Baseball Spring Break
by Steve Ahaus and Wendy Nene

While many Marian students were packing suntan lotion and bathing suits for a week on the beach, the baseball team was preparing for a trip to Florida where they would play many teams from around the country. Steve Ahaus, who normally plays left field, third base, or pitcher, kept a journal to let everyone know just what it is like to be on spring break with the baseball team.

Saturday, March 6
6:30 p.m. - We arrive at the P.E. Center and start loading the bus. We pack all equipment, luggage, and food on the bus. Seniors get choice of seat. Of course that means the back, and then on down the line. Coach runs down the rules of conduct and expectations.

7:30 p.m. - We start the euchre tournament, and the teams are chosen at random. The people not playing at the time are watching Billy Madison on the TV's.

11:00 p.m. - We are stopped at a truck stop and everyone is stretching and glad to get off the bus for a break. We just started.

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Spring Break in Greece
by Suzanne Walker

For Springbreak, 94 members of the Marian College community enjoyed a trip to Greece. Four students, Brian Noffke, Denise Stocklile, Benjamin Tebbe, and I, professors, their spouses, some of the Sisters, and some alumni all came together for this fabulous experience. I kept a journal and here are the special moments of the trip.

March 7 — A little after 9:30 a.m., we arrived in Athens. We were so excited. The first thing we noticed was the sun and the palm trees. Some interesting things about the Athens airport: when we got off the plane, we were watched carefully by two guards with machine guns. Then, typical of Athens, there was a cat sleeping nonchalantly on top of a computer. We were to find that cats and dogs run rampant throughout the cities, often having the privilege of doing things we could not do, such as actually sleeping on the floor of the Parthenon. When we drove our bus to the hotel, I saw the Acropolis for one brief shining moment! I was so excited!

March 8 — This morning we took the tour of the Acropolis. Seeing all the pictures in my Humanities book come alive was fabulous! The Roman Theater was amazing, but the Greek one was bigger although it was not restored as much. Our tour guide was very good and gave us many lessons in Greek as well as facts on the structure of the Parthenon, such as this one: the columns were tilted inward a bit, so that if they were extended 6000 feet, they would form a pyramid! The view of the city was spectacular — Athens spread out bordered by high rocky hills. We saw everything in my Humanities art book about the Acropolis: the propyla, the temple to Nike, the Porch of the Maidens, the Parthenon, and the two theaters. I can not say enough about how incredible seeing these structures up close and personal was. After an interesting lunch of raw fish, not our favorite meal of the trip, we set out on an hour bus ride to the southern cape of Souvin. The ride itself was wonderful. We took a seaside road and got to look at the very blue and green waters of the Aegean Sea.

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Spring Break in Oldenburg
by Domenica Degnara and Angela Cooley

Monday, March 8: We, Domenica and Angela, and Sister Linda headed to Michaela Farms in Oldenburg, Indiana on the spring break mission trip. When we arrived at Michaela Farms, we met up with two other volunteers from IUPUI and St. Claire, the coordinator of the trip. We had an orientation meeting in which we learned the history of the farm and what our schedule would be for the week. After the meeting we had lunch and we got to know the interns who would be working with us. They gave us a tour of the farm. We got to see the cows, beefalo (a cross between a cow and a buffalo), sheep, goats, ducks, and chickens. They told us the different chores that went with each of the animals. Then each of us was paired up with an intern to do farm chores every morning and afternoon for the rest of the trip.

Tuesday, March 9: We woke up about six inches of snow and it was still falling. To our dismay, the snow did not slow down the farm chores. As the snow fell at a steady rate, we helped build an electric fence and split wood for the stove that heated the house. After lunch, we worked in the barn spreading straw in the pens for the ducks and chickens. Then we cleaned our trough and pen for the pigs who would soon be joining the farm. Next we went to the root cellar where we sorted through the potatos, squash, and onions and picked out all rotten, squishy, moldy ones. Thankfully, all the rotten vegetables were fed to the pigs.

Wednesday, March 10: The snow had all turned to ice, so Charles, the manager of the farm, decided to have us work in the greenhouse. First we put up some isolation around the windows. Then we planted basil, lettuce, and onions. Next we helped move flats of plants (heavy ones) from one greenhouse to another. After lunch we made about a half mile journey to see the strawbail house built in the side of a hill, inhabited by a couple who works on the farm lives in. It is made of straw with some sort of plaster surrounding it. The house has no electricity and a hand-pumped well serves as the water source. We were impressed by the simple life-style this couple leads.

Thursday, March 11: The snow was starting to melt, so everybody was doing fencing all day long. We learned how to wrap the wire around the posts and put Oldenburg continued on page 3
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10:30 p.m. - Team curfew. All players must be in their room and prepare for tomorrow's game. Set the alarm for 8:00 a.m., set to leave at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 8
6:30 p.m. - Game time is over and we won 10-3. Craig Prifogle pitched very well. We are going to just play one but we decided to play two.

10:00 p.m. - The second game is over and we lost 6-5. We came back from being down 5-3 in the last inning, but they scored in the bottom of the seventh to beat us 6-5.

Tuesday, March 9
12:30 p.m. - We arrived at the park and took batting practice and then played Evangel University the first of two games. We battled the first game, but lost 5-3. We are now in-between games and we are eating turkey and ham sandwiches they brought. Shawn Harmon threw well, and Brian Brown hit a home-run.

3:00 p.m. - The second game is now over and we showed major signs of fatigue. We did not come out ready to play and it showed. We got beat 12-0. We wasted no time, we got right on the bus and headed for Jackson-ville. We are now settled in and relaxing. We spend more time on the bus than anywhere else. Movie #9 Seven.

