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*Students exercise their right of free speech—  
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## RESURRECTING THE BEAT

by Rachel Wuerz

How could I ever forget those teen magazine centerfolds of Andy Gibb of the Bee Gees, that graced my big sister's shrine dedicated to teenage lust? Those notorious albums with their finger pointing, robotic rhythms were ingrained upon my developing brain as she wore out the needle in her record player. Those polyester bell-bottoms of hers were handed down to me as though they were an heirloom to be cherished. I hear the lyrics of songs like *Shadow Dancin'* whenever I look back upon the early years of my childhood. Imagine my trepidation when I turned on my television twenty years later to see those familiar, tight pants, that signature feathered hair and blinding white smile squeaking out *Stayin' Alive* once more as though disco had done just that, defying its brutal death in the eighties and rising to immortality!

Just two years ago the legendary Studio 54, a dance venue that had been at the center of 70's

glam, reopened its doors for a one-night promotion after slipping into an embarrassing abyss just before 1980. It was hugely successful, and I'm not just jive talkin'. From there, Hollywood has given birth to the movie *54*, about the infamous nightclub starring Neve Campbell and Mike Myers. Commercials are using disco music as a backdrop to throw their pitches. Cable channels are offering their audiences double whammies of John Travolta strutting through those iconic dance movies, *Stayin' Alive* and *Saturday Night Fever*. K.C. and the Sunshine Band (*That's The Way uh-huh, uh-huh, I like it*), Gloria Gaynor (*I Will Survive*), and Sister Sledge (*We Are Family*) are touring again! MTV has aired *The Top 54 songs of the Disco Era*. Even our own *Indianapolis Star*, devoted the front page of its *Extra* section to a colorful photo of the disco club scene, proclaiming "Undead Disco!" Disco anthems

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### MCSA FACTS

members: all enrolled Marian students

mission: provide method and arena  
for expression of student views

meetings: Monday nights, 8:30 pm, upstairs RLC

questions: see Student Handbook for information

## CONSUMER GURU TO INFLUENCE MARIAN

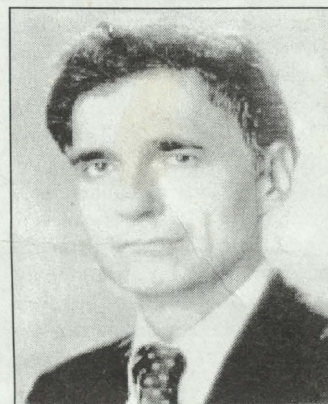
by Debbie Curtis and Norman Minnick

*Time* magazine has touted Ralph Nader as one of the top 100 most influential Americans of the twentieth century. Nader, a consumer activist who has devoted his life to advocating the common man and providing him the resources to defend himself against corporate negligence and government apathy, is coming to Marian on September 22 for a convocation.

Nader is the person most responsible for igniting consumer awareness in this country. Although he had investigated consumer rights for several years, it was not until March 1966, after

his book, *Unsafe at Any Speed*, was published that he really came to be widely recognized. The book concerned the automotive industry, and General Motors even hired a private detective to investigate Nader's life. General Motors later made a public apology to Nader before the Senate Subcommittee on Auto Safety. This caught the public's attention, and he was on his way to becoming the

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Ralph Nader

**Convocation  
September 22  
Marian Hall  
Auditorium  
12:00 noon-1:00pm**

## MOLDING MARIAN LEADERS

by Christian Mehall

The purpose of a recent Student Activities Leadership Workshop was, "For students to get to know each other, have a better idea of what people do on campus, and get an overall picture of student organization. Have fun and learn something.", Sandra Hester, Director of Student Activities, said. The workshop, held on September 12th, was run through the Student Life Office, and was an opportunity for teambuilding and interactive experiences among other things.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of Virginia and Marian Alum, Pat Lamkin, was the featured speaker. The topic of her presentation was setting personal goals and organizational goals.

"The workshop was definitely a good thing. The speaker had a lot of good things to say, and I made goals and then went home and began to work on them," said junior Suzie Walker.

Many of the students who

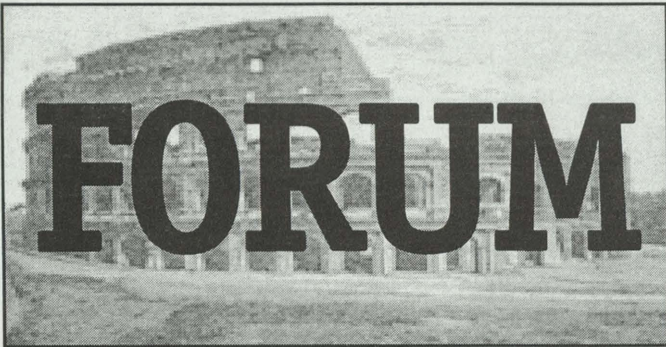
attended, however, came because they had to. Two representatives from each organization that receives money from MCSA had to attend or their funds for the year would be frozen. As a result, students viewed the workshop as demanding four hours of their Saturday afternoon.

