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## RESIDENT ARTIST



by Norman Minnick

JERRY BATES *Dressing Code*

The Art Department is hosting a resident artist now through Thanksgiving break. Jerry Bates holds an MFA in art from Saracuse University and will be on campus to work with students. Bates' painting and sculpture is currently on display in the Fisher Hall art gallery. According to Mark Hall, head of the Art Department, Bates' work is a "child-like surrealism that combines

fantasy with a little bit of social criticism."

Jerry Bates will give a presentation Thursday, November 19th at 5:30pm in the gallery. A reception will follow with food provided by the Art Department.

Saturday, the 21st, Bates will have a demonstration around 1:00pm in the Art Annex. The public is invited to watch or join Jerry in creating a sculpture out of clay.

## RA's Car Vandalised

by Viviane Seumel

At 1:30 a.m. on October 31, 1998, a car belonging to Clare RA Samantha Baxter, was vandalized while parked in the lot behind St. Francis. Samantha Baxter reported the incident to campus police on the same day at 2:35 p.m., according to the Marian police report.

The side rear view mirror was hanging out of the mirror mount, the passenger side tail light was broken in three places, and the "front bumper had sustained a blow with something sharp enough to cut the bumper and paint and leave a dent," according to the report.

"We believe that Miss Baxter's car was vandalized because she is an RA. A while before the accident she had written up some students for visitation and alcohol policy violations. Three male students later admitted to having vandalized her car. One of them was among the people written up by Miss Baxter earlier," Jim Lekse, Director of Campus Safety and Police Services, said.

"I have been really fearful for my life and my safety because I think this was done against me as an RA deliberately. The question remains in my mind what happens next time I bust someone," Baxter said.

Samantha Baxter has decided not to press charges against the students who vandalized her car. However, they will have to appear before Marian's judicial panel on Tuesday, November 17.

"The charges brought against the three students are destruction of property and hazing. The maximum penalty listed in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities is dismissal or any lesser authorized sanction," Roland Rydstrom, Assistant Dean for Campus Life, said. "We believe that if Miss Baxter had not been an RA, this would most likely not have happened to her."

In past years there have been no complaints by RA's concerning similar actions taken against them. "Nothing major has ever happened to me because of being an RA. Stuff posted on my door gets torn down and people generally look at me as an enemy rather than as just another guy on the wing," St. Francis RA Brian DeRouen said.

"We have not had many vandalism problems here at Marian lately. Occasionally someone will run off the road onto the grass in the car, but nothing really major. The last time a car was broken into was last January," Officer David Hayes said.

## Protest at School of Americas

by Norman Minnick and Staff

A contingent from Marian College is planning a trip to The School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia to protest what critics claim is a military combat school specializing in counterinsurgency techniques. According to protest coordinator Michael Wallace, "The instructors are U.S. Military personnel and the students are foreign military officers sent by Latin American countries. The original goal of the school was to halt the spread of communism from Cuba to Central and South America and to contribute to the development of democracy. However, the school continues to operate in spite of the fact that Latin American countries are no longer facing external threats."

On November 22, 1998,

demonstrators from the United States and Latin America will gather at Ft. Benning's main gate to protest for the closing of the School of the Americas. Wallace said that the date commemorates the murders of 6 priests in El Salvador who are said to have been murdered by graduates from the school. Wallace added, "One thousand people will 'cross the line' on to the property of the fort in an act of civil disobedience, as part of a solemn funeral procession to commemorate SOA victims and call for the closing of the school."

According to Wallace, "In 1997, 601 people 'crossed the line' into Ft. Benning and all 601 were arrested, processed at the Army base, and released by 8 p.m. the

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## Students Avoid Weekend Activities: Part II

