



NEWS briefs

Imagine Concert

Next Monday at 7:30, in the Bob Devereaux Theatre, Favorite Album Band (FAB) performances will be joined by Marist arts, Marist alumni and artists from the community for an evening of fun and Beatles music.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. All proceeds go to Food for Lane County.

Decking the Halls with Cheer and Music



Photo by Ashley Zhao



Photo by Claire Hoffman



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in the SPOTLIGHT Lindsey Sterling!



By Sarah Cavinee

This week the spotlight shines on freshman Sarah Rosier and junior Liesl Benda, who were selected by the Eugene-Springfield Youth Symphony conductor, Dr. David Jacobs to perform with Lindsey Stirling, a violinist, dancer and composer, on Thursday night at the Hult Center.

"I've played at the Hult before, but this time was surreal. I began listening to Stirling when I was young, and never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd get the experience of playing on stage with her. It's really shown me that hard work pays off," Benda said.

SPARTANS SPREAD HOLIDAY HOPE



Seniors Caden Friesen, Sydney Evans, Maddie Louie, and Calder Smith carry Advent Angel gifts from their theology class. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez

Marist works with Catholic Community Services to help local families

By Nick Nepute

Every December, at the start of Advent, each Marist theology class adopts a local family in need through the Catholic Community Services for the Advent Angels project.

For the past two weeks students have been bringing items from the list such as clothes, toiletries and common household utilities like

vacuums, blenders, pots and pans, or toys for the kids. Students were also able to donate money to help buy things on the list.

Theology teachers Heidi Sušec and David Haggard both commented on how students have been even more generous than in previous years. Haggard said the students have been much better at being proactive and Sušec was

also happily surprised that this year is the most any of her classes have ever donated.

Christian service coordinator Julie Ferrari said, "When I'm giving the gifts over to the Catholic Community Services I am filled with pride for the generosity of the students and the joy we are able to help give these families a truly merry Christmas."

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

By Maddie Louie

Students prepared their hearts for Christmas today by attending a prayer service with beautiful music from the strings and rock band, a live Advent calendar that blended the everyday traditions of Christmas with the theological meanings behind them, and a hilarious skit performed by the CLC seniors who organized the service.

The unique living Advent calendar, written and performed by CLC students, celebrated individual days in the Christmas season as presents were brought forward and the Advent candles were lit. Father Theo then took the stage to tease out the true meaning of Christmas; it isn't just about reindeers, Santa,



"We're a donkey," said seniors Griffith Bell and Joey Weilbrenner to the delight of the audience. Photo by Toni Cooper

giving presents or being kind, it's about the birth of our savior and the promise of eternal life.

The service concluded with stu-

dents singing and dancing along to a performance of "Jingle Bell Rock" by the rock band.

Sadie's Swingin' Snowball

By Liesl Benda

Students left the cold weather behind to dance under the lights on Saturday night at the Sadie's Snowball Winter Formal Dance in the gym. The entire student body was invited to the event, which included upbeat music and a holiday-themed photo booth.

"I thought it was fun because being a senior, you just get to dance and not really care," senior Jasmine Doremus said. Students were especially en-

thusiastic when Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" was played, thanks to Marist alum Caleb Coulombe, who DJ'd the event.

Even staff got into the Christmas spirit for the dance. "The Spicy Bois, as we were called at last year's encounter, threw me into the crowd at the dance, so it was fun Encounter camaraderie," IT Support Technician Brent West said.

Overall, the dance was a festive way to kick off the Christ-



Students dance the night away at the winter formal. Photo by Teresa Molina Gomez

mas season with lively music and enjoyable time with friends.

Sports UPDATES

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/8- Varsity won 45-30 at La Salle; JV won 50-41; freshmen won 56-28

12/12- Varsity lost 53-71 against Silverton; JV lost 69-71; freshmen lost 53-58

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/8- Varsity won 56-65 against La Salle; JV lost 26-33

12/12- Varsity won 54-43 at Silverton; JV lost 27-43

SWIMMING

12/8- Girls lost 80-90 and the Boys lost 48-113 against Springfield

NHS Fundraising



Senior Abby Jones holds up a blanket she made at the NHS scarf and blanket party. Photo by Ashley Zhao

By Jason DePaoli

The Marist chapter of the National Honors Society has been busy the last couple weeks with their annual scarf and blanket making party as well as their first bake sale of the year.

Members gathered last Friday in the cafeteria to make scarves and blankets out of fleece, which were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

On Wednesday during break and lunch, many members of the NHS brought in treats to sell. All proceeds were donated to Crow High School's Angel Tree, a Christmas tree set up inside the school, decorated with ornaments labeled with the needs of 30 families in the Crow community. The proceeds will help give these families the basic necessities needed to get through the winter season.

Jolly Jammin'



The Marist choir carols at the annual Christmas Concert. Photo by Hannah Welch, 10

By Harper Kast

On Wednesday night, the jazz band, rock band, choir and strings performed a variety of Christmas songs in the Bob Devereaux Theatre to entertain the audience and get into the Christmas spirit with festive music. After months of practice, each music group directed by either Jim Reinking or Alisa Kincade was dressed in Christmas sweaters and Santa hats while they shared their music.

"It went really good. I played a solo with the choir on Mary Did You Know," sophomore rock band guitarist Sam Morehouse said.