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President Returns from Summit

by Michelle Study

Recently Marian College President Dr. Felicetti attended President Clinton's Conference on Volunteerism. Felicetti joined the Indiana delegation in their journey to the summit, which consisted of 45 participants from the State and was led by Governor Frank O'Bannon's wife Judy. Within the State delegation there were four city delegations including Ft. Wayne, Gary, Elkhart, and Indianapolis.

During the three day summit in Philadelphia, Felicetti attended various work shops and open seminars. Within these conferences the groups were given an overview of many ideas and references to specific programs from other cities and states, but due to the time constraints at the convention site there was not enough time to go into detailed accounts of the a national goal which is try to offer

assistance to 2 million children in each of the following five areas...

1. Provide children relationships with a caring adult or mentor.
2. Help kids to work, learn, and play in safe places.
3. Insure that children begin their lives physically healthy.
4. Assist children to become students who in-turn become well educated, highly skilled adults who are capable of finding good employment
5. Encourage students to give back to society through community service

While the goal is to reach 2 million children with the advantages of all five areas, the conference hopes that 5 million children will benefit from at least one of the five objectives.

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University Loft Wins Out

by Daniel Przybyla

In the first official announcement regarding the decision of the furniture selection for next year, University Loft prevailed. Despite two student surveys which posted R.T. London as the overwhelming winner of both surveys, the school chose to go with University Loft.

"Economics is of little concern. It becomes an ethical decision; you either choose the Mercedes or Honda," said Cathy Bickel, Director of Campus Life. Because facility personnel would also play a significant role in the cleaning of floors and possible repairs to the furniture, Bickel felt it was vital to obtain their opinion in the matter. After seeking the input of facility departments at other schools, Bickel concluded that University Loft was the more practical of the two, claiming it is a "great product."

Bickel looked beyond student and facility input and investigated the logistics of both lofts. "While the other loft companies are standard in their design, University Loft customizes the furniture to our liking," said Bickel. According to the student surveys, students wanted larger desks. The half-moon desk allows more desk space for computers. "Every student will have a computer in five years," said Bickel.

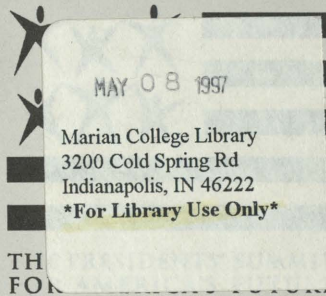
On two separate occasions students approached Bickel about problems they saw with University Loft. The first problem detected was the height of the desk and the second was the sharp edges of the desks. Upon notifying University Loft of these problems, University Loft adjusted the height of their desks and smoothed the edges, correcting the problems in both cases. No tools are required in the construction of

University Loft, which pleases Bickel and which she thinks will please students as well. The University Loft Company is based in Indianapolis, which makes it easily available for repairs.

"Put the furniture in the room and the students' minds changed," according to Bickel. She said this is based on the results of the two surveys. In the first survey, R.T. London received 174 votes, whereas University Loft received only 12. In the second survey, performed in the residence halls, where the furniture arrangements were on display in the rooms, R.T. London received 70 votes, while University Loft received 55

votes. "The gap closed significantly," said Bickel.

Junior William White said, "University Loft was the best choice out of the ones that were shown to the students."



A Celebration of International Food



Tasting the Nations

by Daniel Przybyla and Viviane Seumel

"Taste Test the World" was the motto of the International Club's Taste of Nations, held in Alverna on April 16. With the help of the International Club, several ELS students and staff, foods from five continents, including fourteen countries, were presented at the culinary event.

Melissa Bailey, president of the International Club, said, "It's an annual event which celebrates the different cultures at Marian College." Among the many dishes and desserts, were crepes from France, green potatoes from Japan, a Moroccan vegetable

entree, Mexican pecans, chocolate from Germany and a main entree from Chile. The opportunity to try free food from around the world attracted many members of the Marian community. "We had three times the people we thought we would have," said Jill-Anne Stumpp, vice president of the International Club.

The Taste of Nations was intended to be more than a feast. Different flags from all over the world, a contest in matching those flags with their countries of origin and several maps showing the world, provided an educational aspect to the event.

Curbing the Parking Problem at the Price of Green

by Kelly Scott

The parking problems at Marian should be alleviated by next fall, says Ron Koberstein, Director of Campus Operations. Funding from the Capital Campaign will be used to provide a larger, less jumbled parking lot for students and staff next semester. But at what cost to the campus has all this innovation made?

Anyone who drives is aware of the parking havoc that has plagued the campus over the years. Spaces are haphazardly, if at all, marked. The problem has forced students to create spaces at the risk of being ticketed.

Currently there are roughly 620-700 parking spaces available over Marian's campus. After the project is completed, there are expected to be near 1000, 30 percent more than before. There will be "expansion of parking around the music building and the library, with a new parking lot on the west side of the library. The circles in front of Marian and Clare Halls will disappear," says Koberstein.