by Christian Mehall

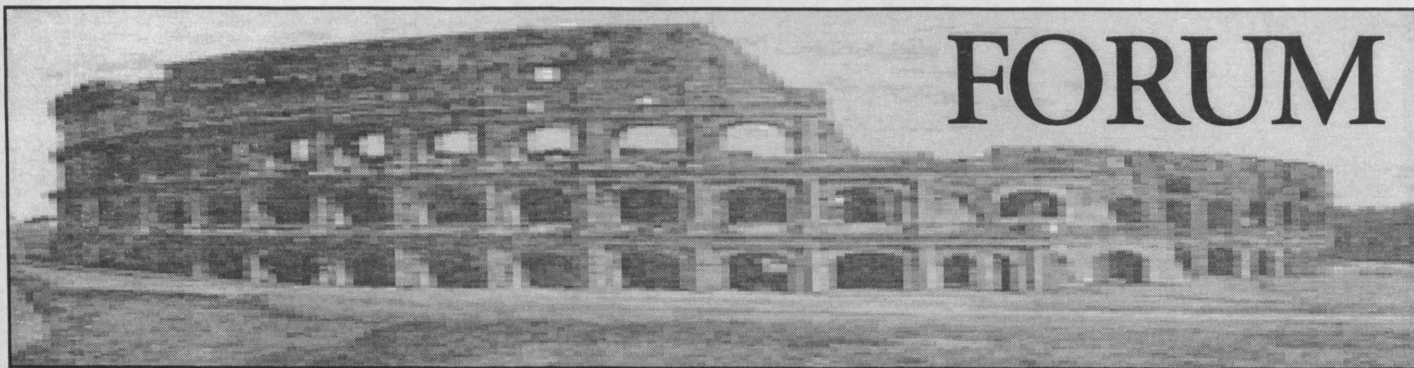
Marian has a diverse student body which makes it difficult to plan student activities that will please everyone. Surveys are taken annually by the Office of Student Activities and by MCSA to determine what students have to say about past and future activities. The one-person Campus Events Committee and Sandra Hester, Director of Student Activities, consider the information from the surveys to find ways of using the \$18000 activities budget to the satisfaction of the majority. While campus events are publicized through various means, some students complain that they don't know what is going on at Marian.

What do other colleges do to entertain their students and how are their turnouts?

The University of St. Francis, in Fort Wayne, has 1700 students; 300 live on campus. Unlike Marian, a \$40 activities fee goes to the Student Activities Council, a group of paid students separate from the student government.

Chris Ford, Director of Student Activities said, "We do a lot like (Marian). We also buy tickets for the semi-pro baseball games, as well as hockey and basketball games and then have St. Francis night at the park." Lazer-tag is also a popular activity with St. Francis students, and they rent *Weekends Continued on page 4*





# FORUM

## President Thanks Students

In our wrap-up evaluation of the October 6 "Opportunities for Excellence" Dinner Auction, the Steering Committee noted how extremely well regarded were the approximately one hundred student volunteers who helped make this event such a success. One behalf of all those who managed Marian's major scholarship fund-raiser: thank you, students; you not only functioned very effectively in handling a wide variety of tasks, but you visibly demonstrated to our nearly six hundred guests why this annual occasion is hosted in the first place.

by Daniel A. Felicetti, President

## Unimpressed by CTN

After previewing the material sent to the college concerning CTN, I was not terribly excited. The quality of the video was poor and I am unsure what the focus was to have been. The only consistent emphasis I saw was "Over 400 colleges already have CTN, including colleges in your area."

Is the fact that some colleges have this system a reason for Marian to get it?

I made a point to talk with ten students concerning CTN. Some know nothing except what they read in the *Carbon* (and Norm Minnick's reaction). A few have no opinion, and a few think it is a bad idea. Of the ten, no one "jumped for joy" at the prospect of CTN on campus.

We have Cu-Com and MC-18, and I have been told a number of times, "No one pays any attention to them, Sister." We have television in the cafeteria

and a rolling marquee and I have watched people at breakfast and dinner primarily and no one gives them more than a glance.

All students have cable in their rooms, so they have access to music videos on 24, 31 or 32, and 41. News can be found on 9, 12, 26, 14 (Chicago), 38 (CNN), business news on Bloomberg, plus sports news all over the place. Bulletin board topics are limited, but most are on the internet. Commercials seem to be all that is left and we already have plenty of them!

Since I don't live on campus, I will probably never be affected by the new network. There is nothing "wrong" with CTN, there is no cost to the school, and no maintenance charge: all pluses. At this time I don't see anything that CTN can offer that is not already available to students.

--Sister Linda Bates  
Director of Campus Ministry

## Educating Jerrod

I read the Nov. 9 column *Concrete Jungle* by Jerrod Watson with great interest and amusement. It took me on a nostalgic trip back to the mid-sixties and my first encounter with living in the big city. That city just happened to be Indianapolis and I was working in a summer internship program at Methodist Hospital on the corner of 16th and capital avenue. Downtown! One recording on the top 40 that summer was "Hot Time, Summer in the City." If you know the lyrics, it was very appropriate. But that is not my point.

