

Deadline Day!

By Michael Baird

May 1, known ominously to many as National College Decision Day, serves as the official deadline for college-bound high school seniors to commit to and enroll at a college in the United States. Most colleges require students to pay a deposit between \$200 and \$800 to reserve their place for the fall term.

Like all seniors across the country, many Marist students are both nervous and excited about the looming deadline. Senior Willie Johnson weighed location and tuition when finalizing his decision to attend the University of Oregon next fall with several of his Marist companions.

"My fears are soothed by my overwhelming excitement," Johnson said.

STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Becky Boyd and Rick Gardener

By Livia Kokkino

Shout out to Marist Assistant Principal Rick Gardner and English teacher Becky Boyd who will be performing on stage in the Marist production of "As You like It" on May 7, 8, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Gardner will be playing Duke Fredrick Senior, who has been banned by Duchess Fergie and is living in the Forest of Ardenne, and Boyd will be playing Duchess Fergie, sister to Duke Senior and usurper of his throne.

"They've both been doing pretty good. They haven't been able to go to all of the practices but it's nice to have adults play the more senior roles," said theatre director Tony Rust.

"It has been a little stressful but it's also been really fun because it allows me to show a different side to my personality. I'm also totally nervous because I've never been in a play," Boyd said.

"That's the scary part I have to memorize lines this time instead of reading backstage from a script," said Gardener said when asked about his role in this play compared to his role as Audrey II in Little Shop of Horrors two years ago.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION



Silent auction items await their bidders in the Marist gym in preparation for the 44th Annual Marist Auction. Photo by Kayla Backer

Marist prepares for an adventure in the great outdoors at the 44th annual auction

By Joe Laver

From ski lifts to hiking boots, the Marist gym and Activity Center will be transformed into the great outdoors for the 44th Annual Marist Auction this Saturday, May 2.

The event, led by Auction Chairs Larry and Beth Over, is the largest fund raiser of the year for

the Marist community. The auction raises funds to help Marist continue to operate in the coming year and provide financial aid for families attending Marist.

Student and adult volunteers aided in the process of setting up the auction during the school week, while members of theology

teacher Rick Martin's Christian Leadership class are prepared to be servers on the night of the event.

"It's the biggest community event at Marist and people know it all goes to a good cause," said Events Coordinator Carl Bell, "People come because it's fun and they want to help the school."

Seniors Prepare For Graduation



The class of 2015. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Trevor Konrady

While the freshman were taking the EXPLORE test, sophomores the PSAT, and juniors the ACT, seniors spent the day preparing for their big next step this last Tuesday.

At the annual Senior College Reality and Preparation meeting sponsored by the counseling department, guest speakers came to talk about budgeting when seniors are on their own next year. Following the presentation students updated Naviance, and the seniors voted for the prom court and elected theology teacher Chad DePaoli and senior Natalia Zreliak to speak at graduation.

The day concluded with the seniors gathering in front of the chapel to take their class photo.

Speech & Debate Team Scores At State

By Emily Jewett

The Marist Speech and Debate team had its highest finish yet, placing eighth overall in the 5A state tournament at Western Oregon University last weekend.

Two Marist duos - sophomores Emily Jewett and Madeleine Shojai and sophomore Sunny Childers and senior William Stearns - debated in Public Forum debate and Parliamentary debate, respectively.

In individual events, five students participated, Shojai in After Dinner Speaking, Jewett in Poetry, junior Jessica Lynch in Original Oratory, junior Jane Park in LIBIELL, and senior Heather Clarke in Expository Speaking.

Clarke placed fifth out of 40 competitors and Park placed second out of eight competitors. Clarke also received the Four Year Award, for qualifying for state every year of her high school career.



Senior Heather Clarke and junior Jane Park show off their medals after the state tournament. Photo courtesy of Steve Barth

Marist's Own Iron Chefs



The winning team of freshmen Kate Sherman, Megan Mersino, and Christiana Fountain. Photo by Michael Henderson

By Brandon David

Marist held an Iron Chef-style challenge on Tuesday after students completed their testing. The competition was planned by Sheryl Cardani, Marist Food Service Coordinator and current parent, to provide a creative outlet for students who enjoy cooking and wanted a challenge. Cardani approached counselor Shari Pimental with the idea after learning that 4J's Future Chefs Culinary Competition was only for middle-school students this year.

The three teams of competitors only had one hour, with food provided by the 4J food service, to make an entrée and an optional side dish. According to Cardani, the secret ingredient that they were required to use was love.

The winner of the event was the "Cooking Queens" team consisting of freshman Kate Sherman, Megan Mersino, and Christiana Fountain. Their winning dish of was Lemon Chicken Risotto with a side salad.

The winner was decided by four judges Pimental, Cardani, Cardani's daughter Adri, a 2012 Marist graduate, and Athletic Director Sharee Waldron.

As the organizer and one of the judges for the event, Cardani felt that "they all did a fabulous job and the food was delicious."

The other two dishes were Shepherd's Pie and Spaghetti and Meatballs.

Street Law Visits Serbu Center

By Natalia Zreliak

Walt Fox's Street Law class took a field trip on Thursday to tour the Lane County Juvenile Justice Center as a part of their study of juvenile law.

"It was really fascinating experience to be able to see where these kids live and spend their time, it was eye opening," said senior Street Law student Chris Keylock.