In speaking with students who fight the parking battle daily, the responses are all the same. "There's never anywhere to park...I find myself having to leave early for classes just so I can get someplace close," says commuter Erin Stevens. Many commuter students are unaware of the progress that is being made in parking, and they are the ones most affected.

There is no doubt that the parking problem here at Marian is an issue. The question is whether do we want to jeopardize the college's landscape in order to solve it. Students have mixed emotions about the plan, but overall, most agree that it is time for change. "I think that losing some of the greenery would definitely hurt Marian," says April Merriwether.

The campus is so beautiful, and that's something we're known for." Despite a relatively good number of students objecting to the reduction of Marian scenic landscape, most agree that something needs to be done to alleviate parking pressures, even at the cost of aesthetics.

Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award Winner Announced

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by Ara Wade

Recently, a committee made up of administrators, faculty, and students met to evaluate the candidates for the 1996-97 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. Each year since 1990, nominations have been solicited of faculty members who have demonstrated a unique ability to impact the lives of Marian students. Those nominated this year were John Trebnik, business administration professor; Cathy Strain, Director of the Food and Nutritional Sciences Program; David Shumate, Director of the Writing Center; Dr. Joseph Dell'Aquila, Chair of the Chemistry and Physics Department; and Dr. Keith Landa, biology professor and Director of Academic Computing.

Each of the nominees were asked to submit a portfolio which included a one page summary of their teaching philosophy, letters of recommendation, a resume, and other supporting materials. That information was evaluated on the quality and

effectiveness of teaching, personal and professional development, scholarly achievements, contribution to the college, and community service. Based on these criteria, the committee determined who seemed to best exemplify the awards stated goal of honoring faculty who substantially contribute to the intellectual life of the college. This year, David Shumate was given the award.

When asked to comment on what it meant to win the award, Shumate said, "I am honored, but aware of the tremendous accomplishments of all the other nominees. It feels uncomfortable to be singled out of such a distinguished group." Along with the award comes a check for \$1000 which Shumate said he will use for travel related learning.

Past winners of the award include Dr. Drew Appleby, Sr. Olga Wittekind, Jim Larner and Dr. Faye Plascak-Craig (co-winners), Dr. Brian Adler, Dr. Susan Beasely, and Tim Akin.

Boldly Going Where No Student Has Gone Before

by Joan Marciniak

The first MCSA, Marian College Student Association, with the new members was held April 15 at 8 p.m. The new twelve members congregated in room 205 in Alverna to discuss business.

President Silas Dust called for everyone's attention, and the meeting began. Dust made reference to a tentative schedule on the wall which listed the events to follow for the evening. First, they began by approving the minutes from the last meeting.

The first area of concern was the forming of a new club, Campus American Life League (CALL), to begin next fall. The founder, Ester Hostetler, along with fellow supporter, Jen Bittlemeier, stood before the board to discuss their club in hopes of approval by and funding from MCSA. This is a group that opposes abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, and other issues. The purpose is to raise student awareness by educating them about these life issues. CALL plans to do volunteer work, to raise funds for women's care centers, to write letters of protest to Planned Parenthood supporters, to attend a pro-life rally in Washington D.C., and to engage in other like activities. If the club

is approved, the members are asking for funds from MCSA to help them with their projects.

This student reporter was asked to leave while the board members discussed and voted on the issue. Although students are allowed and encouraged to attend the meetings, according to the constitution they can not vote and can not participate in discussion leading to the final decision. Hostetler will be notified about their decision.

Following that there was a brief talk on allocations and voting dealing with the other clubs on campus. They formed a committee of Dust, Caporale, Pat Thurston, and Dave Rusbasan to go over each clubs' budgets and funds.

They discussed the expensive sound system purchased two years ago by student Tony Gorbball to be used for comedians and other such activities they sponsor. The system is very hard to use and only two students, Leonard Pigg and Bill Hurst, on campus know how to use it since Gorbball graduated. MCSA is looking into buying a new system that is easier to use. Gorbball made a proposal to buy it off of MCSA because he is in a band and could benefit from owning the

equipment. He claims that the system is worth about five hundred dollars. Also, he is willing to help MCSA to find a new system. The board members discussed the issue and decided to get the equipment appraised by someone other than Gorbball to be sure on the price. Questions were also raised concerning whether or not the new remodeling of Alverna would include a built-in stereo system. Members were assigned to find out the unknown information.

MCSA next discussed student discount cards and whether there was an interest in getting them for next year. There is no cost for MCSA; the only obligation is to distribute them. Scholarship funds from this program are donated to MCSA by the business. The money can be used as student scholarship money or for other activities sponsored by MCSA. The board members have the option to pick from a list which restaurants and stores they would think the students would benefit from. They discussed not having any restaurants that serve alcohol or bars on the discount card. The board members voted and the cards were approved for next year.

Marian Experiences Japan

by Amanda Jacobi

...You climb up the damp garden path to the Stokely Tea House. Once you enter, calming incense and reed-flute music cleanse your senses. The multiple windows of the tea house bring nature indoors. It is quiet as you wait patiently for the ceremony to begin...