I was (am) a country girl from Southern Indiana. I could identify with all of the issues that were discussed in the article, well, with the exception of peeing in the yard. It is a little more difficult for a country girl, you know. And when I moved to Indianapolis that summer, I experienced the same fears and was amazed at the things I observed. Funny thing, I always thought that I would move back to the country, but now I can say with a great deal of satisfaction that I have lived in Indianapolis for 28 years. And I feel fortunate that I had the country experience and also that I could enrich my life by the ways of the city.

Just for a moment, look past the surface of the concrete jungle, the traffic congestion, the violence, the smells, and the noise. Have you sat on the banks of the White River behind the Art Museum and just listened for the noises of nature? Have you visited Crown Hill Cemetery and viewed the city from James Whitcomb Riley's grave site? Have you taken a nature walk or observed the stars at night from a dark corner of Eagle Creek Park? Have you visited the Holcomb Gardens at Butler University? Have you visited the Art Museum grounds during April and May when the spring flowers are all in bloom? Do you know what these locations have in common? Well, they are all within 10 minutes of the Marian College campus. Can

you imagine the opportunities within 20 minutes? A half hour?

OK, I agree that the violence is a bit scary. Given the immediate area around Marian College, we are pretty secure. I have arrived and departed campus at all hours for 25 years without incident. But I do use caution. I lock my doors and stay away from areas that are problematic. However, I have also traveled many other areas in Indy at all hours day and night with no problems. You must use good sense—that good sense that is learned in the country!

The poverty and living conditions in some of the neighborhoods are certainly of concern. I took the opportunity to get to know and help someone in need and learned that we all have similar aspirations and goals. It is just a little difficult for some of us. The rural areas have poverty and violence. You just don't notice it as much because it isn't as concentrated. Have you been involved in the Indianapolis Community? I have met scores of people who are as warm and friendly as any in the little town where I grew up. My neighbors think I'm a little touched when I wave at any car that drives by the house but it's just a habit.

I used to refer to Southern Indiana as God's country. But I also found God's country in Indy, Colorado, Montana, Kentucky, Chicago and a host of other places. Here in Indy I found theater, art, architecture, literature, and music produced by humans with wonderful God-given talents. I found a wealth of history in Indy which helps to explain my existence. I have found the diversity in human beings that was lacking in my home town and have been enriched by their cultures. I have a multitude of options. I love reading the Arts and Entertainment Section of the Sunday paper to see what I can find to stretch myself a bit more. I don't think Indy would be this way if God didn't have a hand in it.

--Connie Wesner  
Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs

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# ANTZ Has a Moral, whatever that means...

by Rachel Wuertz

Due to the trials and stresses of balancing parenthood with studenthood, I hadn't had the chance to take my three kids to see a movie since *Fairy Tale: A True Story*. The "true story" part had practically put them to sleep in less time than it had taken me to consume a small popcorn.

Perhaps I was feeling the pressure of the "super mom" commercials. Maybe I just got tired of hearing my children whine for my attention as I sweated it out behind my computer trying to earn a college degree so that I may someday better their lives. Regardless, I decided to take them to see Spielberg's latest experiment, *ANTZ*.

After I finally convinced my undeserving angels that the posters for *Rugrats: The Movie* was only an advertisement for its release in November, and that I had already bought tickets for *ANTZ*, I ushered three disappointed figures through the dark to the fifth row from the front, dead center, armed with enough movie munchies to dry up their lingering tears.

An ant named "Z" with the voice of Woody Allen innocently graced the screen after the characters from Sesame Street sang for about an hour insisting that we "don't forget to watch the movie." For those of you who haven't been to see a children's movie, these instructions from puppets before hand are necessary because children often do "forget to watch the movie." Z tells his shrink that he is not happy being insignificant in the scheme of the ant hill and that there has to be something better out there. For the rest of the movie, little Z finds himself in war, under the heat a magnifying glass, on a picnic blanket, holding on to a shoestring for dear life, and in a garbage can known among the bugs as "Insectopia," a bohemian kind of place where freedom abounds.

Surprisingly, the movie proved itself to be interesting with lots of little plot twists and rather intelligent jokes. Too bad my kids were too busy fighting over the Twizzlers and crunching the ice from their pink lemonades to follow the plot.

Of course, like every other movie on the market that makes

any money, *ANTZ* has a malicious bad guy who wants to destroy the old ant colony and start a new, more efficient one. He was a mix between George C. Scott and Worf, the Klingon from *Star Trek*. My kids took a vote and concluded that the evil stepmother on Snow White blew him out of the water. However, I did have to hold my four year-old during "The Termite War," and I was caught off guard and had to yell "BEEP!" over three naughty words.

