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Half my life is an
act of revision.

John Irving

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Record Enrollment for Marian

For 10 straight years, Marian College has posted an increasing number of enrolled students, climbing from 1,228 in 1991 to a record of 1,263 this fall. The figure for first-time, full-time freshman is up over 10.4 percent, and total full-time students are up by 4.2 percent.

President Daniel Felicetti said, "Marian's recruitment efforts are outstanding. Not only has the work of many people resulted in expanded enrollments, but the SAT scores of our admitted freshmen tell an ex-

traordinary story."

The average verbal score this year is 422-up 17 points over last year. The average math score of 477 is up 30 points from last year.

The total of 899 is up 47 points over 1991.

Freshmen SAT scores have increased by 62 points since 1989 when Marian was

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| Minorities | 14.1% |
| Total Minorities . . . | 182 |
| African American | 150 |
| Asian | 10 |
| Hispanic | 14 |
| American Indian | 8 |
| Total Students . . . | 1,288 |
| Female | 71% |
| Male | 29% |
| Average Age | 26.2 |

24 points below the Indiana average. The college is now 31 points above it.



-Photo by Autumn Williams-

"These qualitative indicators are extremely important to future recruitment efforts since students say their number one reason for

selecting a college is academic reputation," Felicetti said.

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Undies for the Underprivileged

During the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4th, there will be a competition between all three residence halls to supply new socks and underwear for underprivileged children. The new socks and underwear will be given to The Christmas Store, a Catholic Social Services Organization that provides new items for families during the holidays.

The competition will begin on Monday, November 30th and end on Friday, December 4, 1992. Residence hall students should bring new socks or underwear for

any size child, male or female. Each pair of socks or underwear is worth one point (Example: Bring in a three-pack of underwear and your residence hall receives three points). Drop-off areas will be each Residence Hall Office and the Office of Residence Life. The residence hall with the most points will receive a movie and breadstick party for all residents.

For more information, contact Tammy Skibbe, Doyle Hall Resident Assistant, ext. 496, or Cathy Bickel, Director of Residence Life, ext. 367.

New Grading Scale for Fall '93

New Grading Scale As Applies to All Classes

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| A = 4.0 | C+ = 2.33 |
| A- = 3.67 | C = 2.0 |
| B+ = 3.33 | C- = 1.67 |
| B = 3.0 | D+ = 1.33 |
| B- = 2.67 | D = 1.0 |

F = 0

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The grading scale above was adapted this past September and will be implemented in the fall of the 1993-94 academic year. The decision was made based on deliberation of the Grading Task Force, the Office of Academic Affairs, and faculty, with serious at-

tention given to student input. (THE CARBON ran a story early in September requesting student input, accompanied by a cut-out ballot.) The grading scale, of course, does not apply to this year's graduating class.

UB HEARD

To the Editor:

The biggest tragedy of the 1992 presidential campaign was the failure of the candidates to sufficiently address the issue of "family values" — the most important issue facing the United States today. Why can't we enact legislation that will enable Americans to reacquire the "family values" that we have lost? Here are some suggestions which should be endorsed by members of Congress and written into the Constitution:

1. Every family will consist of TWO parents (and how ever many children). If a man or woman does not have a spouse, the government will provide one for you. This is not a hand out! It merely provides a "safety net" for people until they find a spouse for themselves.

2. Every family must sit down for dinner at least five times a week. Congress shall have the power to

enforce this rule.

3. Murphy Brown, the television sit-com starring Candice Bergen, will be banned. In its place will be re-runs of Little House on the Prairie.

Simply adopting this kind of legislation will greatly benefit us all. Things were so much better in the past: children, until the 1960's, have never used drugs and alcohol; nuclear families, for the most part, have ensured that poverty will be avoided; cultural norms that state "divorce is bad" always ensured happy marriages (come on, at least our grandfathers had the courage to sleep on the couch for 20 years)--and teenage pregnancy can find its origins in the last 40 years. My generation is lost; we can only hope that future generations will benefit from a wealth of "family values."

David O'Connor

Top Ten Smoker Come-backs

Krissy Abel

10. If I had wanted your opinion, I'd have given it to you.
9. Read my lips. I promise I'll quit.
8. Yes, I would jump off a cliff if everyone else did.
7. But daahling, it's my only vice.
6. Hey, if Clinton can become President, I sure as heck can do whatever I want.
5. As if reading it on the label wasn't enough.
4. Like the air was clean to begin with.
3. If gays can have rights, so can I.
2. My life isn't worth saving, okay?
1. I'm sorry. I'll put it right out. (Puff) Just let me (Puff) take (Puff) one last (Puff) hit. (Puff)



O Sweet Spontaneous

Michelle Gobin

I am not going to talk about the election. I'm resisting the urge to speak on the commercial I saw on MTV with a large screw going into the United States and the blurb that read "Be gentle, Bill."

Instead, we are going to have a vocabulary lesson.

