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Journalism Class Attends Fall Press Day



Senior newspaper students wait for the opening keynote to begin. Photo by Toni Cooper
By Karlin Andersen

This Tuesday, the newspaper class took a day off from their routine schedule to learn new ways to interview, write creative stories, and capture an entire event in a headline at the University of Oregon's annual Fall Press Day held in the university's student union building.

Chaperoned by journalism teacher Toni Cooper, students attended an opening keynote presentation by Ellen Austin, an educator who previously directed the student sports magazine *Viking* at California's Palo Alto High School. Encouraging students to push away the naysayers, Austin pressed the importance of expanding student journalism through various media outlets.

Students attended two seminars on topics ranging from photojournalism to sports writing followed by lunch and another short session.

The class debriefed the next day and each student shared a different skill or idea they learned. Overall, the day was a positive and constructive experience.

Baker and Ferrari Help Regis Accreditation

By Jordan Pickarel

Marist theology teacher Julie Ferrari and Assistant Principal Stacy Baker travelled to Regis High School in Stayton, Ore. last week to join other schools' officials in Regis' accreditation process.

Accreditation is a process all Catholic schools must go through in which a school's academics, Catholic culture and extracurricular activities are assessed.

Baker and Ferrari joined teachers and administrators from other Catholic schools in the area for four days of meetings with Regis' parents, students and the school board.

During the visit Baker and Ferrari also attended a volleyball game and attended mass with Regis staff and students.

"It was inspiring to see the good things Regis does," said Ferrari. "It gave me a lot of insight into what we will experience [during our accreditation]."

Marist will host a visiting accreditation team this March.

JUNIORS' 70'S SHAKE-UP



Juniors clad in 70's inspired garb dance around Anne Yates during the class dance competition. Photo by Chris Keylock

Seniors take trivia bowl and karaoke but cannot dance their way to victory

By Natalia Zreliak

What is Homecoming? Is it a time for guys to stress over a cute way to ask the girl they've had their eye on? Or is it a time for girls to shop for their dream dress and then hope that no one else chooses the same one? Homecoming is the tradition of welcoming back alumni to their alma mater.

Homecoming involves a football game and a formal dance. Originally the dance would follow directly after the Homecoming game that was played against an easy to beat team to insure a victory for the home team to celebrate.

Homecoming is an American idea that has made its way to all the corners of the country and even some parts of Canada.

It's hard to imagine Homecoming at Marist without spirit week and class competitions but these are much newer additions to the Homecoming experience. However we still share some of the same traditions as the original Homecomings did such as the parading of the Homecoming court and the crowning of a King and Queen at the game.

After a day off, students re-

turned to a week full of homecoming festivities. In a departure from tradition, a class cup was not awarded and tug-a-war was proven to be a dying tradition as no class participated. On Tuesday, the seniors triumphed at the Trivia Bowl and went on to win the Karaoke Contest on Friday. In a shocking departure from the thought to be rigged contest, the juniors edged out the seniors by two points to win the coveted class dance throne.

Junior Max Spinner said, "We left it all on the dance floor. Legendary."



Trivia Bowl moderator Jon Nuxoll awards a point to the freshman team. Photo by Katie Tarrant



Junior class dance coordinator Natalia Zreliak celebrates their historic win. Photo by Toni Cooper



Dancing to Beyonce's "Single Ladies", a group of seniors sing their way to a karaoke victory. Photo by Chris Keylock

MOAP Explores the McKenzie

By Danielle Reed

Fourteen students and four chaperones in the Marist Outdoor Adventure Program (MOAP) took advantage of the teacher in-service day last Friday to go for a four mile bike ride through the old growth forest on the McKenzie River Trail.

The group left early in the morning for their all day trip led by Julia Fudge, a Marist parent and wife of Network Administrator and Robotics Teacher Chris Fudge. The adult leaders and students started out at the McKenzie River ranger station, rode four miles and ended up at the Belknap Hot Springs, which is a private lodge, garden, and hot springs available for day use or overnight stays.

The club members ate lunch along the river and soaked in the hot springs for an hour until it was time to head home.



Student members and adult leaders of MOAP take a break from their bike ride by the McKenzie River. Photo courtesy of Jeff Dreiling

"It was a great trip" said MOAP vice president Shawn Melendy—complete with a thumbs up.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART, MARTIN AND MEDENBACH

CROSS COUNTRY

10/12: Boys Varsity finished 9th in the George Fox Classic. JV finished 16th. Girls Varsity finished 10th and JV was led by Maya Peterson.

FOOTBALL

10/10: Frosh/Soph lost 12-24 to Churchill

10/11: Varsity beat Churchill 40-14.

10/17: Frosh/Soph beat Springfield 18-13.

10/18: Varsity plays their Homecoming game against Springfield at 7 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

10/14: Varsity beat Willamette 3-0. JV lost 1-3.

10/16: Varsity beat Sheldon 2-0. JV lost 1-6.

GIRLS SOCCER

10/15: Varsity beat Willamette 2-1. JV won 1-0.

10/17: Varsity lost 0-1. JV lost 1-5.

VOLLEYBALL

10/12: JV2 placed second in the Cottage Grove tournament.

10/15: Varsity lost 1-3. JV lost 1-2 and JV2 won 2-0.

10/17: Varsity lost to Willamette 0-3. JV and JV2 both won 2-0.

WATER POLO

10/11: Varsity lost 5-19 to Ashland.

10/12: Varsity won 15-7 against Medford.

10/15: Varsity beat Willamette 13-4.

10/17: Varsity lost to West Albany 4-11.

Day Off Activities

By Maureen Pappin, Ben Schepergerdes and Katie Tarrant

With the end of the first quarter in sight, students were granted a four day weekend to give the staff the opportunity to engage in professional development and to further the accreditation process.

On Friday, teachers focused on improving curriculums and creating lesson plans. On Monday, the staff met in focus groups to ratify the school's profile, review strengths and identify growth areas.

Meanwhile, numerous seniors took advantage of the extra time to begin the college application process. Senior Austen Whitney traveled to Fairbanks to visit and submit an application to the University of Alaska and Senior Sarah Akers drove to Northern California to tour UC Davis.

Underclassmen found ways to make the most of their free days as well. Freshman Evander Pindell used the break to conclude an eleven day trip to Europe, visiting England, France, Italy and Spain.