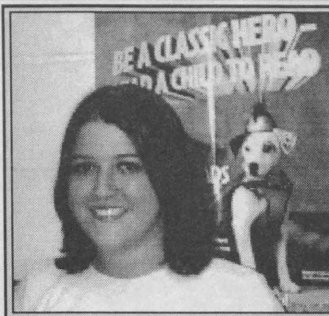
My kids were a decade too young to get the irony woven throughout and the in-your-face parables. Amidst all of the deep implications, I was troubled by the opportunistic presence of a giant PEPSI can on the picnic blanket, but the kids didn't seem to note the blatant clash of altruism and capitalism.

On the drive home, I found myself explaining the lessons of war, the importance of the individual thinker among the masses, the idea that even the smallest person can make a difference, the fact that drawbacks can exist even in what appears to be paradise, and also why an ant would want to drink from the butt of an aphid. After all of my explaining, I asked my seven year old what he thought the main moral of the movie was, and he replied, "Mom, how am I supposed to know what the word moral means?" I guess this and the naughty words were what called for the PG rating.

The graphics were a far cry above my own glory days when Pac Man and Pitfall were "cutting-edge." In fact, *ANTZ* was so realistic at times that I couldn't help but picture Spielberg off-screen telling the little ants to furrow their brows more or to repeat the line one more time with feeling. My kids thought that the character Z looked almost as cool as Sonic the HedgeHog.

*ANTZ* is sort of like *The Hobbit* meets *Norma Rae*, that labor union movie with Sally Fields. Fellow college students shouldn't feel any qualms about shelling out \$4.50+ to slip in and see *ANTZ* even though it's a cartoon. But if you do, you can borrow my kids some Friday night and use them as a cover; I'll even pay you.

Conclusion: One big thumb up and three little thumbs sideways.



## Fox College

by Angela Hatem

### Angela's Ashes

The tension is so thick you could cut it with a switchblade. Dance cards are empty and the Fall Formal is upon us. You can tell from the whispers, complaints and squeals of delight that this dance hangs over the campus like an ax; a few will be chosen while a good many will be driftwood.

The female to male ratio, six girls for every guy, morphs formal dances from a time of celebration to an experiment in science's theory of specialization. Frogs that don't adapt to petroleum in their water float to the lily pad in the sky, while the others live successful happy lives as long as you don't light matches by them.

Due to the abundance of females at this so called fox college, it is inevitable that the majority of us will stay home and watch *Sixteen Candles*, while others will squeeze into their senior high prom dresses, buy pumps that are too small with heels that are too high, and slither themselves into panty hose that cut off circulation to their legs.

Staying home with my Zenith television does sound more appealing. My TV is guaranteed to love me no matter how I look. But I still want to go to the Fall

Formal. It might be a need for validation as a valuable person, or my repressed desire to express myself by wearing sequince that makes such an occasion feel life threatening.

I am willing to go. Actually I am dying to go. Problem is there's a week till the gala, guys haven't asked, the boys you've asked are married, dating, or are planning to watch Notre Dame football. Suddenly, priorities and prerequisites for dates begin to undergo a drastic change.

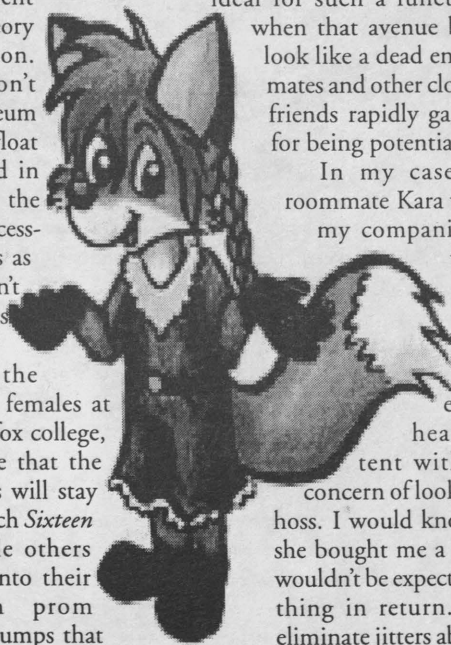
A gentleman escort would be ideal for such a function, but when that avenue begins to look like a dead end, roommates and other close female friends rapidly gain points for being potential dates.

In my case, if my roommate Kara was to be my companion there would be no first date anxiety, I could eat to my heart's content without the concern of looking like a hoss. I would know that if she bought me a drink she wouldn't be expecting something in return. It would eliminate jitters about a kiss goodnight, but in the end I would still be going home with somebody.