If you did not experience this, then you missed a great cultural experience. On April 13, The International Club sponsored a Japanese tea ceremony to promote education of one of the many cultures that make up Marian College.

The tea ceremony is a Japanese Zen ritual of appreciation and simplicity. Nothing extra is used in the ceremony,

only simple mats on the floor, two porcelain bowls, a bamboo whisk, a small decorative jar of green tea powder, and a simple bamboo tea-scoop. Yuki Horibe performed the ceremony for two other Japanese students, Megumi Nishioka and Kazuyo Miyazaki, who both wore traditional Japanese robes, known as Yukata. Yuki made the tea while Megumi and Kazuyo ate confectioneries of pure sugar to prepare themselves for the astringent bitterness of the tea.

The ceremony was short, only about fifteen minutes, but it was very calming. After the tea ceremony, everyone walked to the Music Building to try the green tea and talk with Marian's Japanese students.



tea ceremony

Crime Wave...Almost

by Leonard Pigg III

Within the past couple of weeks, there has been a series of car break-ins taking place around campus. Although there have only been four incidents, it is enough to make campus police become more vigilant in their nightly rounds.

Jim Lekse, the head of Campus Police proved a few facts to be aware of. Usually, the break-ins take place between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. The method of stealing involves breaking out a car window or in one case, knocking out the lock on the car door. "They broke in two cars at the Doyle lot and that happened in the last two weeks," Lekse stated. "We've been pretty fortunate this year, only one car has been stolen since both semesters," he noted.

The south parking lot of Doyle Hall has been the place most frequently hit. "The last two might have been vandalism or teenagers going through a gang initiation," Lekse mentioned. There have been only two incidents where things were stolen from cars, which include a flashlight and an AM/FM radio.

Since there have been only a few instances, this means students should keep an eye out. A few of Lekse's suggestions is to block off the 30th street exit, add more lights to the Doyle parking lot of surveillance cameras. He also advises students to make sure car doors are kept locked or use a theft deterrent such as the Club. Surveillance methods have been taken by the campus police and they are also working with the Indianapolis Police.

The End of an Ara

by Daniel Przybyla

At the twenty-first annual Student Achievement Program, Ara Wade was named the winner of the "Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award." Held in Marian Hall Auditorium on April 27, Wade received the most anticipated award of the afternoon. He was given a plaque and \$500 cash prize. "I was very honored; all the other nominees have done a lot at Marian," said Wade. Seniors were nominated by professors and were asked to submit a portfolio listing their accomplishments at Marian.

Wade accumulated such an extensive number of honors and recognitions, that *The Carbon* has neither

the ink nor the space to give adequate justice to this student's contributions. President of the Psychology Club and Psi Chi, Writing Center assistant, peer tutor, and Academic Affairs Representative are just a few of the voluminous roles Wade has undertaken in his distinguished tenure at Marian.

Because the interview with Wade was done on short notice, Wade added this comment: "You guys really don't care about this, do you? You are just trying to fill up space. That's right isn't it?" — Just be happy you are getting this much. Beth Sawchuck, a dear friend of Wade's said, "He only looks good on paper."

Heating and Cooling System a Hot Topic for Some Students

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by Kelly Scott

All of us are well aware of the problems with temperature control around the campus. No matter if you're a resident or a commuter, you've been somewhere on campus that transports you to the Mediterranean.

There's a lot to be said about the heating and cooling system here at Marian. Depending on your blood temperature, the responses could be quite different. "It's always too hot in all of my classes," says Leslie Klun. Everyone's seen it: professors opening and closing windows in order to control room temperatures themselves. Many students simply adjust themselves to the temperatures in a certain classroom, and therefore work around the problem. "Usually I just bring a jacket...if it gets too hot, I take it off; too cold, I put it on," says Andrea Winters, sophomore.

It is to be expected that some fluctuations in temperature would occur with the changing of the seasons. But the problem seems to go far beyond that.

Two sophomores told me their story about furnace nightmares. "We had our windows open this winter because it was eighty degrees in our room," one said, "we ended up getting a thermometer to prove it." Her roommate was more whimsical about the experience, "We put a sign on our door that said 'Welcome to Bermuda'."

They claim that even after calling maintenance to fix the problem, they were only told that the furnace was working fine. Since this winter, in fact, in the last two weeks, the two have experienced more problems. "We had to sleep on the floor last night because it was so hot." The two also wanted to make the point that the temperature problem is not isolated, or even confined to heat. "Just next door, the girls had to use a space heater to warm their rooms; in fact, we used one too not too long ago."

When I asked Ron Koberstein, Director of Campus Operations about the furnace system, he responded, "Both Clare Hall and Marian Hall are steam heated." Due to the use of a steam heater, as opposed to the electric heaters used in Doyle and St. Francis Halls, there is less ability to control heat regulation. "Steam heat is either on or off, the heat is allowed to build up in the supply lines of the steam heater, and therefore produce more heat." This extra build-up is what causes the variations in heat.

