

Marian's Cycling Team Wins National Championship

by Eileen Nyikos

Marian College's cycling team again brought nationwide attention to the school when they won the 1995 Sunset Foods National College Track Cycling Championships on Sept. 7-9 in Northbrook, IL.

The team beat out Stanford University, University of Washington at Seattle, University of California at Berkley, IUPUI, and Purdue University to take home the national title in several areas. These areas ranged from the Team Overall title to Men's and Women's Sprints, and the team managed to do exceedingly well even without junior Bill Clay, who recently took the national men's sprints title at the EDS National Cycling Championships held at Indy's own Major Taylor Velodrome.

Marian finished first with a total of 813 points beating out Stanford, last years championship winner, who had only 732 points.

The team members responsible for putting Marian at the top are; seniors Vic Emond, Derek Witte, Jeff Weaver, and Bryan Zimmerman, junior Sarah Allen, sophomore Laura Reed, and freshmen Stephanie Derr, Aaron Hubbell, Kirk O'Bee, and Kali Phillips.

Their winnings include:

Vic Emond- 7th in Men's Matched Sprints.

Derek Witte- 1st in Men's Points Race, 1st in Men's Miss and out, 1st in Men's Team Pursuit, and 1st in Men's Italian Pursuit.

Bryan Zimmerman- 1st in Men's Team Pursuit, and 1st in Men's Italian Pursuit.

Sarah Allen- 9th in Women's Miss and Out, and 3rd place Women's Team Pursuit.

Laura Reed- 1st in Women's Omnium, 1st in Women's 3K Pursuits, 1st in Women's Points Race, 1st in Women's Miss and Out, 2nd in Women's Sprints, and 3rd in Women's Team Pursuits.

Stephanie Derr- 1st Women's Sprints, 1st Women's 500 M Time Trial, 3rd Women's Omnium, 1st Women's Pursuits Team, and 3rd Women's Team Pursuits.

Aaron Hubbell- 1st Men's Team Pursuits, 1st Men's Italian Pursuits, and 2nd in Men's Sprints.

Kirk O'Bee- 1st in Men's Team Pursuits, 1st Men's Italian Pursuits, 2nd Men's Omnium, 2nd Men's Points Race, 4th Men's 4K Pursuit, and 5th in Men's Sprints.

Kali Phillips- 3rd place Women's Pursuit Team.

This championship was the first one for Marian College and a delightful improvement from last year's second place ranking at the 1994 competition.

On September 14, the school held a lunchtime rally for the champions. Present at the rally were coach Terry Hoffer, Judge Zerald Zore, chairperson of the Marian College Board of Trustees, as well as several faculty and staff of Marian College. The lawns were packed with students supporting the team.

Dr. Felicetti read a decree from the Mayor of Indianapolis, Steven Goldsmith, in honor of the team.

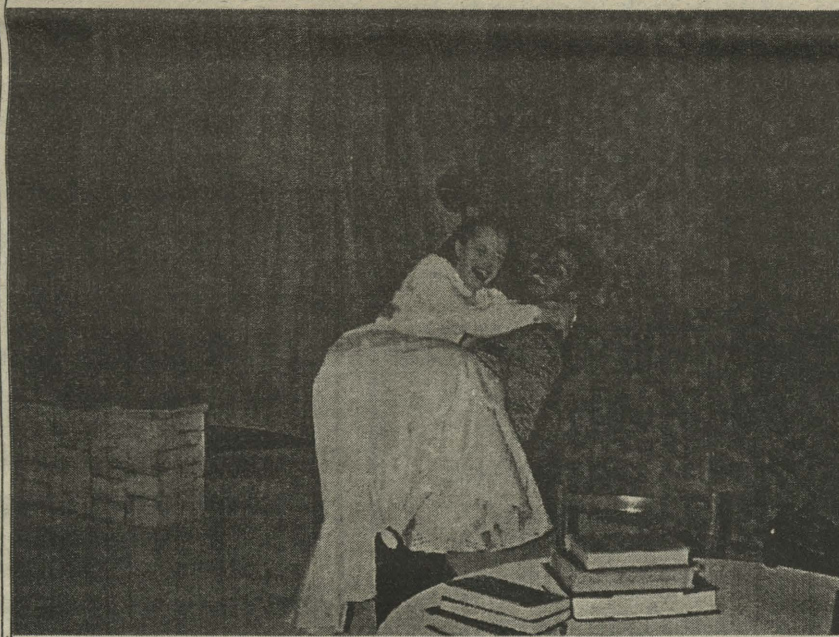
The championship team is also being honored with a display in the front of the auditorium in Marian Hall. On display are the placks for 1st Place winner Laura Reed, 2nd Place winner Kirk O'Bee, and 3rd Place winner Stephanie Derr.

The faculty, students, and administration are without a doubt extremely proud of the 1995 Sunset Foods National College Track Cycling Champions, the Marian College Cycling Team.

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Editorial Going to Be Absent? Better Bring A Note!

On April 11, 1995 the College Council passed a new attendance policy for the students of Marian College. This new policy was thought to be an improvement over the previous policy (see article page 3), and went to great lengths to be more strict and specific.

The highlights of this policy include such activities as the right of the instructor to ask a student to withdraw from class if that student misses more than 20% of class, the right of the instructor to sanction the student for unexcused absences, and the responsibility of the student to meet with the instructor before the absence and provide proper documentation for the absence.

This policy is not only ridiculous but contradictory to the very values that an institution of higher learning should foster.

The majority of students on this campus are between the ages of 18 to 22, and in many cases older than that. Does this new policy mean that a student has to bring an appointment card as proof that he/she has a doctor's appointment? Do those mothers that are students need to bring a note from their child to prove that the child was actually sick in order to be excused? Are we in gradeschool or college?

Another point regards the stipulation

about the instructor having the right to ask a student to withdraw from class for missing more than 20%. For an institution that is supposed to be one of mentoring, that does not seem like such a mentoring act. One would hope that the instructor would be understanding and that the situation would not come to such an event. What kind of a mentoring statement are we making if the very policies and guidelines of this institution are so contradictory to our mission?

Part of educating students is getting them ready for the working world where they will have to function. The question must then be asked if having an attendance policy is actually helping to get students ready for the real world.

The answer to this is simple. An attendance policy such as this only serves to treat students like children and not like responsible adults. Responsible adults do not need to be told that they must come into work. They just know this.

It can be argued that the students do not act like mature adults and that is why an attendance policy is necessary. The rebuttal to this is simple, if we expect students to act like adults we must treat them as

such. This means doing away with juvenile attendance policies.

