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Commuters Finally Getting a Fair Meal Deal

N.M. Gasco

Beginning next semester a 10-meal plan will finally be offered to commuters at the same price as resident students. The current plan charges commuters $742, while residents pay just $590. The idea for such a meal plan was first brought up last spring, when residential meal plans were announced. At this time, Sean Gallagher and other students, who were mostly residents planning to move off campus, approached Mark Morphew, Food Service Director, to suggest offering a similar plan for commuters.

Mark pointed out that the meal plans are college programs and not ARA programs. He stated that the main reason for the delay of instituting a commuter meal plan at that time was the fact that it wouldn't be practical. With every plan, however, there are disadvantages. One disadvantage students brought up concerning the plan is that it isn't very flexible. It can't be used in the Snack Bar except during normal exchange hours. Also, once the 10 meal plan is purchased, the student is 'locked in' as far as using it. If the student doesn't use all 10 meals one week, he is not given credit to use towards other meals later. Some students prefer to purchase the Commuter Meal Card where a student gets 60 meal credits for $99.00. Being a dollar for dollar deal, the student is able to use every dollar. The disadvantage is that for some students who consistently eat on campus, 60 credits don't last longer than two or three weeks.

New Ramp Gives Handicapped Access to Chapel

Karen Walsh

It's costing the country billions of dollars, but it's mandated that everyone comply with the rules. Ron Koberstein, director of facilities at Marian, explains, "The 1991 Americans with Disabilities Act states that it is mandatory to provide accommodations to all people."

Therefore, Marian is in the midst of building a new ramp outside of Marian Hall, which Koberstein says should be ready for use within the next couple of weeks. Marian Hall already has one ramp that is accessible to virtually everything in the building—that is, everything except the chapel. The existing ramp allows for entrance into the college's primary classroom building, and once inside, they could ride the elevator to any floor they wished. The problem area was the chapel, isolated on the first floor of Marian Hall. Anyone in a wheelchair was denied access to this facility because of the unavoidable steps leading to it.

Kurt Cleeter, a senior English major who is confined to a wheelchair, looks forward to the additional ramp. "It's the only way to get to the chapel," says Cleeter. "I've never been there before and now I'll get the chance."

Marian is trying to make the campus more accessible to people like Kurt.

Marian's first project under the new law was the ramp. Other future projects include removing some seats from the auditorium and replacing them with platforms and widening doorways.

Koberstein commented that "It is estimated that 43 million Americans have disabilities...and we need to bring [these people] back into society...If Marian becomes more accessible, hopefully more disabled people will feel they can come here.

Voter Registration has Good Turnout

Claudia Struewing

On September 17-18, voter registration for the 1992 election was held right here on the Marian College campus. A total of sixty students showed up over a two-day period to take advantage of this opportunity.

Andy Murphy, Director of Public Relations, remarked that she was quite pleased with the overall turnout as well as the positive attitude presented by those registering.

In general, those registering were first-time voters or students not able to return home on election day.

While this may seem like a remarkably small show of participation in comparison to the number of students at Marian, it really is not. When questioned, George Spaeth pointed out that more than not, the non-traditional commuter students are more inclined to take the initiative to register on their own since they have most likely been voting for some years.

As far as the remainder of Marian's population is concerned, many students have already registered in their hometown.

Spaeth also commented on the importance of students becoming involved in their local elections. While the presidential race is most certainly in the forefront of our country's mind at present, we should not lose sight of the issues at the local level.

Voters should research the candidates and the issues at hand since these local elections will have a more direct effect on them in their hometown.

Spaeth's final words of wisdom were that "voters should vote knowledgeably"—some excellent advice.
Letters

Reply to the Anti-baby Killing Letter

Let me see if I have this straight, George... George Bush is the pro-life candidate, right? Is this the same guy who is a vigorous supporter of capital punishment? (The death sentence is highly biased toward poor and black men in the U.S. which is one of the few (if not only) "modern" countries that carry it out... we'll show the rest of the world how much we have by killing those who don't).

Is this the same guy who used to head the CIA, an institution that, according to one of its ex-opera­tives, John Stockwell is responsible for death squads and fascist dictator­ships all over the third world with approximately 6 million tortured and killed human beings under their reign of terror in the past generation? Is this the same guy who claims as his most signifi­cant accomplishment the bombing of a country back to the stone age with "collateral damage" well beyond their reign of terror?

It is the same guy who paraded one of the daughters of the Kuwaiti elite in front of the Ameri­can people and (as we found out later) blatantly lied about Iraqi soldiers pulling the plug on infant incubators? Of course, by carpet bombing the total infrastructure of Iraq, I think we can be assured that Iraqi babies in incubators died when the pro-life candidate gave the orders to "pull the plug" on the electrical power generating facili­ties.