Better regulation of the systems would require the purchase of new control systems that are not only expensive, but barely compatible with the existing heating system Marian employs. Until steps are taken to institute a more modern system or upgrade, it looks like Marian's students will have to sweat this one out.

Library Celebrates Information

by Daniel Przybyla

Libraries throughout the nation celebrated National Library Week, April 14-18. The Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library observed anything but the traditional atmosphere and conduct. "Decorum was shot to pieces," said Kelly Griffith, Director of Library Services.

The purpose of National Library Week was to publicize our services and to celebrate with our patrons, according to Griffith. "The reason for the celebration is the ability to access free information." She added that, "Without a strong library program, you cannot have a strong academic program." Cart

rages, CD tossing and paper airplane throwing were several of the unorthodox, yet rousing contests held in the library. A scavenger hunt played on the Internet was one contest that attracted students. Griffith hopes that using the computers will allow students not to be intimidated by them in the future.

This was the second year that the library has celebrated. Besides contests, the "Tons of Tomes" book sale was again part of the festivities. Duplicate books, slightly damaged books, outdated books and donated books were sold. The money generated from the book sale went directly to purchase prizes for the contests. Seventy dollars was raised in the event.

Three Cheers for Three Penny

by Michelle Study

The Theater department recently wrapped up its season with its final production of *Three Penny Opera*.

Three Penny is the story of the notorious bandit Mack the Knife and the people who surround his life from an irate father-in-law to several lovers. The characters are mostly ruthless and looking for advancement and do not care who is in their path. The Marian thespians did a fine job of portraying the characters. Leonard Pigg as Mack the Knife was wonderful and Ben Tebbe as Mr. Peachum were delightful.



Musically there is a great deal of talent at Marian. Ali Hinton, who went to Saturday night's performance, was amazed at the hidden talents of the students involved. "You have class with these people day in and day out, yet you never realize that these people are so talented. I only wish that more people would have gone to see it."

As a first-time cast member in a production at Marian, overall I was very impressed with the direction of Bart Simpson and the enormous cast of 20. The box office sold approximately 225 tickets throughout the four day run.

Sports

Cycling Team Wins Regional

by Norman L. Minnick, Jr.

Held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the road race Saturday morning for the men was 80 miles. The same afternoon was the team time trial. Sunday was the criterium.

In the road race, Marian did not do as well as the other events. The highest placing in the road race was a 5th place by a Marian rider.

Both the men's and the women's team dominated the team time trial event Saturday afternoon. Marian raced a secondary squad of riders in this event in case something happened that the first string crashed or had a mechanical problem. This squad of "slower" riders placed third in this event: A remarkable race against the clock.

Sunday was the premier event for the cyclists as well as the spectators. The criterium was held on the University of Michigan campus. One attack after another made it was a very fast, ruthless race. Marian dominated the race with at least one guy in each break. The eminent break of six riders included three Marian riders working together, attacking, and wearing out the other teams. Meanwhile, back in the pack, a Marian train had formed at the front controlling the entire race.

An attack by Jeff Weaver was successful and he managed to lap the main field of riders alone, bringing him one lap up on all the riders. However, the break-away group had managed to sustain enough speed to lap the main field near the end of the race— meaning that the top six places were secured: three would be Marian riders. With the train of Marian riders at the front of the peloton the finish was a glorious one.

With one lap to go, the bell sounded and the whole field was together. The main field was to sprint for 7th place and on, while the break-away group would sprint for 1st through 6th.

Taking first place was Ryan "Turbo" Barrett, third was Declan Doyle, sixth was Jeff Weaver, seventh was Brian O'Neal, eighth was Srdjan Lustica, ninth was Karim Abdelkader, eleventh was Brad Ryno, and seventeenth was Aaron Hubble. Points were given to the top twenty finishers.

In the women's B race, Sarah Allen secured first place. In the women's A race, Stephanie Derr finished fourth. In the men's B race Norman Minnick finished fifth respectively: all accruing points toward the over-all totals.

Running to Atlanta

by Michelle Study

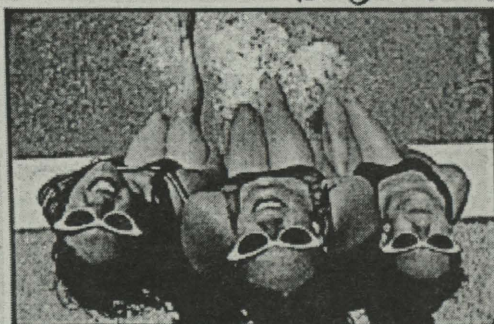
May 19-24 Marian track runners will travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete in the NAIA National Track meet.

Edward Popoola will be running the 100 and 200 meters, Joe Oleksak the 200 meter, Hastings Miller the 400 meter; all of the above and Steve Simpson will be competing in the 400 meter relay. Casey Brown will serve as the alternate in the relay team and will also compete in the triple jump.

The women will be represented by Amy Crews in the 1500 and the 5000 meters. Kari Scott in the 3000 meters and Julie Goodspeed in the 10,000 meters could possibly join Amy in Atlanta; however, at press time this was uncertain.

