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## Students Avoid Weekend Activities

by Christian Mehall

A few souls are left in the cafeteria at meal time. The scarce parking spots are now a sea of open spaces. On a Saturday afternoon? "If there is stuff going on, they don't let people know," freshman Kristen Balan said. "I feel as though we could be more of a connected community on the weekends," freshman Sarah Yeager said.

Marian College has 1339 students; 416 live on campus. 923 students live off campus. How do you accommodate this student body with all its diversity?

Once a year, the Office of Student Activities surveys what activities students attended, why they liked or didn't like them, and how effective publicity methods were. MCSA also submits additional smaller surveys.

Residence hall students were asked how often and why they left and what activities would increase their desire to stay on campus. Commuter students were asked what programs they would like to see offered, good days/times to have them, and why they do or do not participate.

Sandra Hester, Director of Student Activities, and Junior Mindy Wallpe, who is the entire Campus Events Committee, plan the activities based on student input with a budget of \$18,000. "The money is budgeted for major events, but we can afford to bring in small scale activities like dances if that is what students want," Hester said.

For Fall '98, planned activities included Karaoke night, comedy/magic/impressions, family day, Hypnotist Frederick Winters, Comedian and Musician Mark Eddie, waxed hands, a 2-day collegiate card tournament, and several dances including the fall formal.

For Spring '99, Campus Events has scheduled an even greater variety of activities including student-made star stage music videos, field day, laser arena, taste of nations, kids and sibs weekend, Mardi Gras casino/auction/ dance, homecoming week, and more comedians and dances.

Publicizing events for so many different residents and tag

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## Preview Day Offers A Taste Of College Life

by Christian Ragan

On Saturday, October 24, potential Marian College students came to campus to experience the sights and sounds of college life as they attended Preview Day, a chance for high school students to see all that Marian College has to offer.

Karen Kist, Associate Director of Admissions, estimated that there was a total of about 175

people, including students and family members. The day started with a speech from MCSA representative Laura Bergman. Other speakers on the list were John Shelton from the Financial Aid Office and Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Edward Balog. Marian College students served as tour guides. The students and families were

also treated to lunch in the Stokely Mansion.

"It's an opportunity to learn of campus clubs, athletics, and student government," said Kist. With the newly remodeled campus it was an excellent way to showcase all of the new improvements on campus. Kist said, "People like the campus."

## Shalom! Shalom!

by Christian Mehall

Have you ever had an extraordinary experience and found yourself struggling to explain it? "It was an unbelievably great time, but it is so hard to explain to someone who wasn't there because of the total feeling that surrounds you while you participate in the activities," Sophomore Amber Meal said.

The fifth Shalom retreat was held Oct 22 to Oct 24 at Camp Rancho Framasa in Brown County. Forty Marian students, Dean Andrews and his family, ten Marian Alumni, Sr. Linda Bates, and Beth Riehle of Campus Ministry and Mentoring in the City, participated in the retreat.

The focus of the retreat was recognizing and reflecting on peace in yourself, nature, neighbor, and God through talks, activities, songs, and ice-breakers.

Cousins, Nicky and Jill Hayden, agree that "the Reconciliation service was a very powerful and moving part of the weekend. It is awesome to know that God will help carry your crosses."

"It was an excellent opportunity to learn about people and also enjoy nature, especially the stars," senior Chris Redmond said. The woods around the camp were showered with gold, maroon, and pine colored trees, and

were a quiet, peaceful place to get lost. The pond was an ideal site for a Bob Ross painting, surrounded by drooping trees and ripples on the surface from the cool breeze. At night, it was like laying on the floor of a planetarium as shooting stars would flash across the sky in short bursts or million mile streaks.

"Shalom is so much better than going to a party or the mall, or a movie, or whatever else might seem like a better way to spend the weekend. How can that even compare to lying on the ground (or road) watching shooting stars and enjoying the company of *Shalom! Cont. page 4*

## Update: CTN

Since the Carbon last reported on the CTN issue, no further decisions have been made in the matter. Sandra Hester, Director of Student Activities, said that more discussion is necessary with faculty and students before a final decision can be made.

## Smoking Policy For Dorms

discussed by MCSA  
on November 2, 1998  
8:30 pm, RLSC  
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# Forum

## President's State of the College Address Revisited

Several matters were raised on the editorial page of the October 5, 1998 issue of *The Carbon* which seem to warrant a common response: if you have a concern, don't just complain about it. Instead, come and talk to those responsible and you will get a reply. You may or may not get the answer you want—no college administration can be all things to all of its many constituents—but you may leave with a better understanding of why things are the way they are, or how to go about changing them.