Another argument for an attendance policy is that students can not possibly succeed in a class which they do not attend. As an adult, that student must accept responsibility for his/her actions; there is no need to pass a policy to avoid this from happening. Attendance policies belong in high schools not universities.

Students claim that the probability of instructors actually enforcing this policy is fairly slim. The point however is not whether or not the policy is enforced, but the fact that such a policy exists. The potential of that the policy being used is always there. What kind of values are being instilled in students if they feel like they have to answer to someone?

The administration should reconsider the attendance policy and re-examine whether or not this institution actually needs an attendance policy. College students do not need to be governed under the same strict policies that high school students have to contend with. In order for someone to act like an adult, that person must be respected and treated like an adult. Adults do not need attendance policies.

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New Academic Dean Admits Addiction To Potato Chips

by Noreen Nyikos

To test your knowledge of Marian Hall geography, see if you can identify the following office from the given clues:

The office is neatly arranged and "lived in". In the corner immediately visible upon entry, one can clearly see a bookshelf holding a small cassette player and collection of classical music. In the center of the room is a small conference area with a table and four chairs. An entire wall is lined with a large bookshelf reaching almost to the ceiling. In front of the window is a large desk. As one begins to gaze out the window, one cannot help but notice the stained-glass "B" hanging in the window.

Give up? If the office does not seem all that familiar, don't be

discouraged. This is the office of Dr. Ed Balog, our new Dean for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Balog came to us from Lindenwood College, a small college like Marian in St. Charles, Missouri, where he served as a professor of history for 22 years. During his employment at Lindenwood, Dr. Balog also served as Dean of Faculty and Chairman of the History Department. A West Virginia native, Dr. Balog received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees from West Virginia University and his PHD from The University of Illinois.

Having two children already out of school and "ready for a new position," Dr. Balog felt that it was an appropriate time to make some changes and continue the adminis-

trative side of his career. He began looking and found Marian. With an appealing position, the right size campus, and large city location, Marian College snagged the attention of Dr. Balog.

Upon meeting some of the faculty, students, and administrators, Dr. Balog was drawn closer to Marian. "There is such a positive attitude toward the college," Balog said, "everyone seemed to enjoy what they were doing." It was this support for the college by all involved that convinced him that coming here was the right thing to do.

On the personal side, Dr. Balog referred to his favorite musical groups as "decidedly middle-aged" citing such musicians as the Eagles, The Guess Who, and Billy

Joel. Dr. Balog also expressed an interest in Hootie and the Blowfish and Pearl Jam after being introduced to them by his daughter. Not a big fan of breakfast cereal, Dr. Balog stated that if he had to eat cereal it would be granola, but he admitted to a "serious addiction" to potato chips.

Interested in teaching a history course in the future, Dr. Balog would definitely like to meet more students. Although he's had more advice than he knows what to do with at this point, perhaps a sincere welcome and hearty handshake are not entirely out of the question.

On behalf of the students of Marian College, The Carbon Staff welcomes Dr. Balog and hopes that we meet up to his expectations.

Strict Attendance Policy Passed

by Bob Kodrea

Absence may make the heart grow fonder, but may prove detrimental to a student's grade if the absences are in excess. A new attendance policy for students was passed by College Council on 11 April 1995. Key points include:

* "Faculty have the right to ask a student to withdraw from a course or assign a failing grade if total class absences (excused or unexcused) exceed 20% of the course."

* It is the student's responsibility to meet with the instructor before the absence and provide appropriate documentation for the absence.

* It is the individual instructor's right to sanction a student for unexcused absences, which include practices or leaving early for vacation.

Connie Wesner, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, explained the long process of this policy. It first started in a subcommittee of Academic Affairs, whose task it was to work out the perceived problems of the old policy. It then went to the full Academic Affairs Committee and then was sent to

College Council. College Council sent it back to Academic Affairs for more work. Academic Affairs had two open hearings. The first was with the chairs of departments and the second was an open meeting where students were also invited. Academic Affairs refined the language after the two meetings and sent it once again to College Council where it was adopted.

Wesner believes that the end of the process it was "...pretty well embraced by ninety-nine percent of Council as being logical, fair, just."

Lynn Fry, student representative on the subcommittee of Academic Affairs, explained the reason for the length and care given to the attendance policy. Faculty members were concerned over how strict the policy should be and student athletes were concerned over the dual task of going to class and playing for the institution.

The consensus among the athletic was not perfect, it was an improvement over the former policy. Dr. Jack Sederholm, Chairperson of the Theater Department, agreed with the policy. As a



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Marian Students Meet a Happy Pope

by Tim Volmer

When Ara Wade and Tom Perry vacationed in Italy for two weeks last August, they carried with them the hope of seeing the Pope. Indeed, they were able to see him face to face.

They met him in Rome at Castelgondolfo, the Pope's summer home. He conducted mass in the atrium and met with the congregation afterwards, which consisted of about 300 people, most of whom were nuns.

Both Mr. Wade and Mr. Perry described the Pope as being a "happy guy." Wade related further

that he had a "powerful presence" and that meeting him was a "moving experience," though their talk consisted mostly of where they came from and where they were staying.

For those whose vacation plans are still in the making, both Wade and Perry agreed that meeting the Pope is a must for all. Cost for round-trip tickets was about \$850; expensive, though not outlandish.

And a final word of advice from Wade: "Pay attention to Humanities." You'll need it to identify the many landmarks in Rome.

New Car Is Useful After All

by Heather Koerner

Many people keep asking why do we have a police department? What do they actually do? Why the fancy new police car and why do they keep putting orange flyers on my car?

Jim Lekse, Director of Safety and Police Service, a four year Marian College employee fills us in. Lekse stated, "About ten years ago, Marian used private guard services as night watchmen. Then the crime got worse and now the police department is here. We are here to control that crime."

The Police department is responsible for crime reports, investigations, fire and medical emergencies, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws and the escort services. Besides the preceding, they patrol the Velodrome, Indianapolis parks, Kuntz Field, and Carmelite Monastery. Patrolling these areas, which Marian uses for many sporting events, saves the college over \$6,000 a year.

Another question asked is why did the police force buy a fancy Crown Victoria? What happened to the Tempo?

When Lekse was asked, he replied, "Four years ago, when I arrived, the police was were using

an unmarked pickup truck. We bought the Tempo, but it started giving us trouble and was costing us more than it was worth. I went to a state bid and got the Crown Victoria for \$15,000. It is the same kind of car the Indianapolis Police Department use and it is very professional looking. It also can handle the 30,000 miles a year which is about 75 miles a day which we patrol."