Marian track teams have enjoyed a record breaking season, as runners for both teams have shattered several records such as new times in both the men's and women's 4 X100 meter relay teams, a new men's time in the 400 meter, and many more. Additionally, this year Marian is sending more competitors to Nationals than any other year in its seven year history. Coach Natali added that beyond hard work, because the team is establishing a good record they are able to recruit better athletes which adds to the quality of the program.

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Choosing a Path after Graduation

by Ali Hinton

Graduation is quickly approaching and several members of the Class of '97 have already chosen the road in which they will travel.

Doors begin to open and one will find there are many paths they can take after graduation. Here is proof positive - three different students who have chosen to go in three separate directions.

Natalie Jones Biology Graduate School

Natalie chose the path of graduate school. She started applying to physical therapy programs in October '96 for schools such as Washington University in St. Louis, MO, University of Evansville, University of Indianapolis, and Indiana University. Natalie commented, "I took the GRE in November over the computer but I had already started filling out and sending my applications out early, most deadlines were at the beginning of the year. The applications involved a lot of my time because each of them were long and had essay questions I had to respond to."

After receiving letters and going to interviews Jones was notified in late March/April that she got accepted to IU, was an alternate at U of E, and was on a waiting list at Washington University. "IU was my first choice so I was very excited to get accepted. The program has a good reputation, is the least expensive, is here in Indianapolis, and the program is only two years long," added Natalie.

The Indiana University Physical Therapy Program in the school of Allied Health will begin on June 30 and last year round until she graduates in 1999 with the title of "Physical Therapist". Natalie plans to work part-time at Novacare Outpatient Rehabilitation to receive extra experience while attending school full-time.

LeAnn Evans Nursing Job Search

LeAnn started sending out her resume and applying for jobs within her major about four weeks ago. She has received responses and has had two

interviews. "I applied first at the places that I had clinical experience and people knew me. However I am still looking and sending out resumes. I think that I will find a job because there are several openings within my field," commented LeAnn.

"I am not actually a registered nurse until I take the state boards, 31 days after the college sends verification to take the tests. I am confident that I will do fine, Marian has a 90% passing rate," added LeAnn. After receiving results from the state boards, LeAnn hopes to receive a position as a registered nurse in the adult unit at the Larue Carter Hospital, a state mental facility located in Indianapolis.

Anita Hess Biology Missionary Work

Anita picked up a missionary book in the chapel last semester and started applying to various mission groups in March. After several interviews she chose the Salesians, a Catholic based group, who stress a simple lifestyle and whose mission is focused on helping youth throughout the world.

"I chose to go to Bolivia. My position will be either in Montero at a girls' orphanage where I would be a tutor, role model, and be involved in daily activities, or in Orinoco where I would teach English and Biology at a high school and do youth ministry in the evenings and on weekends. I will find out my location when I go to the orientation," commented Anita. The position will last for one year and is renewable. She will be leaving either in August or September of this year.

All travel, room and board, and medical insurance is paid, along with a monthly stipend of \$100.

Knowledge of the Spanish language is not required, although Anita does have experience speaking the language through school and in her home state of Texas. She added that she was told she, "would learn the language in approximately 3-4 weeks." This is part of the reason she chose to go to Bolivia, to come back knowing a second language, along with helping youth of the world.

Summer Season at Deer Creek

Kelly Scott

As Deer Creek begins its ninth season, thousands have enjoyed its open venue concerts and events. This years Miller Lite Concert Series, however, promises to draw even more Hoosiers to the Noblesville theater, promising a wider variety of musical talent than ever before.

Some of the acts already on schedule are No Doubt, the Beech Boys and Chicago; Rush; Summer Daze; Jimmy Buffett, Dave Matthews Band, Styx, My Utmost For His Highest, Vince Gill, Boston, Queensryche, James Taylor, The Who, Smokin' Groove, Phish; REO Speedwagon, Further Festival, Lillith Fair Festival, Rusted Root and Santana; the Ozzfest '97, Barry Mannilow, and Fruit of the Loom Country Comfort. This is quite an impressive variety of performers, and spokesmen for the amphitheater say that even more shows will be announced as the season progresses.

All this, not to mention the theater has even been revamped for your viewing pleasure. Since last season, Deer Creek has acquired new vendors featuring a wider selection of food and novelty items for fans and

concert goers.

The important things to remember about Deer Creek, or for any concert for that matter, is to keep up on the latest information concerning the performers you're interested in seeing. You can get the best information from TicketMaster. Simply call or stop by a branch and ask them to search for the act/group name in the system. If your band is playing anywhere in the tri-state area, they should know about it.

If you're interested in seeing any of the acts listed, be sure to check the listings in the entertainment section of the *Indianapolis Star* to verify information about times and dates. Tickets for many of the acts listed here are currently on sale, so you better hurry. Sheltered seating is limited, but the lawn seating provides open spaces and great opportunity for a date or just a relaxing evening with friends.

