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Founders Day Celebration Starts New Era For Marian

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The Campaign for Marian College came to a successful close on the lawn of the Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater, on September 15. The celebration was held in conjunction with Founders Day and the amphitheater's dedication.

Over \$8 million in funding were raised to complete campus renovations, along with providing increased scholarship funds for students. According to Jack Snyder, Chair of the Marian Campaign, "Our alumni did a tremendous job assisting in the effort by contributing 40% of the campaign funding. This beats the national average of 30% for alumni giving."

The generosity has resulted in the construction of new roads, sidewalks, and



President Abene Cuts The Ribbon

other forms to beautify the campus, including a lighted fountain in the center of campus.

Along with Snyder, a number of administrators and student representatives spoke about the importance of the Marian fundraising efforts to enhance the educational opportunities for students. Among those to address the crowd was Marian President Dr. Robert Abene who reiterated at length the new focus of the college: Strong Foundations, Remarkable Futures. His speech dealt with how to maintain the Marian legacy while embracing the excitement of change. According to Abene, "Celebrations such as this serve as a dynamic in moving Marian College to a remarkable future."

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Sr. Marjorie English gave a blessing for the new amphitheater.

The crowd was later treated to on-stage entertainment. Performances included a vocal selection from Sumire Matsuda, a Japanese student, accompanied by Sherri Watson. Dramatic interpretations of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* were presented by cousins Suzanne and Douglas Walker. Musical sounds were furnished by the Marian College Jazz Ensemble.

They Did It Again: Marian Wins Cycling Nationals

by Erika Swan

Competing with strength, speed, and dedication, the Marian College cycling team won the 1999 National Collegiate Cycling Championship for the third year in a row in Carson, California. The cyclists prevailed over the other schools with a score of 843. This is the team's fourth national track cycling title since 1995.

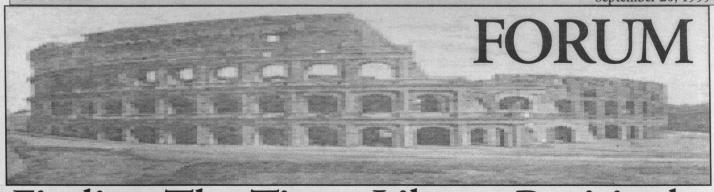
The Knights competed against respected teams from Collin County Community College, Penn State, Stanford, and Cal Poly. Collin County finished in second place with

a score of 403. Penn State finished third with a score of 369. Fourth place, Stanford, ended with a score of 365, and Cal Poly finished fifth with a score of 281. The performance of sophomore Neil Fronheiser was a highlight of the race. Fronheiser won the national title in the men's points and men's individual performance. Other members of the team were Chris Cooper, Joe McDonald, Brad Ryno, Eliza-Morse, Janine Verstraeten, Kelly Wilson, Chrissy Leonard, Brian DeRouen, Jeff Weaver, Abby



Marian cyclists line up for the Italian Pursuit

Brearton, and Heather Thompson. Coach Ken Nowakowski and Assistant Coach Vic Emond also accompanied the team to Nationals. The cycling team is also recognized for its academic performance. The team has a collective GPA of 3.31 and four cyclists are consistently on the Deans' List.



Finding The Time Library Revisited

Time is relevant. People rely on clocks for every little detail of their lives. We wake by clocks, retire by clocks, and make appointments by clocks. Our daily lives depend upon the question "What time is it?"

But the act of being on time is virtually impossible in this school. Each clock is different and every teacher is different. A few days ago, I called the X-103 info hotline and the time lady was ten minutes fast. One of the clocks in my room is thirty minutes fast, while the one of my Japanese roommate is a whole 14 hours ahead of local time. If instead of the fountain in the center of campus a giant clock was placed to chime the time every five minutes, I'd still be late.

Here's another familiar situation: The time is somewhere between 9:00 am and 9:30 am. As I walk down the hall, I look at the clock behind me. It reads 9:25 am. Oh no, I have class at

9:30. I run up two flights of stairs and peer behind me at the clock which reads 9:15. Out of breath I drag myself to the class only to see that the room is still being used by another class in session. Slowly I sit against the wall, take out my books, and begin to study.

Often I feel as though I am trapped in an episode of *The Twilight Zone*. A few nights ago, I had a nightmare in which clocks of all different kinds were flying around my head. Each one had a different time. When I woke, I was convinced I was late for class. I felt like the rabbit from *Alice In Wonderland*. I just kept chanting "I'm late, I'm late."

Since it seems too difficult for Marian to keep our clocks synchronized, the best idea to avoid being late or early is to set your own watch according to the professor or class most important.

