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Time Off? -Not All It's Cracked Up To Be...

By Tyler Wagner

For the first time in my two and a half years at Marist, I did not play a school sport. I had extended time where I did not spend two or more hours after school at practice. I was able to go home right after school and have hours of time to do homework and relax. I figured that I would be way ahead of all of my schoolwork with the extended time. Instead, I found myself struggling just as much now as when I was in a sport to get all of my work done.

I no longer had the structure of coming home after a practice or a game, eating, showering and then working on homework until I went to bed. I could now leisurely go home, raid the refrigerator and lay on the couch watching TV.

I would know that I needed to get up and start working on my math or history but I was unable to pick myself up off the couch. I told myself I would go at the next commercial break but then I would find something that I wanted to watch and I would decide that I could wait 10 more minutes, or more. Even if I did start a little bit of homework, I knew I could stop if I got bored and go back to watching TV.

I also felt myself getting lazier as I had no physical activity that I had to do. My dad constantly bothered me about working out until I almost wished that I was playing a sport. My dad even tried preventing me from watching basketball, saying that I couldn't watch a sport that I wasn't playing, although his logic didn't hold up for the Olympics since I definitely haven't played most of those sports.

Not playing a sport was not nearly as relaxing and helpful for my studies as I had anticipated. I am glad to be finally heading into a new season as I started tennis last week.

Marist Has Talent



Above, the senior basketball girls perform a dance routine. Photo by Toni Cooper.

Left, Senior Lindsay Ferreria dances a traditional Hawaiian hula. Photo by Toni Cooper

Far left, Talent Show winner freshman Ben Fish performs Eric Clapton's "Crossroads". Photo by Kevin Haskins

Marist students display their talents for the school.

By Henry Harper

The 2010 talent show was one of the most talent-packed in recent memory. The rapping, singing, and dancing of the participants put a smile on both the judges and students' faces.

The fourteen official acts started with String Fever, a string ensemble, and ended with Michael Busse's "I'm Yours/Hey Soul Sis-

ter" medley. The acts in between these two filled the audience with laughter and pride, as their fellow classmates displayed their talents to the Marist community.

Judge JJ Hernandez said that he enjoyed the "luscious eyebrows" in the show, while his brother James was "disturbed by the pants of a competitor."

Activities Director Shari Pimen-

tal said, "This year's talent show was one of the best we have had in five or six years."

Overall the talent show was a great success. Congratulations to the top three acts: freshman singer/guitarist Ben Fish, sophomore Jackson Bedbury accompanied by junior Micah Stratton, and juniors Blaine Patrick Werner and Ray Ferrari who performed a "4A foray" rap.

Check Mate!



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Simon

By Victoria Weiler

Five Marist Chess players competed at Chess State this past weekend at Cottage Grove.

Senior Austin Anderson and Junior Blaine Patrick Werner won individual honors. Anderson won the first board competition with a record of 4-1 and Werner was a co-champion of the second board competition with a record of 3-2. Marist's team record was hurt due to illness, however, the team consisting of Anderson, Werner, sophomore Graham Simon, junior Alex Clarke, and senior Alice Rear won 11 of the 20 games played overall.

I'll Be There For You

Junior girls enjoy a relaxing Encounter at St. Benny's

By Allie Sibole

The beautiful McKenzie River at St. Benedict's Lodge once again provided the backdrop for last weekend's Winter Girl's Encounter. Nineteen participants and nine senior leaders experienced a fun and spiritual retreat that included small groups, worship, and free time spent outside in the sun.

The theme of the retreat was "I'll Be There For You," referring to the theme song from *Friends*. The weekend focused on coming together as a class and encountering friends, self, and God. Highlights included the creative skits and the incredible food prepared by Dianne Hall and the Kitchen

Crew.

The Encounter marked the last retreat of the school year.

Sophomores and juniors who enjoyed their retreats are encouraged to apply for Retreat Team starting this week.



The Junior girls and their Retreat Team leaders gather by the river at St. Benedict's. Photo by Mrs. Baker

Ballin4Babies



Scott Clements and Grant Jamieson show their skills to save the babies. Photo by Alex Karcher

By Ray Ferrari

Last Saturday in the Marist gym, the Mr. Spartan program put on its annual fundraiser, the Ballin' for the Babies - a three on three basketball tournament for middle and high school students.

14 coed teams competed in this half court basketball tournament, receiving a "Ballin' for the Babies" tee-shirt and a chance to win free tickets to the Mr. Spartan pageant in April. \$420 was raised for the babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on Saturday afternoon.

Overall, it was a day of fun, sportsmanship, classic team names, and competition all pieced together by first-class officiating by the Mr. Spartan team members.

Playing as a group of accomplished sophomore basketball players, Garrett Holaday, Paxton Miller, and Julie Grimes won the tournament.

China Bound

By Lauren Furrer

Principal Jay Conroy and Dean of Students Stacey Baker are going to Beijing, China on Monday for an eight day trip to attend an educational conference and visit six schools on behalf of Marist.

Conroy and Baker will contact Chinese students who are interested in coming to Marist to study, and they will explain the opportunities that Marist brings to the students by promoting Catholic school views. Baker will have a set of placement tests and interviews for the prospective students, making sure they are aware of the challenges they will face if they decide to come to Marist.

Conroy is "thrilled for this opportunity to grow" and cultivate Marist's diverse community.



Photo By Chelsea Karcher

Los Oscars!

By Nelson Solano

"Y el ganador de el Oscar es" On Thursday, Spanish classes were dressed up and ready to accept awards in their own portrayal of the Oscars in Spanish. They accepted the awards for the real-life nominated actors and movie producers which they had to write an acceptance speech for if they won.

Mrs. Cullen had all her classes vote for the nominees prior to the ceremony. It was an afternoon filled with stars.

NERDY for the NEWBORNS

Friday
8:00pm~11:30
Cafeteria



Opens Tonight!

Marist Theatre presents:
The Taming of the Shrew
7:30pm in the Bob
Devereux Theatre

The Taming of the Shrew is filled with funny and witty characters, mistaken identities, hopeless romantics, humorous brawls, and a full on battle of the sexes.