Due to a conversation with a friend, my eyes were opened to the fact that many individuals have trouble distinguishing cynicism from whining. I thought I'd clear that up for you.

cynic - (sin'ik), n. A sneering,

sarcastic faultfinder; a misanthrope. (a misanthrope is one who hates mankind)

whiner - (hwiner), n. One who speaks with a low plaintive sound of complaint or distress, or complains and begs in a mean, cringing manner.

I'm sure you see the difference now. I will admit to being a card carrying cynic but refuse to be called a whiner. Ergo, dear readers, in the future you may accuse me of cynicism, but please don't call me a whiner.

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To The Editor:

You recently ran an article (Nov. 11, 1992) on the Homecoming Dance; in it you cited the Booster Club's President as being "frustrated to the students' overall reaction thus far to Homecoming." Perhaps the lack of seriousness in Homecoming Queen voting shows the students' apathy toward our perennial popularity contest candidates. Having attended the past several homecomings, I have noted that (with one exception: a random draw) each year everyone knew which campus socialite and athlete date would win. In short, why bother? It's never been anyone I or my friends knew ...even though we cast our votes seriously.

In addition, not only would anyone I know not pay \$50.00 to go; they are not willing to pay \$30.00, either. Consider: \$30.00 for tickets, \$8.00 for pictures, at least \$15.00 for dinner, a minimum of \$100.00 for the girl's dress, and \$10.00 or \$15.00 for the overpriced drinks at the cash bar come to just under \$200.00 for an evening of mixed rap and country

from the cheapest D.J. to make a bid. This doesn't include gas money, or a hotel room to prevent drunk driving on the way home.

Why would anyone go? If you're over 21, you can take the \$30.00 and use it to pay for you and your date's cover and bar tab at a variety of area clubs. This would allow you to dress as you choose, and dance to a live band playing music you actually like. Until homecoming is more appealing to the students' tastes as well as more affordable to the limited student income, it will continue to be taken lightly.

I would be upset by MCSA taking over the production of the dance, as I like the off-campus, alcohol-serving format we currently have. However, if MCSA were in charge, at least prices would probably drop into an affordable price range. Until such a time, I'll see you on the 14th at the Patio (\$5.00 cover per person, \$2.50 beers, \$10.00 cab fare at a total investment of \$32.50).

Greg Knipe
"apathetic" student-at-large

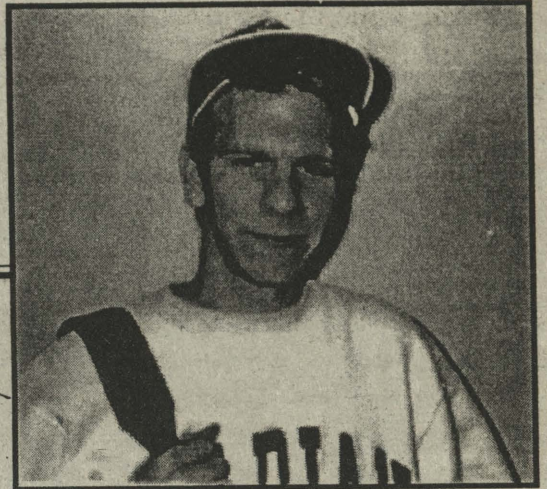
KNIGHTSPEAK

What Makes You Feel G^RO^OV^Y?



Katrina Jahn

I feel groovy knowing that in ten years we can all come back here and still be this goofy.



Kevin Donsbach

Dancing, partying, and good dates.

Marlene Hartman

It makes me feel groovy when I see all the students participating in activities that allow them to show their school spirit in the same way.



Jennifer Thornbird

I feel groovy when I think of going to the game, getting ready for the dance, showing off at the dance, and being with all my friends.



Kevin England

Getting to participate in all the events and activities that are offered. They show much school spirit by the attendance and participation of students at these events.

A Bit of Satire

Corey Cleary

I was recently pondering upon topics to write about for this article while riding in a Dodge Omni with a friend who happens to be female; no offense to all you women out there, but I almost died. To all you guys out there, has this ever happened to you: there you are, riding in the back seat while a female friend drives, and a male friend screams: "Look out! Look out! SEMI!!!"

To which the woman driving replies, "Shut up and think of Christmas!" At this point the man starts singing: "Good King Wenceslas went out, on the feast of Stephen..."

Eventually, after many screams and carols, we pulled into a parking lot attempting to reach the Taco Bell, when we realized that we were going into the Kentucky Fried Chicken Drive Thru—backwards. At this point in time the guy in the front seat yells, "Park!!...Parking is good at this point!" So, the woman whips the car around and pulls around front of a bank at which she takes up three spots (if you know a Dodge Omni, this is impossible...but she did it). "Lines!!...Lines would be good. YES, park between TWO LINES!!!", yells the guy in the front seat, who is now hyper-ventilating.

"You didn't die when we swung in front of that Pepsi truck, DID you?", yells the woman driving (whose name is Sarah Riggs).

Although the event was real, I feel that somewhere out there are women who are highly perceptive at all times. Sarah is a sweetheart, and a good friend, but...she really makes me think sometimes. So, for future reference, if you ever see a burgundy Dodge Omni coming your way...like Sarah says, "If you don't like my driving, learn how to fly!!"

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