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Exploring Engineering Careers

By Maddie Decker

This week's brown bag lunch featured three engineers from the Eugene Water & Electric Board.

At EWEB, chemical engineer Mike McCann checks that water quality is sufficient for their customers.

Civil engineer Laura Farthing makes sure that the equipment is working efficiently and brainstorms how the hydroelectric dam could be modified.

Electrical engineer Tom Jeutsch is responsible for connecting it all together.

Each EWEB engineer also spoke about the opportunities for those interested in the field after introducing their own responsibilities.

"It was really informational about what engineers do to improve our environment," junior Nora Quick said.

Marist Swimmers Compete at State



Some Marist state competitors stand proudly with their medals. Photo by Alex

By Livia Kokkino

Ten members of the swim team competed in the OSAA 5A State Swimming Championships in Portland last weekend. Seven of these swimmers moved on from Friday's preliminaries to Saturday's finals.

Junior Rachel Larsen placed second in the girls 100-yd free and fourth in the girls 200-yd free

Both the girls 200-yd medley, composed of seniors Ariana Buchanan and Marissa Gibson, junior Brittan Silver and sophomore Amanda Allender, and 200-yd free relays, composed of Silver, Larsen, Allender and sophomore Jaclyn McQuaid, placed fifth.

Junior Ben Thompson took third in the boys 100-yd breast-stroke and sixth place in the boys 100-yd butterfly.

Thompson also competed in the 200-yd medley relay along with seniors Kameron Lajoie and Alex McQuaid and freshman Chris Allender.

Other events were: Jaclyn McQuaid in the girls 50-yd free; Gibson in the girls 500-yd free and 100-yd fly; Buchanan in the 100-yd breaststroke; and Amanda Allender in the 200-yd IM

In the team competition, the girls earned sixth place and the boys 13th.

EXPERIENCING THE WONDER



Participants of the winter boy's encounter look over the McKenzie River. Photo by Andy Oldham

The last group of junior boys enjoy a journey at St. Benny's

By Ashton Stowell

Sitting fireside, listening to the McKenzie River with a Bible in hand, eating meals together, or smelling the fresh air on a forest hike, these are just some of the things 24 young men got to experience last weekend at St. Benedict's Lodge on the Winter Men's Encounter.

These 24 juniors were greeted by nine retreat team leaders, including rectors Sam Nelson and Alex Korth, who have worked for weeks the retreat.

The weekend was filled with talks and small group time and lots of chances for all to grow in their faith and friendship.

"My favorite part of the trip were the activities in the small groups that allowed juniors to get to know classmates better and some seniors even better" junior Jack Benda said

The young men returned to a welcoming crowd of family and friends.



 ${\it The finishing touches are added onto a science classroom. {\it Photo by Toni Cooper}}$

Construction Update

By Caroline Gonyea

As construction of the science wing continues, essentials are being installed and final touches are being added.

Construction workers are finishing up casework in the classrooms and prep areas, pouring concrete for sidewalk, tiling the restrooms, and installing toilets.

The hope is that the electrical work will be connected and light fixtures installed by the end of next week, on track with the schedule.

Ducky Debates

By Emily Jewett

The Marist Speech and Debate team participated in the annual Robert. D. Clark Tournament at the University of Oregon last Friday and Saturday.

The tournament was hosted by the University of Oregon Speech and Debate team and the Mock Trial team. Competition was held all around campus.

Freshman Danielle Shojai placed first in junior ADS, or After Dinner Speaking, a humorous speech about a serious topic. Senior Jane Park placed first and junior Yeonsoo Cho placed second in Liebell. Freshmen Lindy McCool and Shojai also finaled in impromptu speaking.

The tournament featured teams from all over the western United States and Canada and is the largest tournament that the Marist team attends all year.

Right on Target



Senior Bridgette McAllister stands poised ready to fire an arrow at the State Indoor archery competition, where she placed second in her category, adult female bowhunter freestyle. Photo curtesy of Bridgette McAllister

Celebrating Seniors

By Kelsey Fuller

Seniors Tyler Gray, Colin Kirk and Carter Swan played their last regular season home game this Tuesday against the North Eugene Highlanders.

The Marist boys won 57-40 with Gray scoring the team high of the night, 16 points.

"All the seniors were role models and lead by example," junior Nicholas Olmos said, "Colin taught me how to stay positive when things go bad. He pushed me through the rough times."

The Spartans are headed to their play-in game this Wednesday with an overall record of 11-12.

The girls basketball team has their senior night tonight at Marist against Ashland at 7 p.m.

Seniors Tyler Gray, Carter Swan and Colin Kirk pose in front of the student section at Tuesday's basketball game. Photo by Ken Hubbard



Battling for the Babies



The 2016 Mr. Spartan and Mr/Ms Irish programs. Photo by Lucia Impuzzo '16

By Isabella Hardt

As a fundraiser and promotion for the pageant in April, the Mr. Spartan team battled against the Mr/Ms Irish program in a number of competitions Thursday night at Sheldon High School.

The night kicked off with a rowdy co-ed basketball game where Marist lost to Sheldon 22-23.

The programs then competed in game of co-ed dodgeball, which ended in a tie. The Spartans' performance was a step up from the Pleasant Hill Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, where they lost to Cottage Grove.

A number of relay races also took place, including one where participants had to run across the gym with a baby stroller, put on a dress, scarf, hat and purse, put a diaper on a baby doll and run back across the court.

The Marist girls quickly beat the Sheldon girls in a game

of tug-of-war. The Marist boys also came out with a win, despite Sheldon's apparent advantage with a number of linebackers on their team, thanks to Marist's use of brain over brawn.

"Mr. Moser's secret science tips allowed us to completely annihilate Sheldon's 'fighting' Irish," senior Sam Scherer said.

The fun-filled night ended with both programs performing their choreographed dances and a dance off.