No matter what your age or musical interest, this season, Deer Creek has something to break the monotony of those lazy days of summer.

Editorials

A Journal is just a Journal

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our concern about the article that was printed in the April 20, 1997 edition of the *Carbon* about the Campus Ministry Spring Break Service Trip. First, there is inaccurate information in the article. Campus Ministry does not visit the same place every year. We had several options this year and we decided, as a group, where we would like to go.

We would like the readers of the *Carbon* to be aware of the fact that the journal portion of the article was exactly that-a journal. It was the rash feelings and emotions of one person. It did not reflect the entire group's experience. Each person left the mission with different insights. Therefore, the *Carbon* (more specifically, the reporter and editor) should have taken the responsibility to ask (and possibly print) more than one person's experience.

Also, the *Carbon* should have realized, after reading what Mathauer wrote, that it would be offensive to the others who went on the trip as well as the coordinator of the trip. The *Carbon* should have taken the time to get responses from those involved before the article was printed.

Overall the trip went well. It was a productive week of service, helping those in need. Although attitude is important Mathauer did not tell the reader anything about the events that occurred throughout the week. She focused only on what she was thinking about the other group members. Her perception of our attitudes is only that-her perception. As Mathauer stated, we would not have gone if we had not wanted

to do the work and live in the simplistic community. We would hardly label disagreeing with some of the Mission policies as whining, not having a humble heart, or being immature! Whining is childish but if you ask anyone else that went on the trip you will find no one was aware of whining. The topics Mathauer addressed had nothing to do with humility. None of the group members went prancing around saying, "Look what I did! Look what I did!" We did not expect anything in return for our helping hands.. We gave up our time and our money to serve others. Maybe we should ask Mathauer what her definition of humility is! As far as immaturity is concerned we would like to know when laughter became immature. Laughter is key to everyone's enjoyment and insanity. Without laughter life can get pretty overwhelming. We must have time to laugh and lighten our hearts. We do understand that there is a time for everything but God has no limitations on when you can smile; there is a time to be reverent and we modeled that during times of prayer and solitude.

We appreciate the *Carbon* for taking an interest in our service, but we do not value the lack of investigation into the trip and the reliability and validity of Mathauer's journal. Thank you for your time; we hope that our comments are well taken.

**Erin Whalen, Tatiana Patterson, Stephanie
Kirchner, Michelle Schneider, Angie Lecher,
Gina Kolks, LeAnn Evans, Jessica Deckard.**

To All Who Were on Spring Break Alternative '97

I want to take this time to publicly apologize to each of you for what was printed in the previous *Carbon*. I take full responsibility for my actions in giving the *Carbon* Staff Member my Personal Journal, although the intent was for only the dates and events we did each day to be taken from it. I did not know the entire Journal was going to be printed until the day before the papers were to go out and even then I tried to have them recalled, but was told by the *Carbon* staff member that it was too late. I understand if you are hurt and upset by the words of my journal, but I assure you that I would never intentionally print something like the article that went out to hurt anyone.

I made a mistake, I take responsibility for my actions and I want to once again publicly apologize to you all and ask for forgiveness.

Sincerely,

Becky Mathauer

Joan Marciniak's response:

Thank you for taking your time to express your thoughts and opinions concerning the article about the Caritas Mission trip. When I requested a journal to be written by Mathauer to be printed in the *Carbon*, I simply wanted an elaborate day-to-day account of the events that took place on the trip with perhaps a little reflection. Although people may be offended, it is not my job to protect everyone and their feelings. I understand you are hurt because you feel that you were misrepresented in the journal. I was not intentionally trying to make anyone miserable.

Correction

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Six Degrees of Separation from My Very Own Franciscan Value

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the small snippet which appeared on page 12 of the latest Carbon. It offered the Franciscan value of your choice if you could identify the 427 references to mentoring which appeared in that issue. After reading through the Carbon several times, I have been unable to find 427 such instances. At best I could find 227, and that is including the vaguest of allusions to things only remotely connected to mentoring. Of direct references, I could find only 16 places that mentioned either mentoring or those involved in the program; that is, 16 if you count separately each of the 12 times that Dr. Appleby's name appears (he is a mentor). Quite honestly, in order to come up with the 227 I had to use any reference I could find. Below is a brief synopsis of some of the tenuous connections I had to make to reach even 227:

- I counted every time Marian was mentioned because Marian is the College That Mentors.

- I counted each time Doyle, St. Francis, and Clare halls were mentioned because they are located on the campus of Marian which is the College That Mentors.

- I included in that 227 every instance in which a student's name appears because he or she may live in the buildings named Doyle, St. Francis, and Clare that are located on the campus of Marian which is the College That Mentors.

- I also included in that number each time the word MCSA was mentioned because it is composed of students who may live in buildings named Doyle, St. Francis, and Clare located on the campus of Marian College which is the College That Mentors.

