Engadine graduates Drake DeWyse, Jonah Miller, Hannah McArthur, and Gracie Oven talk to Mrs. Snyder’s 12th grade English class about the college experience on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.

ALUMNI EXTRAVEGANZA

Recent graduates speak to high school students about rigors of post graduation life

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The Eagles’ Cry

ENGADINE – Recent graduates from Engadine High School spoke to students during Mrs. Snyder’s morning English classes about college life and preparing for the next level.

Drake DeWyse, Jonah Miller, Hannah McArthur and Gracie Oven told students about their daily lives, class schedules, and the general freedom they were currently experiencing on different college campuses around the state.

“I asked a few recent graduates to come in and speak of their experiences with the students,” Mrs. Snyder said. “Hannah McArthur volunteered to come in and talk to them. I wanted to get some people who went straight into the workforce after high school, but no one responded. I also wanted to get people who got athletic scholarships and went to college for sports to come in and talk. I asked Andrew (Blanchard) but he was halfway to Florida.”

The conversations began with boring, mundane details about college life. DeWyse mentioned never taking 8 a.m. classes if you’re not a morning person. They all complained about the food in the Commons.

But as the questions came in, the conversation shifted from boring and mundane to informative and reflective.

The group began describing how their lives have changed, and how their expectations changed. As they grew older while away from home, they shared their journeys of self-discovery, and how the goals they set for themselves started to become reality.

All of them shared how they went on to make new friends at their schools, no small task for individuals from Engadine. Gone are the days of showing up to school and seeing the same 100 faces every single day for 12+ years. Now, they were faced with new pitfalls in breaking down their own preconceived notions about friendship and the struggles of reaching out to new people.

“I wanted to show (the students) good role models,” Snyder said. “Show them how people change for the better, and to show them what type of people they can become when they leave here. I wanted them to see it’s not too late to change your trajectory and to become the person you want to become.”

A surprising moment, and a more comical moment, came as Miller was sharing his experiences on the campus of Michigan State University, and how he accidentally joined a fraternity while sampling ribs and wings during Rush Week.

This prompted a back-and-forth between Oven and Miller about how it’s possible to accidentally join a fraternity.

“I had ribs and wings two days in a row,” Miller said.
EAGLES’ LATE RALLIES FALL SHORT

Boys and girls basketball teams keep fighting until the final horn.

By ANDREW LEGAULT
The Eagle’s Cry

ENGADINE – Engadine and Munising ran a fast paced and exciting game all night.

However, the Eagles fell short of the Mustangs, 77-71, in an overtime thriller.

The game was close the whole time, ending the half with Munising holding a narrow 36-33 lead. Engadine battled in the third quarter to outscore Munising by three points, carrying a 50-47 advantage into the fourth quarter.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Munising went on a run outscoring Engadine. Towards the end of the quarter, the Eagles were getting a little worried.

“I mean coaches always worry,” Engadine coach Mr. Hanson said. “I was confident even at the last second shot. I told the guys let make this and go into overtime.”

With seven seconds left in the fourth quarter, Munising lost the ball out of bounds. Hanson called a time-out with 5.7 seconds left on the clock.

“I think the last 25 seconds was probably when I realized like... okay, We got a lot of work to do,” Hanson said. “But up till then there is always hope, foul miss a free throw, get a quick layup.”

Hunter Dennis ran down the court to get a quick look. When that didn’t work, he passed the ball to Pedro Pardo. The Mustangs were guarding him tightly, so he passed the ball to Ian McArthur. McArthur took the shot at half court, made it, and tied it up and put in into overtime.

“You know I was hoping lets get a good look,” Hanson said. “We were looking to see if we can get Pedro. And Ian, he practices his half-courts shot all the time, so I was happy that he took it. It was good, I felt good about it, I wasn’t like oh my God we lost. Like we still got a shot”

ENGADINE (0-1) 71
Joshua Huotari 3-11, Kane Nebel 4 5-7 14, Austin Kilpales 9 9-13, Sam Brown 2 2-4 7, Caden Kienitz 1 0-0 2, Jesse Duran 7 0-0 17. Totals 26 20-34 77.

MUNISING (2-0) 77
Ian McArthur 3 2-3 11, Kyle Gould 1 0-0 2, Hunter Dennis 1 0-0 2, Michal Vigas 8 5-7 27, Pedro Pardo 6 0-0 16, Hunter Sapp 5 4-4 14, Wyatt Flatt 0 0-0 0. Totals 27 14-20 77.

Eagles were getting a little worried. Coach Mr. Hanson said. “I always worry,” Engadine worried. “I mean coaches always worry.”

As the Lady Eagles were getting ahead of Engadine, Picksford was aggressive with their defense. This contributed to the Lady Eagles getting ahead of Pickford.

The Lady Eagles may have had some bad turnovers, but they made several key three-pointers.

While Engadine played strong offense, Pickford was aggressive with their defense. This made it difficult for Sophia Vaughn to shoot. Pickford picked up 21 fouls while Engadine picked up only 13 fouls.

Vaughn still managed to score 26 points.

“Even if we would’ve won the game, I think we can always improve,” French said. “I don’t think our shooting percentage was as great as what I like to see, but yeah. You never lose. We learn and that’s one of our mottos. So if we take this and learn from it and we can walk away knowing an will see them I believe towards the end of the season.”

The Lady Eagles held up but fell against the Panthers the rest of the game. This game was a strong matchup between strong teams.

“To be in it fourth quarter, hey we’ll take that,” French said. “I thought we played excellent we won the first quarter. Second quarter, we got a little sloppy in our turnovers to get ball pressure, full court pressure for three and a half quarters and only have really 19 turnovers, I thought we did pretty good.”

Engadine stuck close, only trailing by 11 at the end of the third quarter. But a slow start to the fourth quarter all but spelled disaster for Engadine.

ENGADINE (2-2) 63
Kearra Paquin 0 0-1, Leah French 1 3 5, Emma Butkovich 4 0 8, Sophia Vaughn 9 5 26, Izzzy Kopi 0 0 2. Totals 14 11-22. Pickford 8 15 20 20 63

Engadine 12 4 16 10 42.