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Students Who Serve

Ireland Moore's (*LPS / Resurrection-Verona WI*) family and friends never expected her to join the Air Force National Guard. First-year Ireland wouldn't have predicted this path either, but that doesn't make her any less excited. "This is a terrific opportunity," she says, "to serve your country, travel, meet new people, and come out of college debt-free."

Annika Schroeder (*LPS / St. Peter-Modesto CA*), who enlisted at the same time, has similar reasons. "I decided to join the Air Force National Guard because it's an amazing opportunity to serve our country, learn new skills, and have new experiences. And it's a huge financial blessing," she says. "The Guard pays your tuition as well as other payments throughout the year."

Managing midterms might seem hectic enough already, but these students know how to make it work. "Being a student and member of the Air National Guard is completely attainable," says Ireland. "Once a month we're required to drive to St. Paul and stay on base for a weekend." She'll also complete her basic training and tech school (job training) this summer. "I'll miss the first semester of next year," she explains. "However, I still plan to graduate in four years by having a full schedule and taking some summer classes."



Mayra Guzman (*FVL / Bethel-Menasha WI*), **Ireland Moore**, and **Annika Schroeder** recently joined the Air Force National Guard. To them we say, "Well done!"

Winter Play: *The Mouse That Roared*

What should you do when bankrupt? Declare war on the United States, of course!

Such is the logic of Gloriana the Twelfth (**Amanda Rehberger**, *LPS / St. Paul-Appleton WI*) in the play *The Mouse That Roared*. This tiny country of 6,000 inhabitants fears bankruptcy after a California company counterfeits their chief (and only) export, wine. But from her careful study of history, Gloriana knows that the surest path to a booming economy is to declare war on the United States . . . and lose.

Forest ranger-turned-general Tully Bascom (**Jacob Zabell**, *LPS / St. Paul-Green Bay WI*) and his troop of bowmen charter a fishing boat and take on New York City. The U.S. president refuses to take the unknown nation as a serious threat. Duchess Gloriana, spunky and resolute, is determined to save her country. Put it all together, and this play brims with delightful absurdities.

With director **Silas Dose** (*MVL / St. John-New Ulm MN*), producer **Caleb Paul** (*Rocky Mountain LHS / Lord of Life-Thornton CO*), and the stellar behind-the-scenes crews, this Cold War-era satire was a roaring success.

While most of us are still lamenting that Grand Fenwick isn't a real place, Forum, MLC's drama club, surges ahead. Preparations for the children's theatre production *Alice in Wonderland* have already begun. Stay tuned!

Pictured top: Professor Kokintz (Malachi Mortensen, Lakeside / St. Stephen-Beaver Dam WI) invites the President (Philip Snyder, LPS / St. Paul-Wonewoc WI) to view his invention of the world's most powerful bomb. Bottom: The soldiers of Grand Fenwick attack New York City with traditional longbows.