I propose a revolt against the traditional idea of male/female escorts. As a society we must accept the lack of testosterone driven species on this campus and make due with the ample amount of estrogen mammals we do have.

Single ladies of Marian, attending a dance with a roommate is an honorable and proud gesture. It says to all humankind, I won't let one little difference in anatomy keep me from having a good time. I am here to enjoy myself, and if my date happens to be wearing a gown prettier than mine, so be it.

Now the only problem is to find out what color corsage will match Kara's dress.



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# Sports Highlights

by Jerrod Watson

## Volleyball

Marian's volleyball team, led by first year coach Dan Findley, has a record of 19-10. They have a conference record of 5-2, which has them in third place in the Mid-Central Conference standings.

Marian is also currently ranked eighth in the Great Lakes Region pole. The conference tournament where the Knights will play Grace College begins on November 12.

Lensey Tansel, a sophomore, is the team leader in kills with a 3.9 per game average.

Junior Jackie Sides leads Marian in assists with an average of 10.8 per game.

The Knights are having a solid season and coach Findley expects his squad to perform well in the tournament.

## Cross Country

Marian's men's and women's cross-country teams recently completed their respective seasons. The Knights competed in the Mid-Central Conference championships hosted by Marian College. Both teams struggled, but there were some good individual performances.

The men's team placed fifth in MCC competition. Senior Ben Wolff was Marian's highest placing individual with a twelfth place finish and a time of twenty-six minutes and forty seconds. Wolff was named to the all conference team.

The women's team also placed fifth. Freshman Monica Stupian won the meet with a time of eighteen minutes and fifty-three seconds.

Junior Julie Goodspeed placed twelfth. Both Stupian and Goodspeed were named to the all-conference team. Stupian will be representing Marian at the NAIA national championships in Wisconsin on November 21.

## Soccer

Marian's men's soccer team recently completed a very successful season. The Knights have an overall record of 14-8. They also boast a 5-2 conference mark that put them in a tie with Indiana Wesleyan for the top conference team. The Knights stormed through the Mid-central conference tournament, but lost 3-2 in the final to Indiana Wesleyan. The team was led in scoring by freshman Matt East. The Knights are a very young squad and look to be a very good team in years to come.

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"two very large, very nice facilities" Ford said.

"We try to make sure we cover different age groups," Ford said. St. Francis makes trips to the Children's Museum in Indianapolis to cater to adults who have children. For students who live off campus, "We like to give them something to want to stay on campus. We give away a lot of things: t-shirts, cash. Our budget allows us to do that. Kids do anything for t-shirts and cash," Ford said.

Huntington College is 30 miles from Fort Wayne and has 900 students; 541 live on campus.

A \$20,000 budget for a group of paid student activities coordinators funds film programming, concerts, coffee houses, and a variety of major events and sports broadcasts on their 12ft by

12ft TV at the campus restaurant, Norm's Place. They also do square dances, roller skating, late night bowling, and mud volleyball. Associate Dean for Student Development, Ron Coffey, also said the college rents out movie theaters and has a Huntington night at the movies.

Manchester College is 45 minutes from Fort Wayne, and has 1000 students, 785 live on campus. Paid student Manchester Activities Council has \$20,000 for weekly movies and dances, but they are trying to broaden horizons with magicians, bands, and comedians.

"We started a shuttle program that goes off campus for shopping once a month to Fort Wayne and Wabash," Student Activities Director Anne Lester said. Although a new program, MAC also makes

trips to museums in Indy and Fort Wayne. MAC also sold tickets and shuttled students to the USA vs Japan volleyball match in Fort Wayne.

Publicity methods and most activities at Marian are nearly identical to other schools yet, they don't have a problem with turnout or students not knowing about the activity. These schools come to Indy for activities while Marian students complain about nothing to do and go home. Other schools don't serve alcohol and their turnouts are extremely high. The only way to get activities that you want is to tell the Student Activities planners what it is.

"We could plan from Friday till Sunday, and there would still be people who say there is nothing to do just because they don't want to do what is offered," Lester said.

## Protest Continued from page 1

same day. Second time crossers in were sentenced to 6 months in a minimum security federal prison and fined \$3,000."

Sister Norma Rocklage, Vice-President and Director of Mission Effectiveness, said, "The School for the Americas as it now functions, is a terrible blot on the U.S. integrity and human rights policy. I am very pleased that we at Marian College will have some representatives to protest this violation of peace and justice."

If you are interested in traveling to Fort Benning and participating in the protest, contact Michael Wallace at 254-1823 or at sodprotest@yahoo.com

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