- I counted each of the times the word Carbon appeared because it is allocated money by MCSA which is composed of students who may reside in buildings named Doyle, St. Francis, and Clare located

Dear Editor,

This is in addition to the letter appearing last issue by Beth Sawchuk. No, the letter was not bitter. As a matter of fact, I am delighted that someone else has spoken up on the matter of the school's backwardness. The problem with the communication system is just a part of the problem. Students and their parents pay an enormous amount of money to attend Marian College and the least the school could do is strive to make its image the best it can be. Marian should have a little more pride in itself and its image toward the students who are paying the money.

I will begin with the positive attributes of Marian. I transferred from a much larger college and I do feel that Marian has a great teaching and administrative staff. The education you receive here can't be beat, but even though that is what you are mainly here for, it is only a small part of your college life.

Now, I am not talking about anything that will be remedied by the capital campaign. It starts at the bottom. Coming from high school you may be used to the kind of food service you receive here with Aramark. But this is college. Do you realize that you are paying about six dollars per meal? Think about it. For that amount of money Aramark can not afford to provide you with a clean atmosphere nor clean dishes for that matter. The list goes on, just read the comment cards, it reflects the image of the school. If the food and service in restaurants was this bad you would not pay for it. But you are.

on the campus of Marian College which is the College That Mentors.

- Finally, to arrive at the 227 references to mentoring, I counted the number of people who read that issue of the Carbon which is allocated money by MCSA which is composed of students who may reside in buildings named Doyle, St. Francis, and Clare located on the campus of Marian College, which is, as we all know, the College That Mentors.

I point all this out to question whether or not 427 references did exist in the first place. And, if not, is it a journalistically or legally sound practice to offer a contest that no one can win? Regardless, I have included with this letter my list of the 227 references and vague allusions to mentoring that I found in the last issue of the Carbon. If I am the winner, the Franciscan value I would like is reconciliation.

Sincerely,
Ara Wade

Editor's note: The Carbon would like to apologize to the entire universe yet again for another unfortunate mistake in our last issue. We assumed that everyone would realize that the item which Mr. Wade referred to was a joke. We forgot that Mr. Wade was still stalking the campus looking for ways to amuse himself. We sincerely regret any inconvenience our lame attempt at humor may have caused. However, since Mr. Wade did treat our contest as a serious endeavor and, since he was the only one to do so, we hereby declare him the winner of the year's subscription to the Carbon. His choice of reconciliation as his preferred Franciscan value is a problem, however. I am sorry to say that we are all out of reconciliation, peace and justice, and dignity (of the individual). If he would like some responsible stewardship, I think we might be able to accommodate him. We would like to congratulate Mr. Wade for a dedication to the Carbon seldom seen, even among our own staff.

How about every time you need to write a research paper? You might as well forget about using YOUR Library. It is a waste of time, you will find nothing. All the materials you need can only be found at other schools. You are paying for it though.

The student life committee is trying to find ways of getting students to stay on campus over the weekends rather than going home. Let's see, the library closes at 4:30 on Friday and Saturday. The gym closes early on Friday and is only open for a few hours at a time on weekends, if you are lucky, as all too often it is closed without notice. And if you are lucky, watch out for that old, rusty weight-lifting equipment, you might poke your eye out. You are paying for it.

This may seem like a lot of nit-picking but why not see for yourself. Take a trip down to IUPUI or Butler and waltz right into their bathroom. See how cushiony soft their toilet paper is? Run the water, see it is not brown. Take my word for it, their showers run hot AND cold. Walk over to their library. See how nice and helpful their librarians are. They know what they are doing. Now, walk across their campus. Isn't it odd? How come their maintenance crew is not hangin' around some ol', run-down, pickup-truck, in their muscle-shirts and cut-off jeans, smoking, chewin' tobacco, and spitting on the sidewalk? Hey, you're paying for it.

Norman L. Minnick, Jr.

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New MCSA Blood Underestimated

Dear Editor,

We are expressing our extreme disappointment in the content of Joan Marciniak's article, "New Blood in MCSA." Expecting an objective article that usually appears on the front page of a newspaper, we were surprised by the personal comments incorporated in Marciniak's article.

Although we both feel we went out of our way to help this reporter finish an article before her deadline, we were portrayed as clueless villains that do not care about our new positions in MCSA. However, this is not the case. Information in Marciniak's article was not true as admitted to Silas Dust by Marciniak. Therefore, we are writing this article not as a personal attack on Joan Marciniak's opinionated column, but rather to introduce the new Student Governing Board to the students of Marian College.

The MCSA Governing Board consists of Silas Dust, President; JoAnne Caporale, Vice-President; Angie Wyler, Secretary; Patrick Thurston, Treasurer; Amy Willis, Campus Events Coordinator; Joe Oleksak, Academic Affairs Representative; Tatiana Patterson, Residence Hall Representative; David Rusbasan, Student Affairs Representative; Lori Payne, Commuter Student Representative; Heidi Hancher, Senior Class Representative; Laura Bergman, Junior Class Representative; Jesse Corbin, Sophomore Class

Representative; Kate Mahoney, Student At Large Internal Affairs; Renee Brescher, Student At Large External Affairs.

