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 Is this what you hope for as you complete your education?

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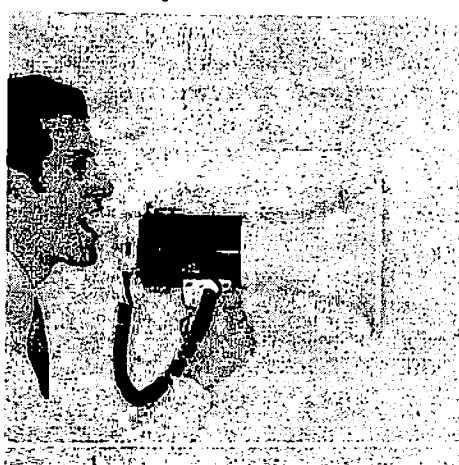
What is McGregor VOICE?

By Charlotte Dungan

You are holding in your hands the very first premiere issue of McGregor VOICE, a newsletter designed entirely by McGregor students, for McGregor students. The articles printed here can be on any topic and will range from poetry to essay to reviews on current events. The only criteria for participating is being a student! This is your chance to let your voice be heard on the subjects that you care about.

This newsletter came about after I did a survey on campus last spring. The survey asked students and faculty how they felt about relocating the campus away from its current location. While the majority of respondents were not in favor of the move (see page 4), the most interesting statistic for me was that

students, both for and against the relocation, did not feel that they had any input into the process. In fact, there are no official weekend college student organizations on campus whatsoever.



There is no student government, or even a representative that is available to give student input. Articles submitted to the student newsletter were

threatened with censorship by the administration. Even more importantly, there is no funding available for proposed student organizations that wish to form. This newsletter was

initially proposed as an official campus entity, but was forced underground because no funds would be allocated toward its publication, nor would we have been free of censorship by the administration had it been published officially. What a shame!

This is a truly free paper. Any article submitted by a current student on any topic that is protected by free speech laws will be published. This is your chance to use your VOICE in a positive way. Stand up. Write in. We are all listening. †

Listening Session Scheduled for September 30, 2006

Many students feel that they have not had input on campus issues; therefore, we will be having a listening session during the lunch period on September 30, 2006. Please pack your lunch and meet in the large conference room for an hour of dialogue. This is a chance for students to talk together about the challenges on campus and how to improve areas that need help, as well

as share to our positive stories of our time at Antioch. Faculty and staff may attend and listen but the dialogue will take place between students only. Depending on the success of this first session, more may be scheduled with specific topics as requested by the participants. Please feel welcome to come even if this is your first term (or last term!) on campus. †

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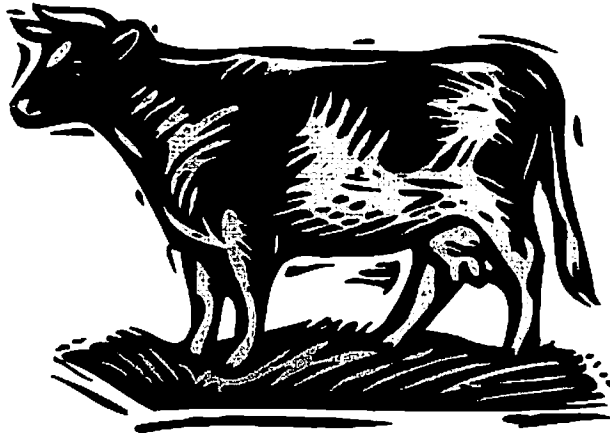
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Mass-Market Education

By Kristina McKenzie

I have heard it said that the greatest thing in life is not how well you live, but how much happiness you find in doing it. For many years, I attended a mass meat market, secretly disguised as a college. I felt like a cow, patiently waiting for a morsel of food that I would learn to swallow, as a piece of the dismal reality I was living. I followed the other animals down the great halls to await the slaughter, sniffing the rear of the one in front of me and furtively wishing I could somehow break away and graze on the green pastures that lay just beyond the doors of my confinement. I had changed into a creature with a number. Although no other cow had the same number, the numbers were similar in their restrictive nature.

I was fed what the farmers had to present. Out of fear of a good old fashioned butchering, I learned how to bite what they had to offer, never questioning its quality or taste. Days turned into nights and nights turned into days, until eventually, with much dismay, the meadow I dreamed of seemed too far from reach. Free choice and thinking became something of the past, as the boards of my stanchion squeezed even more tightly



around my neck. The other cows seemed happy, eagerly awaiting their daily handful of straw, but I was not content, I wanted a piece of something else. I knew that there had to be more to my existence.

One day my chain snapped and I leapt over the electric fence, never contemplating the consequences. I wasn't worried about the gashes in my legs from the barbed wire, I just ran with sheer determination and purpose. The wind of change blew on my face, carrying freedom on its back. Liberty smiled at me, as if to say, "Welcome home, my wounded calf. I will take you to a place of healing where you will lose your number and gain a name."

