

After Much Debate, They Went to State



The qualifying speech and debate members pose for a group photo.

By Emily Jewett

The Marist Speech and Debate Team participated in the annual State Tournament at Western Oregon University in Monmouth this last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The team sent 8 competitors to state in 6 events.

Freshman Danielle Shojai placed second in ADS, or After Dinner Speaking. Shojai gave her final round speech in front of all the teams present at the tournament during an assembly on Friday night.

"I was so surprised when I placed, I honestly thought it was a typo," Shojai said. "At the beginning of the year, I could barely give a presentation in front of my class without shaking. I may have got a second place medal, but now I have first place confidence."

First Home Meet of Season



Miraculously, the Marist track was healed by the warm and sunny weather last week. The track was unable for use due to bubbles underneath the surface, making it uneven. Because it was temporarily healed, they were able to host their first home track meet of the season against Churchill on Wednesday. . Photo by Toni Cooper

Welcoming Osprey



This week an osprey nesting station was installed on campus. It was installed in hopes of preventing the osprey from nesting at the track because the station currently installed at the south-west corner of the campus has been ineffective. Photo by Alex McQuaid '16

IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN



Two teams scramble for a ball during a dodgeball game at the Spring pep assembly. Photo by Toni Cooper

Students and staff honor Spring activities with fun for all

By Ashton Stowell

Each class got together Wednesday to discuss end-of-the-year events and elect next year's class officers and then the whole school met in gym for a gi-

ant dodgeball tournament.

The seniors met in the theatre with principal Stacy Baker, assistant principal Andy Oldham. The discussions included Prom safety and making smart decisions in the

finals weeks of school.

The co-ed lacrosse team beat the co-ed tennis team in the championship match of the well-organized and enjoyable assembly put on by student council.



Sophomore William Loveall talks during the discussion portion of the retreat. Photo by Lindsey Chapman '16

Sophomores Examine Healthy Relationships

By Caroline Gonyea and Megan Mersino

Marist sophomores gathered in the Saint Mary's Parish Center on Monday and Tuesday for the Choices Day Away Retreat.

The girls and boys were split into groups and kicked off the day with various icebreaker games followed by small group discussions led by Marist seniors. The sophomores were asked to put themselves in dif-

ferent scenarios, like teen parenting, and talked about how they would respond in that type of situation.

The sophomores came together to listen to the experiences of individuals who had children in their teenage years. It was an eye-opening account that illustrated the hardships of being a parent in high school.

Exploring Careers in Journalism

Columnist and author Bob Welch talks to staff and students at a brown bag lunch. Photo by Cade Fieck '18



By Maddie Decker

This week's Brown Bag lunch featured Register Guard columnist and author Bob Welch telling his story of becoming a published writer.

Welch started his career at the age of seven when he played pretend as an announcer at his own personal football games. After each Friday night sports event young Welch would write a practice article about the game on his typewriter.

Eventually his casual writing turned into a college major, when Welch attended the University of Oregon to major in Journalism. After graduation Welch became a sports editor and a

part time writer for the Register Guard, but he soon became bored with carbon copy sports stories.

That's when Welch decided to become a columnist and start writing stories about the lives of extraordinary, everyday people.

"You feel like you can make a difference in the world. You get to inspire people," Welch said.

Welch has written several nonfiction books including "American Nightingale" and "Cascade Summer."

Welch ended the session by giving out signed copies of his book "Pebble in the Water" to all who attended.

The Sound of Music

By Bridgette McAllister

From classical to rock and from instrumentalist to vocalist, the Music Department visited both St. Paul Parish school and O'Hara Catholic school to perform their songs this Thursday.

"We do this to provide more performance opportunities and to act as ambassadors for Marist," Music Director Jim Reinking said.

"It was fun to see the kids get excited at the concert, especially with the rock band," senior Marcella Buser said.

Sports Updates

TRACK AND FIELD- Last Saturday the track team ran at the Summit Invitational. Boys placed third overall and girls placed 5th. On Wednesday they raced against Churchill at home. The boys team beat Churchill 94-46 and the girls team lost 71-64. The team runs at the Dean Nice invitational today at Gresham High School.

BOYS TENNIS- This previous Saturday tennis went to Summit to play an impromptu tournament to make up for the rained out tournament on Friday. They lost to Churchill 3-5 on Tuesday and tied with La Salle 4-4 on Thursday.

GIRLS TENNIS- Varsity shut out Churchill on Tuesday 8-0.

BASEBALL- Last week, varsity beat North Eugene three times: 8-3, 4-3 and 10-3.

SOFTBALL- Last Saturday, varsity beat Crater in a double header 12-7 and 9-2. On Wednesday they lost to Churchill 1-8.

BOYS LACROSSE- Varsity lost to Churchill last Friday 7-9. On Tuesday they beat Roseburg 10-7.

GIRLS LACROSSE- Girls beat South on Friday 18-4 and Sheldon on Saturday 18-5. On Tuesday, varsity lost to Summit 3-16. They beat Thurston on Thursday 18-3.

ULTIMATE- On Wednesday, ultimate beat Sheldon 9-8.

Testing for the Community



Junior Jonathan Fechtel tests a water sample for contaminants. Photo by Michael Henderson '16

By Lincy Helbling

Providing a service to the community, while applying learned science to real world issues, junior students Emily Jewett, Bo Murray, Jonathan Fechtel and senior Mary Akers spent the morning testing water samples for rural area residents last Thursday.

The group, led by program coordinator Sue Yellowtail and science teacher Ryan Moser, tests water samples once a month on the C block day during the morning and lunch. The water samples are tested for contaminants such as arsenic, nitrates and bacteria. If students find a large trace of contaminants they advise the owner to get the water tested in a state accredited lab.

If you live on a well and would be interested in getting your water tested, please contact syellowtail@marisths.org. A water sample kit and form is needed prior to testing. The final testing will take place on May 26.