The orange flyers are to warn drivers that their vehicle is illegally parked in a reserved or no parking space and violators will be towed or impounded. The money from tickets which have been issued since September 10, goes toward the upkeep of school grounds such as repairing pot holes, and curb and line striping.

If you are unfortunate and get a parking ticket, you can pay for it of obtain a valid parking permit Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Clare Hall at the police office. The Marian Police Department has many uses and if anyone needs an escort, has car trouble, or needs assistance in any way, security can be reached at 929-0218.

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Good News For The Academically Inclined

by Patti Riegsecker: *Student Representative, Honors Program Committee*

New revisions for the graduation requirements in the Honors Program have been approved by the Academic Affairs Committee! After much deliberation and gnashing of teeth, the Honors Committee felt it was necessary to change the following requirements: 1. One introductory course, instead of two; 2. Three Issues Seminars, instead of four; and 3. The student's research paper, project, or performance for the senior colloquium need not be limited to an Issues Seminar paper. Since these changes are retroactive, those

students who are now enrolled in the program may heave a collective sigh of relief, especially the graduating seniors.

Those new students interested in the program can petition for induction after meeting the standard requirements of the completion of one introductory course and an overall G.P.A. of 3.25. Having completed two Issues Seminars myself, I highly recommend the experience! The opportunity to broaden the scope of my education and the exposure to people who are excited about the adventure of learning, has made my decision to finish a degree much more gratifying.

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Marian Alumni Continue Good Services

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Marian College students, faculty and alumni have long been known for their willingness to participate in community service opportunities, reaching out to those in local, national and international communities. In years past, service projects were conducted through campus programs such as student chapters of the Red Cross or CSMC (Catholic Students Mission Crusade.) More recently, students have found their service opportunities emanating from Mentoring in the City and campus ministry. It is not unusual to find students and faculty working hand-in-hand building houses for Habitat for Humanity or serving lunch at a nearby soup kitchen. Information gleaned from alumni letters indicates that it is likely that the spirit of community engendered on campus is often carried on through the life of alumni as they participate in parish programs, serve on community boards, or commit to a year or more of voluntary service with the Peace Corps or similar programs.

A number of members of the class of 1995 have become part of the Marian legacy of service to others. Erin O'Connell, is now in Malawi in central Africa using her nursing education to work with people with AIDS (see summer *Magnet* for a complete story about Erin.) Summer also brought departure dates for Sharon Goebel and Sonya Montgomery who have chosen to do a year of lay missionary work with the Jesuits and the Salesians, respectively.

Sharon, the daughter of English faculty member Jim Goebel, left Indianapolis in August for a one-year program in Portland, Oregon. Along with five other volunteers, Sharon will work with pregnant teens in Elizabeth House. She will tutor and provide informal counseling to the residents of the home, hoping to make food use of her

psychology major and sociology minor. As a student at Marian, Sharon learned of the Jesuit program through staffer and alumna Beth Riehel '90 who had participated in similar outreach on an Indian reservation in Montana before joining the Mentoring in the City Program at Marian.

In order to be accepted into the program, Sharon had to complete an application and essay that asked her to reflect on the four values the program brings to bear: community living, simple lifestyle, social justice, and spirituality. She had to describe her ability to relate to others, most specifically how she handled family and personal relationships and conflict resolution, all important factors in her ability to live with the other members of her volunteer group.

Having benefitted from the one-on-one kind of caring shown by Marian faculty and staff, Sharon feels she has learned the importance of giving back to others. She believes that her coming year will provide an opportunity for personal growth. She has already learned from service projects at Marian that volunteering usually provides as much to the volunteer as to the recipient.

Sharon hopes that faculty advisors will see post-graduate service opportunities as positive options to present to student advisees and that advisors will encourage students to explore and accept the service challenge.

She extends her thanks to everyone at Marian for their support and influence, and states that she will now "take mentoring to Oregon."

Sonya's interest in making a commitment to spend a year of service in South America began when she traveled with her aunt to El Salvador. Soon after, she began exploring the various volunteer programs that were offered in Spanish speaking countries, and

with the counsel of the Salesian placement personnel, she chose Santa Cruz, Bolivia. After completing a written application, Sonya was asked to participate in a weekend assessment process. She met with other volunteers and learned about the goals of the Salesian program. Her personal goals were to find a trans-cultural experience where she would be able to share her talents with those in need.

Sonya's work in Bolivia is with the street children of Santa Cruz. After she completes her on-site training, she will learn what her permanent assignment will be. She looks forward to the challenge of working with these young people, known to be some of the most neglected and deprived children anywhere in the western hemisphere. Her biggest concern lies in her ability to adjust to the native creatures: the cockroach and the scorpion. She also feels some apprehension about dealing with the "machismo" aspect of the culture, and knows that she will need to be alert to the real dangers that women in the country sometimes must face.

Sonya's schedule allows her one day off each week. A talented artist and photographer, she hopes to be able to capture the flavor and spirit of the country in sketches and photos. Unfortunately, her budget may be quite tight since the program she has chosen does not provide a stipend of any kind to its volunteers. She will need to depend on the kindness of others to help her provide for items other than housing and food.

At the end of the first year, Salesian volunteers may re-enroll for a second year of service. Sonya said that she will make that decision after she has had an opportunity to determine how she and the program are able to co-exist. She hopes to use the coming year as a time to assess her eventual professional interests, but at this time is leaning toward a career as a translator.

In addition to the work being done by these '95 grads, a '93 alumnus, Joseph Keating, has recently traveled to west Africa where he will serve as a member of

Meet The New RA's

by Angie Bruce

Do you know who the new Residence Assistants are? If not, PAY ATTENTION. In Doyle Hall: Jose Argiz, Dawn Duncan, Mike McCormick, Jennifer McDermott, and Ken Seymour; in St. Francis Hall, Adrian DeBoy; in Clare Hall Arin Alexander, Jill Ebert, Christie Mitchell, and Tamera Welp. Most of these rookies say they became R.A.'s because they enjoy working with people. Dawn Duncan added, "I wanted to give back a little of the guidance, kindness, and support I received from my first R.A.-Bridget Stenger." Bridget is one of the six remaining R.A.'s from last year. Jennifer McDermott stated "Who could pass up the call waiting."

The new Resident Assistants have difficult tasks in that they must be friends and mentors as well as disciplinarian and executioner to all of their residents. When asked what they thought of their floor, the R.A.'s unsurprisingly, that their floor or wing was the best. Jose Argiz noted "The people on my floor are the best group that I've ever lived or worked with. They have been cooperative in every manner, and I really am looking forward to this year."