Is this the same guy who takes great pride in standing tall in the saddle while a Harvard physician group estimates that due to the bombing of power plants, water supplies, food storage facilities, etc. and the continued embargo, another 100-200,000 thousand chil­dren have or will die in Iraq? Let's talk about "baby killing".... It is true that George Bush opposes abortion (and I applaud that), but it is the wealthy and power­ful elite whose profit-making interests he rep­resents and whose "national security" ideology he endorses makes a real mockery of the label "pro-life."

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When are we going to have a real political choice rather than only two variations of the above? (Perot is a third choice rather than only a Harvard physician group estimates that due to the bombing of power plants, water supplies, food storage facilities, etc. and the continued embargo, another 100-200,000 thousand chil­dren have or will die in Iraq? Let's talk about "baby killing".... It is true that George Bush opposes abortion (and I applaud that), but it is the wealthy and power­ful elite whose profit-making interests he rep­resents and whose "national security" ideology he endorses makes a real mockery of the label "pro-life."

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R. Michael Clark

Matt Laker

(Doyle R.A.)

It's 1:30 a.m. on an early morning. I have been trying to sleep for an hour but questions keep coming to my mind. The main question is "Why has the 'Pit' of Doyle Hall flooded twice within the last 48 hours?"

Another question- "Does anyone care?"

I know the residents on my floor care! With their carpeting, speakers, clothing, etc. soaked and in many cases ruined, they worked tirelessly to clean up a mess that they were in no way responsible for. It would have been very easy for them to put tow­els under their doors and leave the clean-up to someone else, but they didn't and for this I commend them.

Another question- "What's Happening where does our rising tuition money go? I realize tuition must cover many expenses, but painting hallways and rooms and "furnishing" us with blinds and cable TV is just not enough! One needs only look at the boiler room that has been the sight of these two floods to know that major work is needed.

Having lived at Doyle for 4 years, I am tired of seeing things "bandaged" until further problems arise. I would like an­swers to my question but more than that I want action! Only then will I sleep peacefully.

In closing, I wish to again thank my residents for remaining calm and acting responsibly. Also thanks to my fellow RA's, Dan, Tammy, Jeremy, and Mr. Hemmerich and John Moss for all your help-it is greatly appreciated!
O Sweet Spontaneous

Cross Country Team Races to the Finish

Whitney Mueller

Rain or shine, six females and ten males from the Marian cross country team warm up, run, and stretch for at least an hour each day preparing for Saturday meets. At these meets, the women run 3.1 miles and the men run 5 miles. To some, this may seem fairly easy. However, to truly be competitive, a man must run each mile in 5.4 to 5.45 minutes. Likewise, a woman must run each mile in 6 to 7 minutes. It takes most of us 5 to 6 minutes to sprint to class every morning much less run a mile. Obviously, cross country team members must love to run. According to Coach Roberts, a cross country runner must not only love running but also be self-motivated to constantly improve his or her speed and endurance. By constantly improving their individual performances, these runners will better the team as a whole. Cross country encourages the success of the individual as well as the success of the team. As a team, our runners hope to finish in the top 7 runners at the conference level and in the top 15 runners at the district level. At this point, our team has finished in the top half of every meet. Coach Roberts feels everyone is running well, especially this early in the season.

On October 31st, the cross country conference will be hosted here at Marian. All Marian students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend and make this conference a truly "spirited" event.

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"Comedian with the Eyechart" Entertains Marian

Will Fehlinger

On the evening of September 22, Marian students were entertained in the auditorium by comedian and master impersonator, Carlos Alazraqui, who began his tour of eleven colleges here. Alazraqui succeeded in amusing the crowd for approximately an hour with his style of improvisational humor, randomly mixing his barrage of impressions and comical sounds, to produce a satisfying show.

Among Alazraqui's bevy of impersonations (he has 40 to 50 in his repertoire) were Bill Clinton, George Bush, Gene Wilder, Dustin Hoffman's "Rainman," Homey and Marge Simpson, and Betty Rubble.

He touched on everything from political satire to different city and state attitudes (Chicago, San Francisco, Texas) to a humorous approach to his Latin American culture, namely his mother. At one point in the show, looking for a guinea pig in the crowd, someone called the name of Todd Wilson, a Marian student, and throughout the remainder of the show, Alazraqui used Todd as the brunt of his jokes, to the delight of the crowd.

Alazraqui, who is a full-time comedian and part-time voice for animation, said he got into comedy due to urgings from his college peers. His biggest gig was a performance on MTV's 1/2 hour comedy hour.