Wednesday, March 10
11:30 a.m. - We just won the first game against William Jewell, 5-2. Scott Selm threw very well, and we hit well as a team. Brian Brown got hurt, and Mark True, who has never caught before, did a great job filling in.

Thursday, March 11
2:30 p.m. - We ended the trip on a positive note. We beat William Jewell 6-4. We ended the trip with 3 wins and 4 losses. That is not bad considering we always play tough teams in Florida. Matt Weberding pitched very well, considering he hasn't pitched since high school, four years ago.

Friday, March 12
8:00 a.m. - We are back in Indy. The snow is not a welcomed sight, but anything is better than being on the bus at this point. Staring next we move into the very important conference season.

Thursday, March 18
The team played its first home game against Taylor University and lost the first game 3-0 but won the next game at 6-5.

Home games coming up soon are March 30 vs. Purdue North Central at 1:00 and April 3 vs. Huntington at 1:00.

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The Rants and Ravings of Christian Ragan

• In San Antonio, 15 youngsters demolished a house using karate.
• Despite the James Bond cliché, a martini should be stirred, not shaken.
• There once was a town in Arizona called Nothing with a population of four.
• A Zippo® lighter contains 22 parts.
• The first Frisbee® was a metal pie tin made by the Frisbee Pie Tin Company.
• A band called Homer and Jethro has a song called "I've Got Tears in My Ears from Lying On My Back in Bed While I Cry Over You."

Oldenburg continued from page 1 on insolators, and we hammered in many staples that day. Both of us decided that carpentry isn't in our futures.

The highlight of the day was our attempt to get Sr. Linda's car out of the parking space. Some of the snow had melted by mid-afternoon, so we decided it would be a good time to move the car. Our other motive for moving the car in the middle of the afternoon was to avoid some of the strenuous fence work. The problem wasn't in moving the car, it was in trying to turn it around. Domenica did fine backing the car out of the space, but when she wanted to turn the wheels to get the car fighting in the right direction, the car inched itself down the incline and into the front yard. For about ten minutes, we tried everything to push the car up onto the road. The only progress we made was that either of us had expected. We both really enjoyed being able to see the simple lifestyles of those in organic farming. We also learned a lot about organic farming: however, we were disappointed by the lack of spiritual focus of the trip. We did a lot of work, but due to the lack of spiritual instruction, it was hard for us to make the connection of how our work was affecting human kind. Both of us feel we would have gotten more out of the trip if there would have been more time for reflecting on the beauty of God's creation around us.

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Living this simple life-style for one week did bring us to a deeper appreciation for the gifts we have. This trip allowed us to see how materialistic and self-centered our world can become.

Greece continued from page 1 temple to Poseidon, the god of the sea. It was beautiful, but I have to admit that the view was even better; small islands disappearing into the haze and beautiful waters dotted with the white caps of the waves.

March 11— ... from where we went on to Epidaurus, an ancient Greek theater in impeccable condition with perfect acoustics and marvelous seating at 13,000! It was incredible! If actors stood in the center of the orchestra circle and whispered, they could be clearly heard in the very top row! This was probably the most exciting part of the trip for many of us. Brian, Denise, Ben and I all ran ahead to get there first. We all took turns reciting the monologues and bits that we had rehearsed. It continued from page 1

Angela's Ashes

As I dug through my trunk filled with my spring shorts and summer tank tops, I began to well up with excitement. In a few brief hours I would be in a jumbo jet hovering over my homeland. I would have a week filled with relaxation and catching up with friends I hadn't seen in months. Not since Christmas had so much joy sprung into my life. Once you overlook my two different flights that happened to be delayed and the disease I was stricken with 20 minutes before landing in Miami the whole trip seemed very worthwhile.

I thought that I was luckily having an aneurism. With an aneurism I am pretty much guaranteed a quick death, but I was dealt a far worse fate. I had a sinus infection. Flying and sinus infections do not collate like Corona and beach. For starters, flying while flying the friendly skies was not on my clipboard of fun. Secondly, I did not want unseeded peanuts to be my last meal.

Alas, three of my days were spent under the hazy delusion of drugs. I was unable to leave the house, nor savor the meals of homecooking that were thrust in front of me. All food tasted like peanuts to be my last meal.

In the end I felt like I had been given IV. drip of vodka. I was so relaxed my whole body was numb. I had finally achieved the relaxation I craved. I had achieved one of my goals. And if Carlo is single and willing to deliver massages on command, I could possibly be hearing wedding bells next Spring Break.
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hearsed specifically for this moment. Just sitting there was amaz­ing, but to hear Ben's voice ringing out with such clarity was even more exciting. Hearing your own voice right there in front of you was such an experience! It gave you energy and confidence that can not be gotten in a regular the­ater like the Marian Hall auditorium.

March 14—We embarked around 7:00 for Ephesus, in Kusadosi, Turkey. We went on a bus and met our tour guide Mahmut who took us through the ancient city of Ephesus. We were walking on the actual streets of the Ephesians! The excavations were still under way with entire hill­sides left to uncover. We saw three main streets complete with shops and boutiques, homes of the very rich, public bath houses and la­trines, lampposts, marble streets flanked by columns and (drum roll please) an incredibly restored library and outdoor theater! This theater was bigger than Epidaurus seating 24,000! After that we took advantage of the fact that we were in Turkey to look at some Turkish rugs being crafted from pure silk; a definite investment at the special price of thousands of dollars.

This is only a small part of four days of our amazing eleven day trip. Our trip also included a full day tour of Delphi, another ancient city; wonderful days and evenings in Athens; a three day cruise stopping at the Grecian is­lands of Mykonos, Rhodes, and Patmos; and countless wonderful meals of veal, lamb, beef, and chicken, not to mention the yummy side dishes that were totally Greek. It was an incredible experience, probably the most in­credible of my whole life.

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