Marian College also has a new Residence Director, Anita Heisig. She comes from Indianapolis, and received her undergraduate degree at Ball State University in 1993. Miss Heisig worked for two years as Director of Campus Life at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, IN. She is now going for her masters degree in College Student Personnel at IUPUI. Anita seems quite pleased with the campus life here, and is looking forward to the year ahead. The veteran R.D.'s and R.A.'s are giving guidance and support to their new counterparts, and look forward to having tons of fun with their new residents.

House Republicans Vow to End Direct Student Loans

by Elissa Leibowitz
College Press service

WASHINGTON--House Republicans no longer want to limit President Bill Clinton's pilot direct student loan program. They want to scrap it altogether.

With a mandate to cut \$10 billion out of the budget within the next seven years, Republicans on the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee said on July 27 that Clinton's direct loan program is a good place to start.

"Direct lending can work, and in some ways it is working," said Rep. Bart Gordon, R-Tenn., a member of the committee. "The question is not, 'Can it work?' The question is why go to direct lending unless you can make significant improvements in the current system. Just to say it works is not enough."

The year-old direct loan program allows colleges to bypass banks and other lending agencies when students seek loans from the federal government. Without the middlemen, students receive their loan funds much more quickly and save money in interest, say proponents. At the same time, colleges benefit by cutting back on paperwork and by receiving tuition payments faster, which improves cashflow.

Originally, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had estimated that direct loans would save taxpayers \$6.8 billion by the year 2000 by eliminating reinsurance fees and other subsidies now paid to banks and guarantee agencies under the Federal Family Education Loan (FEEL) Program.

But Republicans have charged that the Department of Education misjudged the amount of money that the program saves taxpayers. Instead of saving money, direct

loans will cost the nation \$1.5 billion over the next seven years, according to a new CBO study.

"They used smoke and mirrors to determine the savings," said the House committee's chairman, Rep. Bill Goodling, R-PA., of Clinton administration estimates.

However, Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., one of Congress' main supporters of the direct lending program, accused the Republicans of using "concocted formulas" to skew the congressional budget report in their favor.

"Direct loan opponents are trying to cook the books when it comes to student loans," Simon said in a statement. "Write a recipe for mush, and mush is what you get."

Goodling and other Republicans will try to cancel the direct loan program in a reconciliation bill in September.

But not so fast, said financial aid officials. Dan Mann, associate financial aid director at Southern Illinois' Carbondale campus, said the Republicans are rushing to end a maturing program that has not yet shown its fullest potential.

"It would be a real mistake to eliminate the program because it is a much easier process for everyone involved," Mann said. "I don't think they've given it a chance."

The Clinton administration kicked off the program last year at 104 schools and expanded it to 1,400 colleges for the 1994-95 school year. That number represents 40 percent of the college students who receive federal loans.

Republicans said instead of improving the guaranteed student loan program, which still serves the majority of colleges, the Clinton administration is rushing to phase it out so that officials can institute the direct loan project at all universities nationwide.

"It wasn't our idea to move that rapidly," Gordon said. "The problem is they got too greedy. They couldn't be satisfied with just a test."

But Madeleine Kunin, deputy secretary of education, said the guaranteed loan program benefits from the direct loan project.

"What they are proposing to cut would affect both programs," Kunin said. "If you know something is working, why not make it available to a large group of students and institutions?"

She accused the Republicans of bending to the banks and other lending agencies, who lose business when the federal government sends the funds directly to the colleges.

"This is too vital a subject for people to play politics with," Kunin said.

And it's too vital to colleges participating in the direct loan program, according to a study this summer by the Education Department. Ninety percent of the schools surveyed said they would recommend the program to other colleges.

Lincoln University, a predominantly black college in Jefferson City, Mo., was one of those singing the program's praises. Spokesman Dan Diedrich explained how the direct loans ease Lincoln's financial aid process, which processed almost \$4.1 million in direct federal loans last year.

"Under the old system, a student comes in, says 'I want a loan,' and the financial officer hands out a form," Diedrich explained. "The student fills out the form, and it goes to a bank, which accepts it or rejects it and sends it back. That can take up to six weeks. The decision is now made on the spot. The process might take six days.

The disbursement of funds to students is an advantage."

Proponents say the program saves that government money by eliminating the subsidies it pays lenders to administer the loans. The government also can borrow money directly from the Treasury at a lower rate and turn that money over to students. Students then benefit from lower interest rates.

But a July study by the Washington-based Coalition for Student Loan Reform states that 72 percent of Americans interviewed believe student loans should be offered through private institutions and not through the federal government.

They share the sentiments of those House Republicans who want to end the program altogether. Other critics on Capitol Hill, including Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., want to limit the number of colleges allowed to participate. If left uncapped, the program would put too much of a burden on the government and would cause lending agencies to lose money.

"The direct lending program is very new," Kassebaum spokesman Mike Horak said. "It's easy to make calculations on the savings at this point before loans become due. Clearly it's too early to tell what the longterm fiscal impact on direct lending will be."

Kassebaum and other Republican leaders in Congress have introduced legislation to cap the program at 40 percent of new loan volume. They also want to force students to pay the interest on their loans while in school, rather than defer it until after they leave.

Goodling introduced a similar bill in the House, but he said he would scrap that bill in favor of ending the direct loan program altogether and restoring the in-school subsidy.

Dorm Sweet Dorm

Today's Upscale Residence Halls Supply More Privacy, More Amenities

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

Due to a larger-than-anticipated freshman class, about 200 students at New York University began the school year in style last August at an off-campus hotel.

"They were living in the lap of luxury," says Virgil Renzulli, NYU's director of public affairs. "They had their own kitchens, big televisions, a health club and maid service. They didn't want to leave."

As rooms opened up on campus, however, the NYU students were transferred to residence halls, giving up their fresh towels and clean sheets for the laundry piles and temperamental showers of

dorm life.

Still, although NYU students' luxurious living situation was temporary, many of today's college students experience similar creature comforts all year long. On many campuses, upscale residence halls, complete with more privacy, nicer furniture and better food, have ushered in a new standard for student living.

"Finding the right housing for students today is like anything else on the real estate market," says Tim Massie, spokesperson for Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. "Students are interested in the quality of living, and they're interested in location."

To appeal to those students, Marist officials planned a series of residence halls with private bathrooms, shared living areas and

complete wiring for voice, data and cable and had them built on the Hudson River shore.

Like Marist, many colleges are trying to redefine the concept of residence halls by creating new, apartment-like facilities.