Senior Brock Long said, "It was much better than I thought it was going to be. It was informative and I learned what leaders are supposed to be. I liked setting goals, trying to keep with them, and having a group partner monitor it. Then again, there was stuff that I had already heard."

MCSA Treasurer Jim Ward said, "It was not intended to be a negative experience. We are dealing with a small budget, so we have to watch our p's and q's. We had to get the attendance. The workshop was very motivating and people who would not have come got a lot out of it."

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## MANY CRYING STUDENTS ASUNDER

by Norman Minnick

A day does not go by that I don't hear a fellow student mumbling complaints. Sometimes their concerns are so heartfelt that the topic continues day to day. Occasionally praise for something is uttered only to be unheard by anyone else. Students have a voice—though it is strong, it is scarcely heard—it seems to only drift from dorm windows or get scrawled upon a bathroom wall.

The school is not to blame and much to blame. Opportunities abound for students to sound their voice. As we enter the campus we are welcomed by the DeHaan Family Forum. This open entrance the DeHaan family has ascribed their name to is symbolic of Marian's openness to discussion. The view from the main entrance of the forum to the spacious campus graced by a free-flowing fountain should reassure any student that they are in a place where they are free to express themselves—their voice should be heard without censure.

There are other avenues as well. The *Carbon* is the only student-run publication on campus. Students should realize they can submit just about anything to the

*Carbon*. This Forum section has been created to welcome students' opinions, concerns, and complaints.

MCSA is an organization for students to have a say on their Marian community. This organization and the Campus Life office are under critical scrutiny lately with the Leadership Seminar and funding bordering on dictatorship, so get involved in this organization and make your voice heard.

Finally, a more jovial means of expressing yourself in the loudest way possible is through artistic means at the *Poets Should Die...Reading* readings held in the Ruth Lilly Student Center. The next reading will be Wednesday the 23rd at 8:00pm. The evening should be rather interesting as many off campus people and students are expected to join in the mirth and merriment.

Dust off your soap box and start spreadin' the news.

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Club presidents and advisors were notified by Hester's office. "If no one else in the club knew about it, that is an issue between the advisor, president, and club. There is only so much that MCSA can do," Ward said. "I don't like required attendance, but it will get people there and those that attend will get the information," Hester said.

Representatives from approximately all but three clubs attended the workshop. There were suggestions made for improving the workshop and making it a more attractive opportunity for students. Anyone having any suggestions can take them to the Campus Life Office.

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## DUELING EDITORS

### That Clinton Thing

#### HE SAID...

by Norman Minnick



I have read the editorials on the issue President Clinton has gotten himself into. The situation has been blown out of proportion, and the point has been lost. It is really simple. The critics are looking at the wrong thing. Yes, the President had an affair with an intern. If a person on the administrative staff here at Marian had an sexual misconduct while on the job, action would certainly be taken.

Clinton and Monica Lewinsky are consenting adults, and some say Clinton's action is his personal business and should not be under public scrutiny. The point that many are failing to acknowledge is that the President lied under oath. For any citizen to lie under oath is a major offense. Clinton is not above the law and should be penalized as any citizen would.

Sure, the President is human and is expected to make mistakes. This does not change the fact that he lied under oath and should be punished accordingly. The President should be tried for perjury and impeached.

#### SHE SAID...

by Viviane Seumel

Okay, let me admit it, I am just as sick as you of the whole sexual and political affair surrounding Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky. But, I guess just like everyone else, I'd like to say my piece about it.

In the beginning of the summer I was in Germany for a few weeks. Of course, the White House "Scandal" news had reached the media there as well. But, things were different. The people I talked to in Germany laughed at the issue, not assigning any significance to it. They couldn't believe how seriously concerned the American public was with its President's sex life. As long as Clinton fulfilled his political duties, they didn't care who he slept with and where. I, being German, shared their views.

When I returned to America in the middle of the summer, the media swamped me with news about the issue. I was mildly interested from a political standpoint - if there was one - but it

drove me crazy when discussions about Monica Lewinsky's weight or hairdo's were aired or printed. Really, who cares!

