel and a concert hall when students led a prayer service followed by Christmas performances from the Marist Arts. Deacon Blues jazz band and Jamie and the Decibels—the rock band—performed along with Marist Strings and Reflections Choir. Above, Reflections members freshmen Marcella Buser and Lauren Aman along with sophomores Allie Thompson and Nikki Mirhosseyani perform. Photo by Alex Seaver '13

Students Travel for Lesson in Government and History

By Harry Zhou

With Jon Nuxoll in the lead and assisted by 2004 Marist graduate Devon Driscoll, 40 AP US History students visited the state capital on Monday to witness the formality of the electoral college voting process.

Though the popular vote was settled back in November, the electors chosen by the democrats—seven in Oregon—must vote for either Obama or Romney.

As virtually everyone predicted, all seven votes went to Barack Obama. After the vote, Secretary of State Kate Brown, Driscoll, who was the Campaign Director of Rhode Island for Obama, and state legislator Val Hoyle, who is also the House Majority Leader, shared their reasons for stepping into the political world, as well as



their political views and helpful explanations.

After the capital, the group went to the Mission Mill in Salem. The visit broadened the students' horizon and gave them a more wide view of society—from the process of choosing leaders and making new policies to pieces of industrialization.

Above: A tour guide shows the AP US History students around the wool mills. Photo by Austin Bosworth '14



Left: History teacher Jon Nuxoll guides his students through the walk of flags at the Capitol. Photo by Zac Oldham '14

First Annual Winter Informal Sadie Hawkins Ugly Sweater Saturday Cafeteria Dance for Charity

By Morgan Silver

Decked out in Christmas gear Saturday night, students attended the First Annual Sadie Hawkins Ugly Sweater Cafeteria Dance. Complete with a surprise appearance by Santa, the room was filled with countless ugly sweaters—some adorned

with lights—along with santa hats and tree skirts galore as everyone enjoyed a night of dancing and singing. Admission was \$5, with \$1 off for each can of food donated. The organizers' goal was to raise funds to donate to the hungry this holiday season.



A group of seniors rock out at the dance. Photo by Tomi Cooper

SPARTAN SPORTS

with SILVER AND SWAN

BOYS BASKETBALL

In their first home game of the season, varsity destroyed Marshfield last Friday 55-27. Senior Josh Harper led the team with 15 points, followed by senior Kamerun Smith with eight—all of which were in the second quarter. JV and freshmen both won.

Last night at North Eugene varsity won 53-45 and JV won as well. JVII lost.

The boys play at home tomorrow against Cottage Grove. Next Friday varsity travels to compete in the Wilsonville Tournament, while JV and freshmen play at Wilsonville on Saturday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Last Friday senior Delanee Martin scored 17 points in a 49-41 win at Marshfield, while JV also defeated the Pirates. Saturday varsity suffered a 52-58 loss against Crater at home, while JV won.

Tuesday varsity narrowly beat Lebanon 51-49 at home, led by Martin with 12 points, and junior Grace Harrison with 10. JV also beat Lebanon.

JV and varsity take on North Eugene at home tonight. On Saturday the 29th varsity travels to compete in the Woodburn Invitational.

SWIMMING

Last Friday the varsity girls beat Springfield at Willamalane, while the boys lost. The team competes again against North Eugene at the River Road Pool tonight.

Feliz Navidad



Debbie Cullen's Spanish 3 classes excitedly sing Spanish Christmas carols around campus on Thursday. This annual event has become a staple in the Spanish 3 class. Photo by Jackson Bedbury '13



Sophomore John Kerns and freshman Jordan Haggas perform at the Christmas concert Tuesday. Photo by Drew Peterson '15

Marist Music Brings in the Christmas Season

By Jordan Pickrel

Marist Strings, the Deacon Blues concert band, the Reflections choir and the rock band—Jamie and the Decibels—took to the theatre stage Tuesday night to bring the holiday spirit at the annual Christmas Concert while putting their own spin on traditional and modern Christmas carols.

Highlights of the night included Marist Strings' performance of "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24." The piece tells the story of a cellist play-

ing Christmas carols in the war-torn Eastern-European city of Sarajevo. The song featured guest performances by 2012 Marist graduate Michael Busse as well as Rock Band artists senior Ben Fish and freshmen Loki King on guitar and drums respectively.

The night concluded with Jamie and the Decibels' rocking version of The Little Drummer Boy.

"I think it went really well," said Fish. "I've played in the Christmas concert for four years and this was definitely one of the tightest."