A recent report on new campus residence halls by American School and University magazine shows that schools are spending \$25,991 per student for new residence space, up from \$19,765 in 1990.

The report states that there has been a 20-foot increase in square footage per student—up to 272 feet—since 1989, as well as an influx of amenities.

Of the 28 new residence halls opening this fall, 93 percent will have air conditioning; 86 percent will have laundry facilities; 64 percent will be carpeted; 63 percent will include kitchens; 57 percent will include TV rooms; 54 percent will have wiring for computer access to all areas of campus; 43 percent will be guarded by elec-

tronic security systems; 14 percent will include dining halls; and 7 percent will house fitness rooms.

Like the rest of the region, Georgia Tech and Georgia State University stand to benefit from the Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. After a monthlong stint as the housing for Olympic athletes, the newly constructed residence halls will be used by students.

Terry Sichta, Georgia Tech's director of housing, says the buildings will offer students all the amenities of apartment living, including private bathrooms, new furniture, a common suite and a kitchen—complete with a dishwasher, a refrigerator and a sink.

"This is the standard for which college students will soon settle," says Sichta. "We will have to look at campus housing in an entirely different way. It will be more like housing for young adults, less like housing for students."

Students who live in the residence halls at United States International University in San Diego, Calif., get

What Did You Say?

Umm, Could You Repeat The Question Please?

by College Press Service

NEW YORK—Job recruiters today say the darndest things. And if they don't watch it, warns a Fortune 500 consulting firm, they may get sued for asking graduating college seniors inappropriate or illegal questions.

In a survey of more than 200 students at campuses nationwide, many told Hanigan Consulting Group that campus recruiters from 100 large corporations asked them about issues that not only had little or nothing to do with their job qualifications, but violated federal guidelines issued to ensure fair and equal hiring practices.

"In appropriate questions reflect badly on the company and cause top students to look elsewhere," said Maury Hanigan, the consulting group president.

In efforts to attract the best and brightest to their firms, companies today tend to focus on a small group of talented applicants and flood them with job offers and

generous benefits packages, Hanigan said. Corporations spend nearly \$15,000 to hire that one special person and, two times out of three, get turned down.

With the stakes so high and highly qualified candidates so few, Hanigan said, "making a good impression is critically important."

Here are a few questions corporate recruiters have asked to woo potential employees to their firms:

*Do you laid much at your school?

*Is your boyfriend white?

*Describe the making of a perfect banana split.

*If you were at a dinner party and the man next to you put his hand on your thigh, what would you do?

*What's your view on capital punishment?

*How do you staple a tag to a pig's nose?

*Why didn't you go to Harvard?

*What does your father do?

*Give me some numbers to show me how smart you are.

*Who are you dating and how committed are you?

*Why don't you have a job yet?

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the Peace Corps. A chemistry and biology major, Joseph will be overseeing agricultural, forestry, and ecological projects for the next 18 months.

Determining ways for more students to become involved in service opportunities both before and after graduation will be one of the goals of the new Service Learning Advisory Board. Formed this spring to support the work of Marian's Service Learning initiative, the group will develop ways of integrating public and community service into the curriculum. Members of the board traveled to the National Institute on Learning and Service in St. Charles, IL in May.

During the workshop, Mary Haugh took part in a presentation on *The Adult Student and Service Learning*. Alice Davis and Nancy Scott gave presentations on *A Centralized Approach to Integrating an Ethic of Service Throughout the Campus*.

Alumni are invited to become part of service at Marian by advising us of opportunities that may exist in your agencies or parishes for student service projects.

Guess Who's Back?

by Rhonda Rabensteine

Although classes have been going on for a few weeks now, one member of our community has yet to "come back to school." Marian's own Sister Sue Bradshaw has attended the UN conference on women in Beijing as an official delegate for the Franciscans International NGO (non-governmental organization). She also applied for (and received) NGO status for Marian College, and has chosen two women to participate at the UN conference representing Marian College. The conference was scheduled to be held in Beijing from Sept. 4th to the 15th. While there, Sister Sue has also been participating in various workshops that deal with how the religions of the world can better aid women. Sister Sue plans to return Sept. 18.

Student Loan Debt Increases Three Times Faster Than College Costs, Study Finds

by Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

A few years ago, Anthony Rosati had every intention of becoming a full-time educator. "I wanted to teach chemistry because I know I could do it well," says Rosati. "I wanted to find a good liberal arts school and help students learn."

But after pursuing a ph.D. in chemistry at Georgetown University, Rosati felt the weight of something far greater than his life's calling: \$86,000 in student loans. And because of those loans, the Philadelphia native is rethinking what he should do with his life after college.

"I just wouldn't be able to afford to pay back my loan if I took a job teaching somewhere," said Rosati. "It would be practically impossible."

Although few students find themselves in Rosati's position, there is a growing number of college seniors who accrue debts of \$10,000 to \$50,000 come graduation time.

"The situation is growing completely out of control," said Ted Freeman, president of the Education Resources Institute. "Students and their families have to readjust their lives to pay off their student loans."

Freeman's organization recently released a study on college borrowing, indicating that college loans have reached a total of \$24 billion nationwide.

"We are headed for a dangerous era in higher education," Freeman warned. "Students won't be able to afford their loans unless they get incredibly high paying jobs."

The ERI report states that the rate of student borrowing has increased three times as fast as college costs during the past five years. During the same period of time, the borrowed amount has increased four times as fast as personal incomes.

"Students end up with a \$50,000 loan debt and a \$25,000 job," Freeman said. "It's kind of hard to start your life out of school with a burden like that."

Today's college student averages \$8,474 in student loans, up from \$7,675 in 1990 and \$2,500 in 1980. The Department of Education estimates that of the \$183 billion borrowed in the student loan program since 1966, more than 22 percent of that figure was borrowed in the last two years.

Freeman said the debt problems

have become a growing concern for students and their families. "Peoples don't know how to handle this," he said. "They're worried about their futures."

In a survey of Americans dealing with higher education costs, the ERI, together with the Institute for Higher Education Policy, found that:

*87 percent said college costs would be "out of reach" in five years.

*68 percent consider student loans necessary, yet a major financial hardship.

*52 percent said any additional debt would cause "serious financial risk" for their families.

*43 percent said student loans represented a large portion of their household debt.

*42 percent said education was

Model United Nations

The history and political Science Department will again sponsor Marian College students at a Model UN Conference. Under the aegis of the Indiana Consortium for International Programs (ICIP), this is the 17th year for the ICIP program and the 50th anniversary of the U.N. The Model UN Security Council will be held October 26-28, at Manchester College, in North Manchester, Indiana. Conference participants will register Thursday, October 26, before 5:00 P.M., meet all day Friday, with the Program concluding on Saturday by 1:30 P.M.