And now after all this, we have finally reached the impeachable stage, or have we? Once again, the German in me growls and says no to impeachment. Where will we go if lying about sex becomes a high crime or misdemeanor. You have to realize that many former presidents and Congressmen have done the same; the difference is they weren't discovered and covered by the media and a Kenneth Starr. But as the saying goes, what America didn't know - or didn't want to know - didn't hurt.

And there is another difference with the Clinton and Lewinsky affair. We can read all the lurid sexual details on the internet now which is why the web pages are overloaded, not because the American people really want to determine for themselves whether impeachment should be considered.

As for me, I say drop the issue and let the President go back to his work. Meanwhile, the country can concentrate on some other significant issues like the homerun battle between Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa or the video release of *Titanic*.



## COFFEE-MAKERS AND CARS

by Shannon Wilde

I'm uncharacteristically hesitant to review Patachou, located at 49th St. and Pennsylvania. I live right around the corner, and regularly stagger in every morning to get coffee when I'm still too bleary to operate small appliances like coffee-makers and cars. I've also known many of the staff for years. But try not to think of this as shameless nepotism; this is a first class operation, as the daily swarming crowds will attest.

At the Patachou, struggling young bohemian types wait on a yupscale Meridian-Kessler clientele ('cause it makes 'em feel so arty) but they still serve some of the best and most widely varied java choices in town without selling out to Starbuck's. A truly delicious walnut-flavored latte (that's espresso with lots of milk and, for me, sugar) jump-starts me fine, and will set you back \$2.50, which ain't bad, considering the quality. A more prosaic large coffee is \$1.25 with all the help-yourself refills you can stand.

Now, if you're hungry, watch out. The food is just as excellent, but pricey. They make some of the best omelettes in town, but the omelette-of-the-day is \$6.25. It's not too big, but comes with toast and fresh fruit, and the ingredients are always perfect. The

sandwiches are killer-tasty also. At \$5.50, I can't resist the grilled goat cheese and watercress sandwich occasionally. Admittedly, I usually buy to go, but tip anyway, because there's often a line for seating at either the counter or a table, and it's not much of a place to read or meet new people, but the staff is charming, responsive, and very hard-working.

The decorations vary pretty often, as different local artists are featured one-at-a-time throughout the year. They also do up the ceilings each season—I like the autumn theme. Every separator between the foam panelling is festooned with reddish leaves, rubber bats, glow-in-the-dark skulls and whatever else they can get to stay up there.

Overall, this is an upscale, very neighborhood cafe, where the emphasis is on quality. It's a great place to bring parents, dates, and other people you want to impress with good food and a crowd that's visually non-challenging. Even if you get stuck with the bill, it shouldn't sting all that much. And if it's a date, keep in mind that the hours are 7am till 2pm, which should leave plenty of time to make a day of it.

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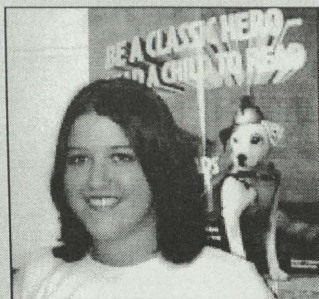
consumer guru of America.

Over the years Nader has brought to light the conditions of nursing homes, Indian reservations, the importance of car safety, and has investigated the FDA and the growth of monopolies within the food industry. He has attacked the advertising that makes people feel like they are eating a healthy diet when, in fact, they are not.

Ralph Nader was an integral part of the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. He has aided in drafting many laws in-

cluding the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Meat and Poultry Inspection rules, and the Freedom of Information Act.

Ralph Nader has written many best-selling books and is listened to by both corporate and private audiences. His influence is widespread, and his message is quite simple: "To go through life as a non-citizen would be to feel that there's nothing you can do, that nobody's listening, that you don't matter. But to be a citizen is to enjoy the deep satisfaction of seeing pain prevented, misery avoided and injustice decline."



by Angela Hatem

## HATEM'S HILLBILLY HIJINX

### Angela's Ashes

I've never tipped over a cow, never husked a stalk of corn, and never was a big fan of "Green Acres." I have neither driven a pick up, nor spent much quality time in a barn with one of the Duke brothers. But last weekend I endeavored to get in touch with country living.

I moseyed out to Montgomery, Indiana with two of my best friends so that I might rapture in the sights, sounds, and stench of the Turkey Trot.

From what I gathered, the Turkey Trot has been an institution in Montgomery long before Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson ever hit the airwaves. With such events as turkey races, demolition derbies, and pig wrestling, I could hardly resist this momentous occasion.