Three of the issues were raised in an editorial relating to President Felicetti's recent State of the College address. Another was expressed in a letter to the editor concerning convenience services for students. Had the appropriate administrators been contacted, those who raised these issues would have discovered:

1. No one who speaks for the College in any official capacity would exclude a student or a student's family from the mansions because these buildings "don't belong to students." Quite the contrary, the mansions are used frequently for student functions—some 67 times since January. It is true that the mansions often are used for private gatherings such as weddings and business meetings. Those who rent these buildings pay substantial fees for their use, money that helps to subsidize our students' education. During such events the mansions are closed to the college community in deference to the privacy of those who rent them. At other times, unless the buildings are locked for security purposes, as they may be on weekends, we are proud to have members of the college community, includ-

ing students and their families, tour these wonderful, old buildings.

2. Marian College makes considerable effort to keep up with our alums, new and old, and not just for the purpose of soliciting funds. For example, Dave Roberts, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Director of Career Services, takes great pains to track down graduates and determine what they are doing after graduation and whether his office can assist them. This is no easy task, especially with nontraditional students, because many graduates leave the area to pursue employment opportunities elsewhere, but Mr. Roberts has records on a very high proportion of recent graduates. Maribeth Ransel, Director of Alumni Affairs, works untold hours to keep in contact with alums. As examples of her efforts, witness the mention of special events in the lives of more than one hundred of our grads in just the latest issue of *The Magnet*; refer to the e-mail address directory on the alumni web page; or review the College's calendar of events to see how many opportunities we try to provide to bring members of the college community back to campus. Of course we also do solicit alumni for financial support. They are extremely important to our fundraising efforts, and every current student benefits substantially from the scholarships and capital investments our graduates help to fund. But alums mean a great deal more to Marian College than that, and we re-

gret that any of them might come to misunderstand this. However, for the *Carbon* editor to generalize from the experience of one friend to justify taking to task our entire alumni program hardly seems warranted.

3. With respect to the editorial concern expressed about this year's enrollment, the writer ignored some crucial facts. Full time enrollment, the key to Marian's financial stability, is up slightly this year, as is the count of regular part time students. The decline in headcount this fall is the result primarily of enrollment losses in two special off-campus programs which have little direct impact on the academic or financial condition of the College. This is not to say that this fall's decline in the number of first time, full time freshmen is not of great concern to the administration. At least two points should be noted in this regard, however. First, the largest freshman class on record entered Marian College last year. Second, as soon as it became apparent last spring that freshman enrollments might decline, the President and the Dean for Enrollment Management developed with outside assistance a program to strengthen our recruiting programs. This initiative, including more than fifty specific items for action, is now in the process of being implemented. The editor's implication that the administration is not concerned about this vital issue is simply wrong.

4. We have investigated installing an automated teller machine on campus. To install such a machine,

banks currently require a guaranteed minimum annual income of \$15,600 from fees assessed to nondepositors. Since students, the probably primary users of an ATM, are not on campus for more than four months a year, including breaks, this means that we would need about 1,200 fee generating transactions per month to make an ATM self supporting, an unrealistic number for this campus. If the guarantee were not met, the College would be liable for the difference, a cost that would be borne ultimately by our students. After due deliberation it did not seem that it was a wise idea to commit to such a large expense for the convenience of a few, especially when the business office offers a check cashing service. In a related matter raised in the same letter, the vendor that provides the laundry equipment in the residence halls has agreed to install change machines in the laundry room.

This administration makes every effort to encourage the active involvement of all members of the college community in discussions of matters of general interest, and to deal effectively with the specific concerns of individuals. We welcome it when such issues are raised in *The Carbon*, but we would surely encourage more direct dialog to inform and facilitate such interactions.

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Assistant to the President

Russell G. Glassburn  
Chief Financial Officer

## Editor Responds

by Norman Minnick

As new editors to the *Carbon*, we knew that the format of a newspaper and its Forum section would be foreign to some. In the first issue of the year we explained thoroughly the purpose of the paper, the *Forum* section, and our duty as journalists and editors.

The *Carbon* is a newspaper by students with legitimate concerns who are affected by the issues in your letter. Mr. Reed and Mr. Glassburn propose an individual to "come and talk to those responsible and get a reply." This would defeat the purpose of the *Carbon*. Again, a Forum is "a public meeting place or medium for open discussion."

The Forum serves multiple purposes. Hopefully the "appropriate administration" reads the *Carbon* the same as everyone else. Not only will they acquire a sense of what the students think, but the entire Marian community can share in these topics. There is nothing private here. This is a newspaper, not an office with a closed door.

1. Mr. Reed and Mr. Glassburn say that "no one who speaks in any official capacity would exclude a student or a student's family from the mansions..." The example was of my family and the particular instance. This was not contrived. The woman who asked us to leave was sitting in the mansion office and was a paid Marian employee. Since the editorial, many other students and faculty have shared similar experiences.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Glassburn also mention the renting of the mansions to help subsidize students' education. I see where they are going with this, but they do not discuss the fact that the student organizations also must pay rent to the mansions for

their group activities? If the mansions are part of the college, then why should students have to pay?