Participating students represent one of the fifteen countries presently seated on the Security Council, and discuss, debate, and endeavor to pass resolutions dealing with international affairs—just as the Security Council of the UN operates—and deal with current issues and crises involving Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraqi sanctions, and other realistic world problems.

The history department will again sponsor up to six student. Students who have participated in past

Model UN's are encouraged to apply again, as are other students at the college.

For further details, please contact William Doherty, History and Political Science Department, Kavanagh Hall, ext. 270 Dr. Doherty will usually be available each weekday at 1:30 P.M.

Internship Opportunities

The Democratic and Republican parties are again this year offering internships for junior and senior college students during the legislative session beginning in January. Interns, each assigned to a number of legislators, chosen by each of the party caucuses (there are four in all, two for each party and for each house), assist legislators in various ways: conducting polls, mailing surveys, tracking legislation, attending committee hearings, etc. Interns are paid \$200 a week.

Marian College, through the

by Michelle Erwin

The Oldenburg retreat started the '95 school year again. Oldenburg is a perfect town in a world of its own from the German street signs to the houses and its occupants. The environment reminded me of the settings for a movie. The freshmen were able to see much of Oldenburg as the sisters visited a barn built around 100 years ago which is still in use today, and a

garden of herbs, vegetables, and flowers where each item grown had a special place in order to help another plant. No chemicals are used.

The retreat was planned well. The freshmen and staff participated in a variety of icebreakers — activities intended for making friends and starting conversations. Some icebreakers included switching name tags repeatedly along with a bit of information about that person, and then taking turns in returning the name tag to its owner.

We broke down in small groups and shared an embarrassing moment or a fear about going to college with the members of our group. That evening we gathered around the campfire and sang songs as we roasted marshmallows for smores. At the campfire the upper-classmen told ghost stories

I would definitely recommend going to the Oldenburg retreat next year. It provided a great atmosphere for making friends.

For further information and application form, contact William Doherty, Kavanagh Hall, ext 270 Dr. Doherty will usually be available in his office each weekday at 1:30 P.M.

Importance of Being Earnest a Must See

by Linda Schindler

If you are interested in cases of mistaken identity, bizarre love triangles, and crisp British wit, then The Importance of Being Earnest is a must see. Opening last night, this comedy of manners about the affairs of two British couples; Jack Worthing and Gwendolyn Fairfax, and Algernon Moncrieff and Cecily Cardew is a delightful comedy. Jack is played by Marian alumnus Jerry Bessler. Noreen Nyikos, a theatre major, plays his love interest, Gwendolyn. Andrea Moss, a theatre graduate of Indiana University, portrays Cecily. Algernon is played by Jose Argiz, a Senior communications major. Timothy Vollmer, a Junior biology major, is Rev. Canon Chasuble. Michelle Gobin, a senior theatre major, is playing Lady Bracknell. The butler, Merriman, is being played by Leonard Pigg, a freshman communications major. Bill Hurst, a freshman theatre major,

plays Lane, the butler.

The play takes place in present-day London, so be ready for an array of amusing and charming British accents. Jack is in love with Gwendolyn, and she is head-over-heals for him. But there is one catch—Gwendolyn believes that Jack's name is Earnest. She swears that she has fallen in love with him because of his unusual name, and that she would be unable to care for him if he had a more common name. Cecily has fallen for Algernon, who is likewise in love with her. But she, too, believes that Algernon is really named Earnest because he had told her it was. Eventually, both relationships are tested when the men's true identities begin to surface as the results of some unusual circumstances.

Beth Taylor of the Theatre and Speech Communications Department is directed the show with rehearsals every night, Monday

through Friday, from 7:30 to about 10:00. The cast did not mind the hours, and according to one cast member there was only one really hard part.

"The only hard part is memorizing the lines," Argiz said.

Memorizing lines was exceptionally difficult for senior Angie Bruce who stepped in at with one week of rehearsal left to play Ms. Prism.

Assisting Taylor was Lynn Ritter, an athletic manager, and Man-Dee Adams, a freshman theatre major. Costumes were designed and constructed by Patty Nyikos and Professor Bart Simpson handled the technical aspects of the show.

The Importance of Being Earnest runs through Sunday with performances at 8:00 p.m. tonight and Sat. night and on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The show is free to Marian students with a valid student I.D.

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to take advantage of the maid service, "It can be a great perk for someone who is worried about living in a mess," says Dale Bonifield, spokesperson for the university. "It's always nice to come home to a clean room."

Officials at Kansas State University figured one way to keep students on campus was to give them the same housing situations they could get from off-campus living. Currently, the school is remodeling certain floors within each residence hall to attract more upper-classmen.

"We want to create environments for students who may be getting tired of the dorm experience," says Bob Burgess, KSU's associate director of housing. "We want to give them every opportunity to stay on campus."

KSU is converting its current dorm space in three-room increments. The middle room is converted into two bathrooms and part of the living area, while the other two rooms are given access to a larger living space and the newly built bathrooms.

Although the residents may enjoy their new living space, each new suite means one less room for KSU

students.

"In doing projects like this, you ultimately lose space," says Burgess. We won't be able to renovate on a campus-wide scale, so we have to look at other ways to create a better campus living experience."

One way, Burgess says, may be to increase the privacy in dormitory bathrooms.

"There may be a way to create private space in public places without major renovations," he says. "The traditional freshmen dormitory system can remain in place for some time, provided we make adjustments that address students' concerns."

And privacy, especially in the bathroom, tops most students' wish lists. In fact, a recent survey at Florida State University revealed that 80 percent of all freshmen have never shared a bathroom in their lives.

"I want my own bathroom in my own room where I can lock the door," says Stacy Markuson, a sophomore at Illinois State University who lived in Wright Hall, a coed dorm, last fall. "You have to adjust to living with one bathroom on the floor. People would shower late at night or in the middle of the

afternoon so they wouldn't have to stand around with other people getting ready in the morning."

Markuson, who will be living in an off-campus townhouse this fall, says when she returns to her parent's house now, she looks forward to something she never dreamed she'd miss: "I get to use my own bathroom," she says. "It's much better."

However, colleges appear to be adapting to students' request for more privacy. The most notable change in new residence halls, according to the American School and University report, is the inclusion of more bathrooms. Nearly 54 percent of the new dorms include individual bathroom facilities rooms and suites while 39 percent have separate bathrooms for a cluster of rooms.

