

Rocket Rundown



By Olivia Witheft

I hope you're enjoying your weekend. I am not sure if my last email sent because I had to send it from my school account since I am in Jamaica. If it didn't here it is again: UNITY ROCKETS WENT TO STATE!

For the first time since 2002, the Rockets boy's basketball team played for a state title. The Rockets played quarterfinals on Thursday at 2:30. The student tickets for the two games started selling at 8am on Wednesday, and all 150 tickets sold within the hour; seriously a magical moment for all of the students in attendance. Unity started the game against Peoria Manual strong after last week's glory games. Both teams came with great defense ready to fight anything that came their way. The five starters for the quarterfinal game all started for the football state championship game earlier this year. The first quarter ended with the Rockets ahead 15-14 after trailing most of the quarter similarly the second half ended with one play separating the scores (28-26). The Rockets kept the energy up throughout the third quarter, as well, with as high as an eight point lead. The quarter ended with

a score of 44-40. During the fourth quarter, the Rams took the lead and held onto it with dear life in a questionable game of catch. The Rams played this game for so long that Unity fouled them an abominable amount of times in an effort to get the ball back. Throughout the 4th quarter, Unity trailed behind the Rams even after leaving everything on the court. The game ended with the Rams beating the Rockets 62-57. Later that evening, the Rockets played for the third place title against Farragut. Before the game, Farragut had a season record of 13-15 compared to the Rocket's 33-3. Farragut scores the first point and leads the first quarter until the end. The first quarter ended 11-9, Farragut. Unity took the lead in the second quarter after Farragut had their fun. Unity had a nine point lead in the second quarter, and it ended 27-34. Unity kept up the accuracy in their shots throughout the third. At one point, Unity held a twenty one point lead against Farragut. The score at the end of the third was 58-39. The score difference stays mostly the same till the end of the game. Unity played every one of their players in

the last few minutes of the game. The game ended with Unity winning 86-61 and with a season record of 34-3. Unity claimed the 3rd place title that night. Tyler Styan had 17 rebounds in Unity's final game, an IHSA 2A State final tournament all-time record. Both Dan Esenminger and Coleton Langedorf, hit 1,000 career points in their final career game.

Track and field had only one meet this week. They competed at the Armory this Friday. Quite a few first place finishes from the team. Camden Fairbanks placed 1st in the 800m, Eli Crowe placed 1st in the 1600m, Maddix Sutherland placed 1st in the 60m hurdles, the boys 4x200 and 4x400 relays placed 1st, Hudson DeHart placed 1st in shotput, Clint McCormick placed 1st in triple jump, Emma Swisher placed 1st in the 200m, the girls 4x200 and 4x400 placed 1st, and Jillian Schlittler placed first in long jump. No meet this week due to spring break.

Softball had their first game on Friday against Villa Grove and started the season strong with a score of 17-4, Rockets. They have four games this weekend in a tournament style.



UNITY vs. Peoria Manual. Emma Swisher, Unity Senior

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Sitting on the floor of a backroom storage closet were two very different 3D printers along with several rolls of filament. How long they had sat unused was anyone's guess. Both printers had been generously donated, but now, no one who worked at the library knew how to use them. However, all of that has changed. One of the two original 3D printers is up and running, and, thanks to the gracious training from the CU Community FabLab, the whole staff at the library knows how to use it. The other original 3D printer, of an indeterminate origin, was not usable, but luckily a third printer has recently been donated. So far, they have gotten lots of use at the Teen FabLabs on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00PM, and, recently, they have also been available to kids and adults on one Saturday a month. This coming

Saturday, March 21st, 3D printing capabilities will be available for adults from 11:00-1:00 and for Youths from 1:30-3:00PM along with other makerspace craft tools. BUT, did you know that now you can also request the use of our 3D printers any time? If you have a project you want to print, or if you just want to learn how to use the tool, fill out the form on our website to request a time.

If you haven't hopped on the Sourdough craze yet, the library has an opportunity for you to get on board. On Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30-6:30PM Colleen Richardson, owner of Richardson Farms, a local cottage bakery, will be at the library discussing all things sourdough from how to start your starter, use the discard, keep your starter alive, as well as best baking practices and what to avoid when making your sourdough. Registration is required for this event as our space is limited, so please sign up on our website or by calling the library.

Finally, are you a fan of poetry? Maybe you're an aspiring poet yourself? The Tolono Public Library will be hosting a Poetry Slam Competition and Open Mic "Night" in April, and we are looking for participants! More information is on our website, or come to our Poetry Slam workshop on Thursday, March 26th from 5:30-7:00PM. Here you can learn more about what Slam Poetry is, view examples, and work on your own performance piece. There is no obligation to compete in April if you attend, so come try it out!

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