Alazraqui eventually would like to star in sitcoms or be a character actor in films "like a Bruno Kirby type." (Good Morning Vietnam, City Stickers)

Alazraqui commented, "I like doing colleges because they pay more. Clubs pay by the week. Also, at colleges, I can go off the cuff and expand because I am given an hour, whereas in clubs, only 20-25 minutes. I like doing colleges because there's no smoke and like the fact I can take more chances with the material.

If you missed him on Tuesday, you will have a chance to see this master of voices definitely on A&E's Evening on the Road in '93 and possibly even Star Search.

At-Your-School: Child Service needs two assistants to work in after-school childcare program at Cold Spring Elementary from 4:45-6:00 Monday through Friday. Experience working in groups. For more information call 283-3817.

Marian's runners lead the pack through the Wetlands. (Photo by Jose Argiz)
Just a Thought

Wastewater Olympics?

Do you often have the urge to flush the toilet whenever someone mentions the word "Olympics"? If so, you were probably one of spectators at the Wastewater Olympics.

Of course, Nicole was there to congratulate Indianapolis for winning the regional and to cheer on the great American sewer workers as they fearlessly trudged through the challenging categories.

There were truck rodeos, safety drills and other categories that required great speed and stamina. Some included ones where the participants had to lay sewer pipes against the clock, dismantle and reassemble a pump, put on gear and safety suits in record time (then run 5 miles). Yes there was even one, that was Nicole's personal favorite, in which the chosen, the few and the proud were able to compete in a brain busting analysis of waste water samples.

The Department of Public Works did a great job on P.R. (yes, they DID brag about this). The logo was the same as the "real" Olympics, (the 5 rings Nicole sees plastered on McDonald's cups and Coke cans), with the exception that (brace yourself for this one) the rings were transformed into SEWER PIPES. Of course, they were kind enough to leave out the sewage-like stuff spraying from deteriorating pipes around the city and probably from Nicole's bathroom right now; these were clean pipes. But, clean pipes or not, Nicole questioned this concept.

She's heard of making clean pipes or not, Nicole was certainly up to date on ar

This Wastewater Olympic spirit is a bit much. Wasn't it bad enough that the Indianapolis Department of Public Works held annual "wastewater" picnics?!! Besides, who's working on the sewer system if all of Indy's "best" men are busy preparing for the next level of competition? Now just as you are putting down this paper in disgust and criticizing Nicole for writing such filth, keep in mind that the scary part is that every word is REAL. This is real news, Nicole set the need and duty as a responsible journalist to inform the public about Indy's accomplishment and to share the pride of living in a city of Olympic heroes. Of course, she'll keep you up to date on who gets the gold, but right now she has to go carry the torch.

Knights Notes

Are you interested in alcohol/drug education? Have you been involved with S.A.D.D. or similar organizations? A student group is currently working on an exciting project related to these topics. Please join us for an informal pizza party/meeting on Tuesday, Sept 29 at 7 p.m. in Alverna Student Center.

Attention Creative People! The Senior class is sponsoring a contest to design the 1993 Senior T-shirt. All ideas and entries are welcome. Please submit your ideas to the Senior Class Representative mailbox in Room 201 of Alverna by October 13.

Interested in cycling? Want to become involved as a team manager/volunteer road manager? Or do you just want to get involved? Contact Terry Hoefer at 291-5319 for more information.

The Psychology Club will be having a meeting in the West Dining Room on Thursday, October 1 from 5:15-6:00. Anyone interested may attend. Feel free to bring your dinner.

Wastewater Olympics?

- David Hicks

Greetings! Welcome to the first printing of this column. This section is to allow Marian students to find things not always seen by all. For example: Those of you who don't wander around The Canteen probably have not noticed the sarcastic comic strip. The parable behind this strip has a real beginning. The characters are real but the names are different.

The creator, David Hicks, says he has many ideas for this illusive cartoon and hopes we all enjoy it. "Nichedemus," the mouse, "is the mascot for this unusual crowd," says Hicks. The reality of these people is a good morning joke for those with a sense of unusual humor. Hicks wishes for those who view this series to look upon it as a funny soap operatic reality of the Marian College student. Hicks has no definite format planned for his comic, but for the main reason, that he believes life is too unique to be structured.

For those of you who might wonder, one would call such a sarcastic ideaism; Hicks calls it "I be Canteen Crew."

The cartoon is strictly for enjoyment. Hicks asks, though, that even though the strip may deal with racial, sexual or political comment or jokes, please do not take them seriously. I hope that everyone will enjoy the strip as well as I do, and I hope to continue seeing it around campus.

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