2. The example of the alumnus who is only contacted when money is needed was not hypothetical. He is a real person—someone Marian helped mold; and he was as traditional as they get...five years in a dorm, five years of tuition.

3. Mr. Reed and Mr. Glassburn say that students are not on campus for more than four months. Either this is a major typo, or they have missed a great deal. Students are here roughly 216 days. This divided by 30 days equals 8 months. And this does not include the two summer sessions and breaks. But this is not the point. The point is the need for money machines on campus which might be reconsidered now with these new numbers provided by the *Carbon*.

Your letter is a representation of the administration and shows the exact reason why more individuals do not come to the offices with doors closed behind them and "talk to those responsible."

This is the reason there is a student publication in the first place. This is the reason for the Forum. You have further offered in your letter testimony of the administration's stance on student affairs. Once again, you fail to see matters from the student perspective.



# Letters to the Editors

## Decrepit Professors in a Linoleum Box

So, students already have the Ruth Lilly Student Center and lounges in the dorms, but now you'd like our pathetic faculty and staff dining room? Job candidates are depressed that the only place for daily informal faculty and staff gathering is the linoleum box of our dining room. (Even the tables used to be linoleum lookalikes until new furniture was bought for the main dining room, and then we received your old tables after they were finished.)

Do you students really want your privacy invaded at every meal by faculty and staff? Do you really want to make it so difficult for faculty and staff to get to know people outside their departments?

Yes, we do cut in line. Most of the faculty and staff are one or multiple decades older than the majority of traditional students who use the cafeteria. That means we have arthritis and many other physical pains that develop with age. When we stand to serve Thanksgiving dinner in the faculty and staff dining room, we are sacrificing more than our time. Our hearts are in it, but our hands and feet really hurt!

by Anne Reaves

Department of English and Communication

## 1984 in 1998?

For two days I have been engaged in various conversations regarding CTN. After much consideration, I would advise not only the administration but also the student body to approach CTN with caution—great caution. Just because CTN is presented as a service does not necessarily mean it will be a service to Marian College.

Those who support CTN suggest that the network will serve as entertainment, in addition to promoting athletics. Marian sports teams work hard and may receive little recognition, but the recognition CTN might give would not be worth having CTN at Marian.

How is forty minutes of music videos any different from MTV? In fact, one has more control over MTV because the television can be manually turned down or off, while CTN cannot.

Take, for example, a meal eaten in Clare's Café. Imagine that you near a television which distracts you from your conversation. You simply get up and turn the volume down. Will CTN give the viewer this luxury?

The "service" of CTN would truly insult my intelligence. As a college student attempting to expand my knowledge, how does 24 hour bombardment of commercials and music videos enhance me or serve as entertainment for that matter? Have we at Marian College become a community in constant need of stimuli: e-mails, voice-mails, and possible CTN. Entertainment can be fun and found in various means, and students should have fun. But is this the way to go? We need to refine our definition of entertainment.

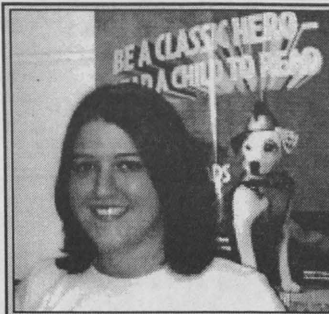
I would ask that the administration and MCSA have as much student input as possible before such a substantial decision is made.

by Tosh Patterson

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## Psychic Encounters

by Angela Hatem

### Angela's Ashes

Lately I have had a plethora of perplexing dreams. I dream about something and two days later it comes to pass. It all began with my dream in which my roommate got all her hair shaved off; two days later she got a haircut. Another Dionne Warwick moment occurred when I spontaneously walked from the couch to pick up the phone, and told my roommate the phone was going to ring; the phone rang in my hand.

I am not sure if these are just silly coincidences, or if I am the next biblical prophet. I believe in the existence of psychic powers. Montel wouldn't have psychic wonder Sylvia Brown on every other week if there was no merit in her predictions.

The only drawback to my powers is that I can not predict my own future. It's not fair that I ooze prolific warnings and advice for others and receive none for myself. The only way to end this injustice and my suffering would be to visit a fellow medium and have her get the answers for me.

When I called to set up an appointment with my psychic friend, she had to ask me what my name was. Now I thought that would have been an easy one for her. If an astronaut asked me where the Big Dipper was, I would be a little concerned.

So in my particular situation that wasn't the first thing I wanted to hear from the person I was paying \$30 to tell me the landscape of my future.

Eventually, we got it all situated and I was penciled in for a 3:30 appointment to get in touch with the other side.