In January 1994, Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo., opened the Town House Village, an apartment-like complex for students who wished to remain on campus but were tired of the dorms.

"Whenever we heard complaints about the residence halls, it was always about privacy," says Liz Kramer, Rockhurst's dean of students. "We're talking about kids

Bacchus in Second Year

by Heather Koerner

BACCHUS is full of new plans for this year. For those new students, BACCHUS stands for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students. It is a national organization found on over 500 campuses whose #1 sponsor is Budwiser, which gives millions of dollars to this group.

BACCHUS does not encourage that students should not drink, instead, the group stresses responsible choices and decisions. The organization also provides information on issues such as sexual harassment, fitness, health, rape, and many other topics involving college students.

In the past BACCHUS has sponsored mock tales which are nonalcoholic fruit drinks, a Safe Ride Program at homecoming time where the school supplies vans to drive them to and from homecoming, and the spring break pledge which has students sign pledges not to drink and drive. These pledges are sent to national headquarters, and they raffle off a Chevy Geo or Discovery model car.

This year the first event planned is singing comedian Michael Spiro whose theme is "Music, Sex and Cookies" on September 27. Future activities are planned for NCAAW (National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week) and other plans are in the works.

One can contact Holly Markiecki, BACCHUS advisor at extension 364 to get involved with BACCHUS.

who had a tough enough time sharing a bathroom with four or five people at home. Going away to school and sharing one with 42 people can be culture shock."

With a new housing facility in mind, Kramer says Rockhurst officials began surveying students on what they really wanted in their place of residence. "When we came up with a final list, the preferred residence looked a lot like an apartment," Kramer says.

The new split-level facilities—which include two bedrooms, a

Block Party Changes Admittance Policy to Accomodate Liquor Laws

by Noreen Nyikos

A popular attraction for students has closed its doors to those unfortunate enough to be under the age of 21.

Block Party, the adult playground located in the Clearwater Crossing Area at 4102 Claire Drive, has been a popular place for students and teens since it's opening in February. Offering everything from virtual reality and video games to "Go Motion" cinemas and playground (complete with maze and chamber filled with balls), the adult toyland became a popular place to spend an evening for a mere ten bucks.

Last month, Block Party approached the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) Board to get a liquor license so that guests may

enjoy a beer or other drink while playing the various games. According to Indiana laws regarding such places, this could not be done if anyone under the age of twenty-one was on the premises.

In order to appease all parties involved, Block Party is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. for anyone 18 and older and minors with adult supervision, but after 8 p.m. the playground is only open to those who can prove (with legal and valid identification) that they are 21 or older. An announcement will be given at that time that anyone under 21 must leave the premises.

Although this breaks the hearts of many students, it makes the stay somewhat more enjoyable for those who are 21 and older.

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the most necessary reason to borrow money.

*17 percent said the increasing costs of student loans have resulted in members of their families taking less classes.

Freeman said one way to help shrink student loans is to expand the Pell Grant program, which is currently tops off at \$2,400 per student, covering roughly 21 percent of the average annual educational costs.

"We're forcing all students to borrow more money, especially those that have the least of it," said Freeman, adding that 20 years ago, more students received grants than loans. Now the numbers are reversed. "The government needs

to recognize the importance of these grants."

Freeman also criticized PLUS loans, which are available to parents of students. "There needs to be a cap of \$10,000 so parents don't borrow more than they can afford to send their child to a private, expensive school," he said.

As for the recent debate on direct lending, Freeman said it's insignificant. "The money is still coming from the same place so it's just a matter of delivery," he said.

"What's really important is the way the loans are handed out. Students need to know exactly how much they'll owe per month when they take out money. They need to be told what the end result will be."



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Sports Talk

by Ryan Keen

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Cal Ripken Jr., shortstop of the Baltimore Orioles, broke one of the greatest records in all of sports. Known as the "Iron Man", Ripken on that day played in his 2131st. consecutive baseball game. Ripken hasn't missed a baseball game since May 30th 1983, the previous record of 2130 which stood for 50 plus years was held by the legendary hall of famer, Lou Gehrig. The only reason Gehrig's streak came to an end is because he attracted a fatal disease which now carries his name.

Ripken has been pretty modest about it. He considered not breaking the record because he felt he shouldn't be compared to Gehrig. He feels that if he misses a game, he doesn't deserve to be paid.

"How many blue collar Americans can miss a day and get paid," he said. Pretty odd to hear something like that from a baseball player. he also said that he is over paid. is this guy really a baseball player?

In a streak that is equivalent to going to your 1st day of second grade through your graduation day from high school without missing a day, Cal played in 12 all star

games, was the league's M.V.P. twice and hit more home runs than another short stop in history. As a rookie in 1982, before the streak began, he was the rookie of the year and played in that all star game. At 35, Ripken is still adding to his streak.

Ripken said, "Teachers and policemen deserve to make more money than I do."

Ripken earns \$6 million a year, half of which goes to charity. I can't hardly see our gov. paying teachers and policemen a respectable salary, especially \$6 million a year. Cal Ripken Jr. is about the only positive thing baseball has. He plays for the love of the game, which is rare in professional sports, like the majority of baseball players who began a strike last season., Cal Ripken was asked about the strike while it was going on and was quoted as saying, "I want to play baseball bad, but I'm also part of a union so I can't. I just hope it ends soon."

Hopefully athletes in the future will follow Cal's example and play the game rather than worry about how much money they will make.

Baseballers Practicing Hard

by Bob Kodrea

While the official baseball season may be months away, fans of Marian baseball may go and watch their favorite team in fall practice. The team finished last year with a record of 29-21 and sent Dan Romanycia and Tony Mann to All Conference.

This year, the team is expected to have one of its best seasons. There are seven returning seniors to the team this year. Tim Colle will be in the outfield and the designated hitter, Robert D'Alimonte will be playing second base, Troy Drosche will be playing shortstop, Scott Firsich will be pitching, Michael Gerth and Tony Mann will be in

the outfield, and Jason Kavanaugh will be at first base.

Jason Kavanaugh believes that Marian has an outstanding baseball team this year. He predicts that "If we keep focused, continue to work hard, we should be really tough to beat."

On almost any given day, the Marian baseball team is out practicing. Everyone is encouraged to come and watch this fall and definitely this upcoming season, where the team is focused on one determined mission. Their mission is nothing less than being the best team possible by winning the conference division.