-- April Coach, Student



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The September 13, 1999 issue of the Carbon contained an editorial questioning the decision to close the library over the Labor Day weekend. I agree that it would be wonderful if the library could be open 24/7, but to do so would involve considerable staffing additions and expense. I could point out that the \$1200 operating cost, including staff wages, to keep the building open over the weekend for a handful of students is not sound stewardship of college finances. I could go on to cite that of the nineteen private academic libraries contacted, nine who observe Labor Day holiday were closed and the remaining ten institutions holding classes remained open or adjusted their hours. In their turn, our patrons would have valid reasons for keeping the library open and the debate would commence. One certainty in academics is that library hours have always and will always be a heavily debated topic.

It is our responsibility to provide academic and research support to the best of our ability. In anticipation of research needs, this library provides our patrons with both local and remote access to nearly fifty

electronic databases, some of which are fulltext. The library catalogue is also available both locally and remotely, and our patrons have borrowing privileges with all the academic libraries in the city. Within the next few weeks our patrons will have access to a selection of electronic books via the Web. We strive to meet student needs and are committed to adding services that allow anytime/anywhere access. We do the best we can with available resources.

Students have specific responsibilities as well. Take time to read posted library hours and plan your research around those hours. Borrow books and photocopy needed journal articles in anticipation of closed and abbreviated hours. Make a point to learn all there is to know regarding the various resources and access methods available from the library. Talk to the librarians and express your concerns and find positive ways to work around these issues. I believe it would have been much more productive to have printed an article that discussed the various services available to students outside normal library hours, rather than bemoaning the current operating hours.

--Kelley Griffith, Library Director

Convocation

Bobby Seale

Founding Chairman of the Black Panther Party

September 21 12:00 - 1:00 pm Marian Hall Auditorium

A Cyclist's Journal

by Brian DeRouen

Monday 6/9

We left school at about 6:00 am which was only 30 minutes later than our scheduled departure time. That is a record for the Marian cycling team which is notoriously behind schedule. We were all excited to be in sunny and warm California, but there was one problem. We were greeted with fog and temperatures about 20 degrees short of "warm." It took about 3 hours to get the team, 20 large bike boxes, and 14 pieces of luggage out of the airport and into our rented vehicles for our first foray onto the LA freeway system. At the hotel, it was time to relax and recover from our travels

Tuesday 7/9

This morning we slept in until about 10:00 am before meeting in the back of the hotel to put all of our bicycles together. Each of the riders on the team has two bikes here in California. One is a track bike which is used solely for racing on the velodrome. Track bikes have no brakes, one gear, and cannot coast, making them perfect for the velodrome but quite dangerous for riding around town. Each rider also has a road bike on which they will warm up, cool down, and take short (20 mile) recovery rides. Our main mission for today was to rid ourselves of jet-lag and get used to the Olympic Velodrome on which we will be racing. This track is steeper and wider than our Major Taylor velodrome, but it will fit our strong riding styles nicely.

Wednesday 8/9

Now we are starting to get nervous and excited. We had a final session of preparation at the track today during which we did our last tune ups. The sprinters did short fast efforts and got used to swerving up and down the track. The pursuiters got used to riding on their aerodynamic handlebars and decided on their order and the lap times they would need to ride in order to win Marian's 6th consecutive championship in that event. As usual there are strong teams here from Stanford and Penn State, however, the only team other than Marian to have won the team overall since 1995, the University of Washington, has sent only one rider. In their place is a very strong team from Collin County Community College in Dallas Texas. This team includes several National Team members who are using Collegiate Nationals as a tune up for the World Championships which will be held next month. We are still confident as our team is very strong. But I guess we will see.

Thursday 9/9

Today was a great first day! This morning our pursuiters, Chrissy, Janine, Elizabeth, Kelly, Joe, Brad, Chester, and Jeff got us off to our best start ever. Janine Verstraeten and Chrissy Leonard led our ladies with 3rd and 5th place finishes, while Chris "Chester" Cooper and Brad Ryno led the guys with impressive 2nd and 3rd place rides. This evening our sprinters began their championships with the 500 meter and one kilometer time trials. In the 500, Heather Thompson led Marian's women in 3rd place with freshman Abigail Brearton right on her heals in 4th. Neil Fronheiser rode an amazing personal best time to take 3rd in the Kilo and I finished in 5th. After a strong first day we were enjoying a solid lead as we ate our traditional race night dinner at Denny's. We went to sleep as soon as we got back to the ho-

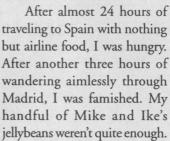
Friday 10/9

We were awake at 6:00 am again today and at the track by 7:30 am. This morning was the men's 200 meter time trial, the Italian pursuit, and the first cycling continued on page 4

The First Supper

by Rachel Spitler

Foreign Correspondent



I passed what seemed like hundreds of bars and cafes. I saw food everywhere but didn't stop at a single place. I started my exploration in the direction of the bus station for future reference. It came into view directly ahead, but my eye was caught by something to the right. There was a quaint little restaurant with a funny looking chef painted on the wooden sign outside. I stopped and looked at the prices, trying desperately to figure out the equivalency in dollars. Although the prices were incredibly low, I kept wandering.