I arrived for my appointment a little late because I had to park a block away. I'd never been to a psychic chateau before, but my imagination or possibly psychic intuition began to create some rather disturbing images.

I concocted visions of an all black room, covered with mirrors and glitter. Heads of pigs, chickens, and lambs would be mounted on the walls. A picture of Dionne, worn and tattered due to the multiple puncture wounds it's received from angrily thrown darts, would hang above the cash register. Musical sounds of nature would pulsate through the crystal ball shaped speakers, as long thin candles would bleed wax over the magic crystals.

When I walked through the door, the only nature sounds I heard

were the "Beatles." The layout of store wasn't what I expected. It was more of a gift shop than a haven of spirits. Lucky for me, crystals, tarot cards, and bumper stickers which read, "Proud to be a Pagan" were 50% off that day.

Near the section which displays the silver jewelry and lucky stones, two felines—one black the other white—were running rampant along the floor. My psychic introduced them as the store owner and shop manager.

The psychic was a tame version of the mystic woman I had seen in my mind. I thought this middle-aged woman dressed in a sea blue jumper, with glasses and her original hair would have blended better into the Marsh, P.T.A. suburbia, than the touched by the spirit of Elvis ambience.

The whole environment contradicted all of my assumptions. I was sneezing because I was allergic to the store executives fur, and a little wary of a business that receives financial backing from kitties.

But I stuck it out and my psychic began to shuffle the tarot cards. She let me hold them for a little bit, so that the cards would pick up my energy. A couple of minutes later I guess the cards were charged, so she began to deal my fate.

She told me the names of my mother and grandmother, and the nickname of my sister. She physically and ethnically described my best friend, and told me that in 5 months my red car, which she could not have possibly seen, would break down. I could have predicted that one myself.

She foresaw marriage and kids later on in my life, and even told me that I was a writer. And while it has not fully evolved, she saw glimmers of psychic intuition bounce off my aura.

I almost fell on the floor and had a spiritual seizure. There was no way she could have known those tidbits of my life. I was cautious in all I said to her, just in case she was an excellent guesser.

Her accuracy clinched it for me. I was undoubtedly charmed and I had seen proof for myself that mystics are more than hocus pocus. The validation of my psychichness was a relief to questions of my sanity and a key to doors of opportunity.

If this column doesn't work out, I have real potential for a position with the Psychic Friends Network, if it ever recovers from bankruptcy, or possibly owning my own palm reading cart in the mall.



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muters is not an easy task. "There should be a little bit more posted around, more on the walkways. People don't really look at the bulletin boards," freshman Shiloh Shambaugh said.

Posters, flyers, MC-18, Campus Connection newsletter, table tents in the cafe, voice-mail, the campus life calendar, and hand-book all publicize events.

Some students complain about athletic facilities and availability on weekends. "There are four racquetball courts, weight room, gym, brand new tennis courts, Walley ball room, but a

very small percentage of students take advantage of the facilities and it is difficult to get students involved," Athletic Director John Grimes said.

Grimes said the facilities are open 12:30-5:30 on Saturday and 4-9p.m. on Sunday "It would be nice to have the budget to pay people to keep the facilities open 24 hours but we don't," Grimes said. "It is the regulars that get the participation and enjoyment. ...I wish more students would take advantage and work out, participate and support."

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friends. Everyone has a different experience of Shalom, yet we all come away with a sense of community, that is to me, the best part," Senior Amy Halter said.

Whether it be the grizzly that slept in the guys' cabin, "Family Matters" and SNL skits around the campfire, being served dinner by the support staff, breaking

bread, or giving thanks and blessing prayer partners, everyone took something a little different from the experience. We all let something go that we had been carrying for too long, and took comfort in the smile and hug of another. I am a better person because of each and every individual present at Shalom, and that is something that I will carry with me eternally.

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## Student Survey: Are you going to vote on Tuesday?

"I vote, but I am not as interested in the upcoming elections as I am in the big one. I like Julia Carson. She seems to have a lot of good ideas and good values. Her commercials are the ones that don't bother me as much. She is a Democrat and that is the way I usually vote."

—Doug Pardue, *Sophomore, Business*

"I'm definitely voting. I have since I became old enough too. I always vote Republican, no matter what. I back that party."

—Jeff Hammel, *Senior, Business*

"I probably will. My family is big into politics and I guess it has rubbed off. My dad votes Republican and that's usually the way I vote too."

—Kyle Nobbe, *Senior, Secondary Education/Physical Education*

"Not completely decided but probably straight republican. I don't have a lot of experience voting, but if I have a right to gripe about things, it is my decision to let my viewpoint be known."

—Jude Thompson- *Junior, Accounting*

"I'll probably vote Republican just because I am a Republican. I think everyone should vote because too many people whine, complain, and bitch about politics, but they don't do anything about it."

—Joshua Margraf- *Junior*

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