Soccer Team Off To A Good Start

by Bob Kodrea

The Marian Knights soccer team is indeed the team to watch this fall. Mike Marshall has been named Regional Player of the Week for the week of September 18th. Marshall says that the soccer team is composed of unselfish guys who are "working hard" and having "lots of fun."

Indeed, the team is showing their hard work this season. So far, the Marian Knights have an official record of 3-0-1, which makes them first in the conference. The tie breaker occurred in a shoot out with the University of Indianapolis. When asked why the team is having such a great season this year, Jim Dietrich replied that "We're taking it one game at a

time."

The team is coming back with ten seniors this season. Jarad Kapsa and Kurt Kleug are team captains. Other seniors include Jim Dietrich, Ben Hall, Trae Hiett, Johnny Link, Mike Marshall, Varney Marshall, Matt Olesak and Bill Spots.

Upcoming games include IUPUI on September 19th, at Taylor on September 23rd, and at Milliken University on September 27th. Dietrich believes that the game with Taylor is an important game to watch because Taylor is second in the conference. Several of the seniors this year were the freshman who began the soccer program, so fans are encouraged to come and watch as they try to win it all.



Tarkanian Accused Of Bending Rules-Again

by College Press Service

FRESNO, Calif.- The basketball season is still two months away, and Jerry Tarkanian already is making headlines.

Tarkanian, who agreed to coach at Fresno State last spring, found himself questioned by fans and critics alike after reports surfaced that he had witnessed pick-up games by his players throughout the summer.

One report had Tarkanian riding a stationary bicycle in front of a glass window at a health club while the members of the Fresno Team practiced in the adjoining gymnasium. NCAA rules prohibit

coaches from running organized practice until a specified date in the fall.

In an interview with ESPN, Tarkanian, who had run into an NCAA buzzsaw with violations at both Long Beach State and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, vehemently denied the charges.

"I don't need this," Tarkanian said. "I wouldn't have taken the job if I thought this was going to happen. I can't believe what's going on."

Fresno State interim athletic director Ben Quillian said he looked into the charges but found no evidence of wrong-doing on Tark's part.

Horoscopes

by Madame Golda Moses

Virgo (Aug 24- Sept 23)

Concentrate on kicking back this month and doing something for yourself. Indulge! The stars are smiling upon you. Key word: emotion

Libra (Sep 24-Oct 22)

As your positive energy takes over, try something new and fun. Talk to that someone you have been looking at. Key word: beauty

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Take confidence in yourself. Make that change that you have been contemplating. It's you! Key word: power

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Watch for a sudden rise in spirits. Enjoy it while you have it, but do not become too accustomed to it. Key word: sociability

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)

Try not to be too critical on those close to you or on yourself. Take a deep breath and shine. Key word: flexibility

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)

Running away from an issue can make you weary. Lift your chin and bear it. Key word: independence

Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20)

Have fun letting loose this month. Do something unusual to your normal character. Laugh at life. Key word: imagination

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 20)

A new prospect will rev you up and just the thought of it will make your motor run. Be open to this idea. Key word: energy

Taurus (Apr 21-May 21)

Watch out as your adventuresome side kicks in and takes over. Leap at the chance of climbing a new mountain or mole hill. Key word: peace

Gemini (May 22-Jun 21)

Using your sometimes limited creativity could prove prosperous. Unleash your inhibitions. Key word: intellect

Cancer (Jun 22-Jul 22)

Be careful not to become caught up in the action of trying to please everyone. Do something for yourself. Key word: feelings

Leo (Jul 23-Aug 23)

Try brainstorming with someone close for new ideas. Maybe you'll like it. Key word: will power

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kitchen, a living room, a dining room and a common area—have quickly become the most popular residences on campus. In an effort to make the application process as fair as possible, Rockhurst officials use seniority, then GPA, as criteria for acceptance.

Needless to say, the Village has become the final living place on campus for seniors—and the smartest juniors.

"If you're at Rockhurst for four years, you'll end up living here by process of elimination," says Kramer, adding that the Village's 143 occupants currently account for nearly one-fourth of the student body.

"But even with all the seniors placed, we still have room for juniors, so it has definitely become an incentive for students to get better grades."

In addition to the improved facilities, Kramer sees a definite "real world" benefit to the village.

"Our graduates used to complain that we wouldn't prepare them for life out of college," she says. "Now you're buying your own groceries and cooking your own food. It becomes a good transition."

Fifty-three students at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., will be doing a little transitional living of their own this fall, as part of the school's Independent Living Experiment—an effort to free up campus residence space by placing qualifying juniors and seniors on university-owned private property off campus.

"We're still committed to being a residential college with students living on campus, but in lieu of a new residence hall, we have to look at other ways to house our students," says James Steffy, vice president of planning and administration. "This may only be temporary. We have to wait and see what the benefits are."

But to students who have been chosen to live in one of the renovated houses or apartments, the benefits already are evident. "When I was living in the dorm, I could never get any studying done," says John Hodge, a Muhlenberg senior who lives with two friends in a university-owned apartment off campus. "Once I moved here, I was able to spend a lot more time doing work."

Beginning this fall, the majority of residence hall rooms at western

Illinois university will be single- occupancy, and each room will be fitted with new furniture, satellite television access, new carpeting and a nearby washer and dryer.

"We want students to experience the lifestyle options that most clearly reflect their preferences and needs," says Garry Johnson, WIU's assistant vice president for student life, adding that recent surveys indicated that students preferred individual housing.

Johnson says the trend for larger areas of individual living space will no doubt continue on campuses across the nation.

But some wonder what impact this secluded sense of living may have on future college graduates.

"Dorms provide students with the opportunity to learn how to deal with each other on both a one-to-one and a group basis," says Sarah Riechart, a Chicago social worker and former resident of Seminole Hall at Florida Atlantic University. "You learn how to deal with conflicts like loud stereos and missing food head-on because your parents aren't there to help you fight through it. Living with other people makes you figure out how to survive in life after college."

Still, school officials say they're only upgrading facilities to meet the demands of students.

"This is the wave of the future," says Rockhurst's Kramer. "Students are getting too sophisticated to want to share a bathroom with 42 other people."

But does living in a cleaner, newer building make for a better college experience? Brent Ferris, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, doesn't think so.

"Part of going away to school is getting drunk with the guys across the hall, staying up all night yelling and screaming and going down to eat in the cafeteria with your friends," says Ferris. "If you're worried about showers or ceiling fans, you should move right into an apartment."

Kramer doesn't agree. "We seem to think that things are good and right just because we went through them," she says. "Dorm life can be a great experience but take away the germs, the loud stereos at three in the morning and the crowded bathrooms, and it may become even better."

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