As I approached the stone steps of Antioch's South Hall, my tail fell free from my body, smacking the earth below with a

loud thud. My cylindrical snout began to grow a point, and with every step I took, my stomachs were ripped from my body. The clattering of my hooves dissipated, allowing my breath to become audible. Independence sang a sweet melody in my ear. The tang of sunshine covered my palate, as I drew fresh air into my lungs. I was emerging from this creature, free and new, feeling whole again.

I was greeted by a gentle man, who contained something in his hand. I eagerly outstretched my arm, revealing my palm, and patiently waited to receive the object. He spoke with a tender voice and said, "This is for you." The article was warm and shiny, and I took it gratefully. I had seen this familiar item on the hips of my gatekeepers. They liked to flash them around in a teasing fashion. I remembered how I had longed to have a key of my own to unlock the potential I had within. I was now free to think and feel the way I chose. I no longer had to wait for my daily force-feeding of slop. I could eat what I wanted, without being reprimanded, and without the fear of being mutilated by a man with a cleaver. †

"The wind of change blew on my face, carrying freedom on its back."

Talk Back!

What educational experiences have influenced you?

How did you find yourself attending Antioch McGregor?

What do you love—or hate—about your experience here?

How did the essay above relate to your perception of education?

Email responses to Editor@McGregorVoice.com for publication in the next issue.



For the 2006 McGregor Classics Grads

By Bomani Moyenda

Now, that you have navigated the mighty rivers of the forward flow of human history,
Confronted the Gargantuan shadow of the Classics Curriculum
With the toughness of your courage,
With jaw-dropping wonder,

Sometimes awe-struck
Like Ancient Egyptians shading themselves from the white
hot rays of Ra
Or contemplating the source of the Nile floods,

You have imagined with the long-ago Orientals, transform-
ing, interpreting the ferociousness of crackling lightning and
thunder into a divine litany of multifaceted gods,
Trying to explain the world, themselves and the beasts from
the East



And that goddamned workbook!
Week after week causing your week to rise and fall like the Roman Empire.
Every time you got one you uttered a silent shriek,
An instant firing of your synapses
A DRINK! A DRINK!
But you grunted and groaned and bounded onward like a Roman warlord

You have given birth to a new self
But only after meticulously inspecting the walls of the womb of all mankind,
Shooting the shit with Zoroaster and getting unconfused with Confucius.

You contemplated the Good Life with Socrates and fortified your soul so tough you found yourself sittin' in
a dream with the old boy sippin' hemlock under a palm tree,
Jumped up in Alexander's face and shouted "Don't burn the library fool!"
There's hidden wisdom in there!!

He was later to pour his tears at your feet in libation, begging forgiveness for his belligerent transgression
Then you recreated Greek Theatre within just two week's time
And dazzled and dizzied Bacchus himself with your steaming passions,
And rode with the Great Crusaders
Protested with the Protestants
And forewarned the world of the destructive cycles spun out by history unlearned
Up, down, like a drunken Bacchanal ritual

Ahh you've crawled head-first down the toothy throat of Capitalism and emerged from its ass smelling like
Chairman Mao!

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"You have given
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(Classics Grads—continued from page 3)

And by now you have finally figured out the unique interplay between
 Order and Chaos
 Anarchy and Democracy
 Conservatism and Liberalism
 And perverse media manipulation
 That could deliver for us a leader
 Not only one hollow-eyed mud-for-brains burning Bush,
 But two!

All of this you mastered while juggling
 home,
 family,
 work,
 Relationships

and whatever else human beings aint supposed to be able to do simultaneously
 Sometimes with a drink in one hand and maybe one leg in the air, and still gather yourself for battle
 Swooping down like a hawk after prey, swinging your feet gracefully forward
 At the perfect time to leave your footprints planted firmly on the joyous waiting ass,
 The Golden Ass of America
 Fly on baby! †

"87.5% of students surveyed did not find out about the relocation until they were already attending."

McGregor Relocation Survey Results from Spring 2006

By Charlotte Dungan, with thanks to all students and faculty that participated in the survey

Do students and faculty want to move to the new building? Were students involved in the process? Is this a fiscally responsible decision? These are some of the questions that the survey posed to the Spring 2006 weekend college students.

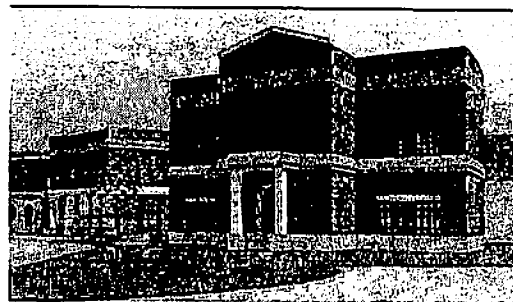
The most astonishing statistic was that 87.5% of students surveyed did not find out about the relocation until they were already attending. Furthermore, only 10% of students felt that they had an opportunity to be involved with the process, and 59% of faculty and 65% of students disapprove of the move. I believe that some of the dissent on campus stems from a lack of opportunity to provide meaningful input into the decision-making process.

The President disputes these

findings based on her own \$50,000 research study, but the results of that research have never been released publicly.

