

CIRCULATION

Mount Vernon Nazarene University has been blessed with a beautiful setting for its campus. As the university population grows, it is imperative that we protect and maintain this pastoral setting.

One of the best ways to do this is to carefully manage and moderate the impact of automobiles. The master plan recommends pushing vehicular circulation and parking to the perimeter of the campus. Development of this 'loop' road would lessen the visual impact of traffic and parking lots as well as aid in controlling air and noise pollution.

Another means to preserve the comfortable campus atmosphere is to create a pedestrian-friendly zone inside the perimeter loop. Instead of a place where you have to walk in order to get to class, the master plan creates a place where you want to walk in order to interact with the MVNU community. This pedestrian zone would feature broad, shaded sidewalks to accommodate foot traffic and bicycles, as well as the addition of sheltered bike racks.

Because MVNU has inclement weather, a campus shuttle is recommended. It would run on a regular cycle, delivering students to their destinations warm and dry. An off-campus shuttle might also be provided for trips to retail centers or the visual arts school downtown.

Combined, these steps would preserve the pastoral campus feel MVNU currently enjoys. They would encourage a campus culture that is less dependent on private transportation, as well as foster an attitude that values the journey, not just the destination.