

FOR Your INSPIRATION

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OTM WINNERS

AUGUST

RA: Curtis Taylor, McCormick Hall

Honorable Mention: Ed Randerson, Straz Tower

Student: Emily Foster, McCormick Hall

Spotlight: Faye Morris, Humphrey Hall

Community: Abbotsford Hall Staff

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OCTOBER THEMES

Book Month

Cookie Month

Crime Prevention Month

Dinosaur Month

Energy Awareness Month

Pickled Pepper Month

Rollerskating Month

Vegetarianism Month

CONTEST WINNERS

BULLETIN BOARD of the MONTH

Submit nominations from your building by the 15th of each month to muorpas@gmail.com, subject "BBOTM".

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BULLETIN BOARD!

DOOR DEC of the MONTH

Submit nominations from your building by the 15th of each month to muorpas@gmail.com, subject "DDOTM".

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COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT Ideas

BELONG

Marquette Madness - Oct. 14, 8:00 pm

Marquette Maddness marks the start of the men's and women's basketball seasons at Marquette. If that's enough to get you there, then know that every fan in attendance gets a free t-shirt.

This is a great opportunity to get your residents excited about school spirit and be a part of the small, but enthusiastic Marquette nation in which we reside!

We are Marquette!

DISCERN

Visit the Career Services Center

Make an appointment with a Career Counselor, Advisor or Intern to discuss one or more of the five paths essential to your career process:

- Setting and Clarifying Career Goals
- Finding and Internship
- Considering and Pursuing Graduate/Professional School
- Engaging in Post-Graduate Volunteer Service
- Landing your First Job

ENGAGE

HALLoween - Oct. 31, 2:00-5:00 pm

HALLoween is an annual community service program that provides children from the Milwaukee community with the opportunity to Trick-or-Treat in the residence halls.

Encourage your residents to be gHOSTs to guide the children around campus or act as Candy Handers-Outers in their rooms and don't forget to decorate your floor!

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THRIVE

PostSecret Live - Oct. 6, 7:30 pm

"PostSecret Live" at MU is a multi-media presentation by the creator of PostSecret, Frank Warren. See banned postcards and hear stories behind the secrets.

Consider doing your own version of PostSecret in your building or on your floor or wing to advertise for the event!

Tickets will be free and available in the Brooks Lounge after Sept. 22 at 9 pm.

Discover Milwaukee

FALL BREAK IN THE CITY - October 20-23, 2011

Whether you'll be sticking around or not, help to ensure that your residents enjoy their weekend off in Milwaukee! Pass on the info about these great events:

Milwaukee Ghost Tours

This tour will introduce you to the history, folklore, and modern paranormal reports as you stroll through the historic Third Ward, known in the 19th century as the "Bloody Third".

Friday, Oct. 21 & Saturday,
Oct. 22, at 7:00 pm

\$10 per person

www.milwaukeeghosts.com

MAM After Dark

RunUp to the Runway - See and be seen in the latest couture. This annual tribute to all things fashion, featuring designs of Mount Mary Students, live music, and a photobooth! Tickets sell out quickly so get yours soon!

Friday, Oct. 21, at 5:00pm-
midnight

www.mam.org/afterdark

Boo at the Zoo

Head to the Milwaukee Zoo for a Halloween Haystack Maze, caramel apples, glowing pumpkins, light show, crafts, bat presentation, and of course all the ANIMALS!

Saturday, Oct. 22 & Sunday,
Oct. 23, at 6:00-9:00 pm

\$6.50 with Marquette ID

www.milwaukeezoo.org

LateNIGHT

MU ZOMBOCALYPSE (Humans vs. Zombies) - October 25-28

Humans vs. Zombies is a live-action game where Humans have to survive the story in which Zombies are coming back from the dead. The game ends when everyone has been turned into either Humans or Zombies. Sound like fun?

If so, here's how to get involved: Attend an Interactive Meeting on either Monday, October 17 or Tuesday October 18 at 8:00pm in the Weasler Auditorium. Here you will receive sign-up information and materials for game play.

Check out www.humansvszombies.com for more information about the game and look for updates from LateNight Marquette. **Go out there and get undead!**

CONTEMPLATION in ACTION

A REFLECTION by JOE HANCOX, O'DONNELL HALL MINISTER

Coming to Marquette was to be the first step in my path toward the Catholic priesthood. Through high school I could see no other ways forward except those few with “priest” at the end. That goal shaped my high school years, sometimes for the better, but reflecting on it now, often times for the worse. I shut down and stifled those areas of the brain meant for exploring, imagining, and yearning. Believe me, I still explored and imagined, but when it came to the future, I was a one track mind. This, then, is how I entered Marquette.

Life on campus began in many ways as I had left it at home. I was going to be a priest, that much I knew, and again, that goal guided my actions. Half way through first semester I joined a discernment group at the Jesuit Residence to “strengthen my resolve” and ensure good credentials for when I entered the religious life. While my classes were diverse and inspired, I took the most interest in theology, because of course, I would need little else for a priest’s education. I read and listened and connected with only those ideas that supported my future as I saw it unfolding.

As happens after any honeymoon, though, the bills started showing up. People started asking questions – hard questions, questions I should have been asking myself from the beginning but refused to confront. The questions were not malicious, but they weren’t pleasant either. They required a maturity to answer that I did not possess at the time. Although I tried my hardest to avoid any view that might contradict my goal, the well-intentioned prodding began to gnaw at my once fortified goal. Over the course of a year and a half my worldview began to crumble – but in the best possible way. Through this reflection I understood how naive I had been to focus so thoroughly on one thing for so long.

Ultimately I realized the priesthood was not for me. As cliché as it may sound, I was left with a hole where once there was a definitive, albeit immature, direction for my life. Once the decision to pursue other options became apparent, the world seemed to overwhelm me with possibilities. And I ate it up. My present goals look very different from when I entered Marquette – as well they should growing into adulthood – but it wasn’t without some tribulation.

The details of this conversion are not important, but what I want to highlight with my story is this: no matter how devoted to one thought, one action, one idea, one path you might be, it doesn’t hurt to leave a little room for change. So often we find ourselves on this journey of life walking the same line that our trail suddenly turns into a ditch. I saw firsthand how frustrating and limiting that rut can be. I realized how difficult that initial movement out of said rut is but also how rewarding a fresh path can feel. Don’t be afraid to ask questions – of yourself, of your friends, of your classmates and hallmates. The search makes us stronger. Strength moves us forward.