The student-led survey results are published in their entirety online at <http://www.McGregorSurvey.com>. The site also contains a link to the Yellow Springs News article

that created a firestorm within the faculty ranks and a transcribed interview with President Gellman-Danley discussing the relocation project and other campus decisions. Finally, the site contains a forum where all interested parties can discuss issues related to the move.



An architectural rendering of the proposed building, as seen on the www.McGregor.Edu website. The latest renderings are also available in the lobby of Sontag Fels.

Fun Times on the Bike Path

By Kara Beebee

Many of us commute to school each Saturday from a far-away land (Dayton), and even other galaxies (Cincinnati and Columbus, anyone?). I am one of those other-galaxy dwellers, enjoying my happy little existence in the realm of Clintonville, a Columbus burg. Each week I make the trek to Yellow Springs for Saturday school madness - albeit a much enjoyed and learned day - and, as I suppose like many of you, I do not often take time to check out the local intrigue of this wonderful, little town. However, I did grow up in Springfield, and my sisters and I rode and boarded horses here in YS, so I have a tad bit of the inside and experienced scoop. One great outlet for exercise, nature, and fun (all in one!) is the Little Miami Scenic Trail, or as I've always referred to it: the Bike Path.

This marvelous and FREE outlet (or inlet, depending on your take) runs from Springfield to south Milford, just north of Cincinnati, and is 78 miles long. It is literally just out the back door (or more probably the front) of Antioch's campus, running parallel to Corry St. This can provide a welcome respite from the classroom at lunch-time, allowing those of you who might feel stress creeping in to opt for a little exercise and fresh

air-- more optimal than freaking out from the heavy class load, trust me. A short stroll down the path will take you to Glen Helen Nature Preserve, one of the most beautiful, peaceful, and sacred places in Ohio. I recommend packing your food and heading there for a truly memorable lunch hour.

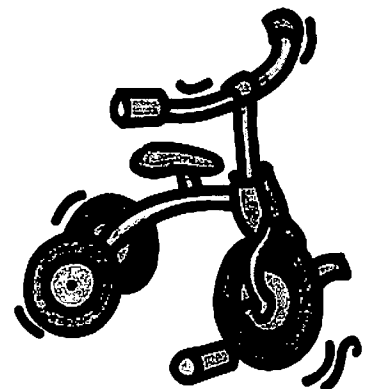
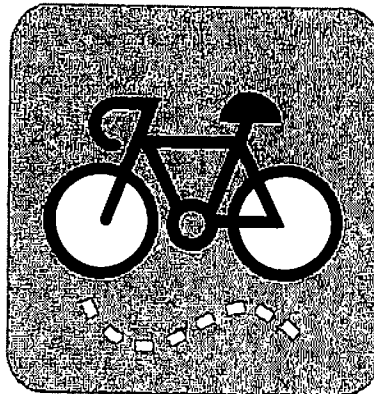
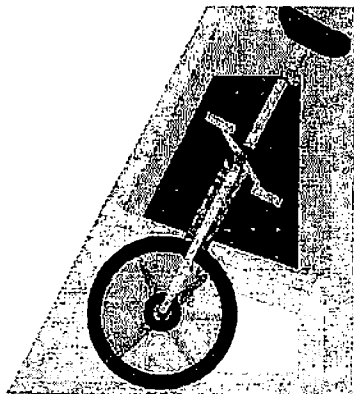
When you find yourself with some free time (which may not occur until December 3), plan to take your family, your loved one, a friend, or me (just kidding!) to the Bike Path for a day trip. Bring your bikes to Yellow Springs, Xenia, or one of the myriad of parking lots available along the path from Springfield to Waynesville to start your trip for a great day of outdoor fun. If you do not have a bike, start your excursion in Xenia at K & G Bike Center, which will gladly rent you a bike for the day. (See all posted web addresses for all trail and bike shop information: there are shops in YS too, but they no longer rent, sad to say!) These fun day trips can be easier, shorter excursions: 5-10 miles, or an all day event: 20-30 miles!

I recently took a 24 mile ride with my mother from a parking area just north of Xenia to Young's Dairy (hooray for ice cream!) and then back again. We stopped for lunch in YS along

the way, and spent four hours enjoying the sunshine and fresh air on our trip.

There are also many trails that splinter from the main Bike Path, which provide many ways to explore south-western Ohio in environmentally-friendly style! Just make sure to bring water, sunscreen, and know your limits and ability level. All of these splinter trails, as well as all the other bike shops, pictures, restaurants, campgrounds and hotels, parking areas, restrooms and water stops, local areas of interest, and places to explore can be easily found at: <http://www.miamivalleytrails.org/Xenia%20to%20Yellow%20Springs.htm#Bike%20shops>. This wonderful website is an all-encompassing way to make plans for a great day. It will even give you the break down of trip lengths, routes you might take, and photos of the view along that particular way. Also check out <http://www.yellowsprings.com/bikepath.html> to learn a little more about the history of how the trail came to be. See you on the Bike Path, or more likely, in class! +

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Please email contributions to Editor@McGregorVoice.com

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