I saw Spanish fans and bought a few postcards. I saw more leather sandals than I thought were possible, and I stopped short at the most beautiful wedding dress I have ever seen. I fumbled through a few inadequate responses to Spaniards who thought I worked at a shoe store or lived near the Prado. Then my lack of sleep and food drew me towards the cafes once more.

I found myself in a large courtyard, just 20 feet from the original cafe that caught my attention. I sat in the courtyard for 30 minutes, going over how to order in Spanish and convincing myself that food was more important than pride. I thought I had finally steeled myself to whatever embarrassment was to come during my first Spanish meal; I walked straight up to that sign out front, and stopped. I'm not sure how long I stared at the menu while the funny little chef looked at me, laughing. I couldn't bring myself to



go in and make a fool of myself; then someone's voice made me turn. A young, very good looking waiter came out and walked towards me. I don't know how long he had been watching me, but apparently too long. He asked me if I would like something to eat. I understood very little of what he said, but I knew he was laughing and my face was beet red as he led me into the

I could see only one other table, but I followed my waiter to a back corner table and fumbled through my first order. He gave me suggestions as best as he could after I tried to order something clearly not available at that hour, and we repeated everything numerous times every time he had to come to the table. I thought I knew what I had ordered, but between the embarrassment and the excellent wine I was completely lost as he brought one plate after another.

I couldn't bring myself to eat the shrimp looking up at me from the top of my paella, with the head and antennae still attached, but I managed to put down almost half of every plate of strange food set in front of me. The restaurant finally started to fill up as I washed down all the stupendous seafood with ice cream to die for which was almost as good as the ice cream on every corner here in Sevilla.

I got up from my table with a hint of embarrassment remaining on my cheeks and thanked my waiter as best as I could. With a full belly and a typical Spanish compliment burning in my ears, I felt like I was floating on my way back to my hotel room. But that could have been the wine.

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round of men's sprints. Both Neil and I rode less than stellar times in the 200, qualifying in 8th and 11th. However, the team flew in the Italian pursuit. The Italian pursuit is a kind of relay race in which each team uses 2 women and 4 men. We had some very nervous moments as a broken chain in our first attempt sent Chester flipping over his handlebars and crashing into the concrete. Fortunately, despite some good road rash, Chester was just fine and was able to anchor our team with a blazing lap. This evening we captured our first and second title of the competition as Chrissy, Heather, and Abby won the women's Olympic Sprint and we defeated Penn State easily in the Italian pursuit final. Our ladies also raced a very strong points race in which Abby, Janine, and Elizabeth helped Chrissy to an awesome 5th place.

Saturday 11/9

Around the breakfast table this morning, conversation was unusually sparse as we were all very tired and we had a long day ahead of us. The morning session consisted of qualifiers in the team pursuit and points race for men and the 200 meter time trial for women. It was with sore muscles but excited spirits that we dragged our tired bodies down to the track for the last session of this year's Nationals. Despite our worn down condition, we ended the competition on the same note that we opened it. Heather and Abby finished in 2nd and 3rd in the sprints. In the team pursuit we destroyed Penn State and all that was left was the men's points race. In the points race we showed the competition just how strong Marian College was. Neil Fronheiser took the win with an incredible ride in which he was led to victory by the team work of Brad Ryno, Jeff Weaver, Chester Cooper, Joe McDonald, and myself. Once again we found ourselves at Denny's celebrating another National Championship for Marian. We were all really tired and looking forward to our day of rest which will be spent sleeping, touring So. Cal, and enjoying some much needed recovery time before we head to the airport early Monday morning.

Women's Soccer Improving Constantly

by Erika Swan

The Marian College women's soccer team began its season with a difficult game against conference opponent, Indiana Wesleyan. Since that game the team has improved in team strength and individual strength.

"Each game we play, we get better and better. It just takes time, but we are well on our way to a winning season," freshman Nickie Powers said.

Putting their loses behind them, the women have kept a positive attitude during play. "The game against St. Mary boosted our confidence a little bit," freshman Amber Ferguson said. In this game the Knights lost 2-0, but competed with a great deal of effort.

The team members have all given their best in every game. Some of the players have had impressive plays and showed unlimited effort. Freshman'Lori Dean is leading the team with 3 goals. Also, according to their teammates, freshmen Mary Kate (goalie) and Beth Coonfield have executed tremendously in the beginning of the season.

On Tuesday, September 14, the women's soccer team went head to head with conference opponent, Grace. The final score was Grace, 3, and Marian, 1, giving Marian a record of 1-4. However, the team competed with hard fought team effort. The goal was scored by freshman Lori Dean, with the help of freshmen Chris Johnson and Amber Ferguson.

The women's soccer team's next game is Tuesday, September 21 against conference opponent, Huntington. It starts at 2:00 at the Marian College field.

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