On Saturday evening I was primed. I was going to wrestle bacon. I would be the envy of country folk everywhere, once I grabbed the little squealer by his tiny hooves and pinned him down for the count. I would go on to win the blue ribbon for most consecutive pins of piglets. My children would follow in my footsteps, and one day pig wrestling would become an Olympic event.

Sadly, my night of glory would never come to pass. Pig wrestling had been scheduled for Sunday. And since I had lost my shirt and overalls at the cock fights, I could not afford another

night at the turkey trot extravaganza.

Instead I spent Saturday night taking paintball shots at Bambi's mom.

For one dollar I was allowed to fire three shots at an open wound on this stuffed deer.

I missed every shot at the fawn, but came close to hitting a Mennonite girl who was sitting near by.

I also attempted to enter the beer gardens and drink from the fruit of the vine, but without my I.D. which depicts me as a 45 year-old one-armed veteran, I was out of luck there as well.

My country fiasco picked up on Sunday when I was a participant in a heated game of bingo in which I had managed to sneak seven bingo cards, while everyone else made do with two.

It wasn't until the second-to-last game when I looked down at my corn kernel markers, that I realized I bingoed.

I walked away from the match a proud winner of a Bucket-o-Chicken.

My expectations of my trip were out with the bath water, once I stepped in my first cow patty. But I was pleasantly surprised with all that rural life had to offer. And in the process I learned a valuable life lesson: those who try to fight pork usually end up with only a bucket of chicken.

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# MARIAN KICKS 'EM UP AND DOWN

by Joe Keough

On September 1, the men's soccer team opened its 1998 season in Richmond, Indiana against the Earlham College Quakers. The game proved to be a good early test for the Knights, since Earlham beat the Knights 4-0 last year. With captain Jeff Rotmeyer and forward Josh Finke, the only seniors returning from the '97, 8-11 season, the Knights are going to have to look to some younger players to step up. The first half was a physical battle between both teams ending scoreless. The second half began with an early goal by Earlham coming off a hand ball by one of the Earlham players. The physical play did not stop, and the Quakers were able to find the back of the net once again. The loss did not come without chances for the Knights. Freshman Brian Secor hit the post off two shots as the game came to a close. "The team came out a little nervous at first in front of the hostile crowd, but we started to come together as the game went on," Rotmeyer said.

On Saturday, September 5, the Knights traveled to Louisville to play against Spalding University. After the loss to

Earlham, the Knights wanted to turnaround with a win before conference games begin.

The Knights came out right from the start with an early goal from Finke. The goal loosened the team up because after that the goals just kept coming. The Knights cruised to a 6-1 win. Leading the scoring for the Knights was Marcus Reynolds with 2, Wes Lawson with 1, Adam Murphy 1 and Matt East with 1.

The Knights first conference game was on Tuesday, September 8 against Grace College. The first half was dominated by the Knights, but East was the only player who could find the back of the net for his second goal of the season. The second half started slowly with an early goal by Grace. The chances continued to go back and forth, until Matt Axtel put away the game winner with just over ten minutes to play.

The weekend of September 12, the Knights hosted the Bishops Cup, which included: Dominican University, Chicago, Ohio Dominican College, Columbus, and Brescia College from Owensboro. The Knights first

faced a strong Ohio Dominican team. Both teams played very physical first half that ended with ODC up by one. Unfortunately for the Knights, the one goal put in by East was not enough to come back after ODC scored two more times to seal a 3-1 victory.

The Knights werethen to face Brescia College, which lost a tough game to Dominican University 6-0 the day before. The Knights knew what they had to do to win the game, and took little time in doing so when freshman Cory Raimondi put in an early goal to put the Knights up 1-0. Just before the half was over, Junior Joe Keough put the Knights up 2-0 with a shot that deflected just past the goalie. In the second half Axtel was able to power in a third goal to finish off Brescia 3-0.

Ohio Dominican College proved to be the better team in the Cup, after they beat Dominican University by the score of 3-1.

The next Knights game will be on Tuesday, September 25 against Indiana Wesleyan at 7:00 pm.

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have been resurrected from their graves of decay, and when you least expect it, a tune like *Shake Your Booty* comes tweeking out of your speakers! The fashion crowd seems to think that although the 70's may have been slightly lacking as far as tab collars and polyester, they sure knew how to groove.

My sister could be getting big bucks for some of those albums if she hadn't thrown them all out after following suit with the rest of the world and replacing those clean faces on her walls with the painted ones of Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley. Me? I'm praying that the polyester leisure suits stay six feet under where they belong, and I'm brushing up on my Moonwalk in case Break-Dancing resurfaces with the living.



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