As a new board we have discussed some general reasons for taking an active role in MCSA. We would like to promote more school spirit by acknowledging sports teams and academic departments. Creating specific awards for athletic and academic success is one way to show our support in MCSA. We would also like to encourage more participation in school related activities. However, we do need student input for these goals, because we represent all students. We will have comment boards located on campus for student input to reach MCSA. Also, input in planning campus events was asked of all students. We would also like to encourage more student-faculty activities by sponsoring events to intermix both groups. We are also in the process of uniting our goals with the "Campaign for Marian" to fully improve our school through our Governing Board as well.

We deeply regret the view Joan Marciniak had of us as MCSA members. We have not had the chance to prove our abilities to the school. We ask that all students keep an open mind about their Governing Board, and if you do have concerns please bring them to the members.

Silas Dust and JoAnne Caporale

Joan Marciniak responds:

Portions of the above letter to the editor do not coincide with my notes and experiences, especially the sentence "Information in Marciniak's article was not true as admitted to Silas Dust by Marciniak." However, the *Carbon* staff does regret any miscommunication that has occurred and is looking forward to a constructive working relationship with MCSA in the future.

Discriminating and Rude

Dear Editor

I found Peter Martin, Sr.'s commentary "Martinizing: Just a few thoughts" to be both discriminatory and rude. While his views, on the whole are solid and of value, he directs them only toward the black community, thereby, excluding those who are non-black. Even though he states that prejudice comes in many forms, not just white on black, he nevertheless alienates many of his readers by assuming that one must be black to fully appreciate what he has to say. By doing this, Mr. Martin is himself guilty of the prejudicial favoring he rallies so fiercely against.

Teresa Henslee

MCSA Governing Board

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few thoughts on the 1997-1998 MCSA Governing Board. As the advisor to this group, I am looking forward to a year of productive projects and learning opportunities for everyone involved. The students fulfilling the 15 positions are serious about their respective roles and eager to hear from all students at Marian. Seeking input from the students is the basis for all actions performed by MCSA.

I encourage everyone to attend the MCSA meetings, talk to the officers, and to pay attention to what is happening on your campus. Issues addressed by

MCSA are done so with the intent of helping all students to gain the most from their collegiate experience at Marian College.

If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns related to MCSA, I encourage you to share them with the students who were elected by their peers to fulfill the responsibility of operating the Marian College Student Association.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hester

MCSA Advisor

Director of Student Activities

The Carbon recently asked students and professors what they thought about turning in late papers and why. There were a wide variety of responses. but the general consensus seemed to be the same: late papers should be accepted, but not without an acceptable explanation. The following are some responses we got concerning individual views.

Joe Roller, Fr. - "Yes, in extraordinary circumstances, it should be considered, it should not be cut and dry."

Mike Dukrhart, So. - "Yes, with a lower grade though, with some discipline done. People have computer problems and it's out of their control. If they didn't finish the paper on time, it usually means they were waiting to the last minute and they should've done it earlier."

David Vialard, Sr. - "Yes, it has to be a good excuse, when there's a whole bunch going on, like towards the end of the semester. It should be a reasonable amount of time given to get the paper done."

Angie Kaufman, So. - "In some cases I think it's ok, but not always. If that were the case, everyone should be able to be late."

Timothy Vollmer, Jr. - "Yes, mercy shall be rendered upon those who practice the deeds of mercy."

Amanda Duchemin, So. - "I think that it depends on the situation, if a student has just been lazy and put it off, then no. If they're extremely ill or there is an emergency, then they should be able to turn it in late."

Heather Kelch, Fr. "no, because it's your responsibility to get your work in on time."

Wendy Bouchard, Sr. - "no, because I am a person who works my butt off to get things done and I don't think it's fair for those who don't work as hard to get a longer time to get things done."

"I am one of those people who turn in late papers, and I applaud those teachers who accept late papers on my behalf, even though I know there's no excuse for it."

The instructors feel much the same about accepting late papers from students.

Jack Sederholm, Theatre/Speech - "Yes, I do, but they are not graded on the same scales as those that are turned in on time."

Laurel Camp, Psychology - "With arrangement; other than that, no"

Dennis Kelly, Philosophy - "Many a student has graduated from this college, because I have allowed people to turn in a late paper."

Father Leopold Keffler, Science - "I do. I try to listen to what the reason is. I try to recognize that students have problems with the fixed schedule. Another reason is the variety of students with different kinds of obligations and pressures on them."

Larry Atwood, English - "The death rate among assorted family members and pets appears to be much lower in those classes with instructors who don't tolerate late work. This must surely be a social benefit."

Corrections:

A misprint occurred in Issue 8 of the *Carbon* in the article "Disciplinary Fines Are Raised", by Ali Hinton. The subtitles of "New Fines" and "Old Fines" were inadvertently reversed. Sorry for any inconveniences this may have caused.

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Awards Given to Outstanding Mentors

by Joan Marciniak

The Mentor-Leader Awards Banquet took place on April 14 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The purpose was to recognize the Student Mentor and Faculty Mentor of the Year and to get to know other mentors.

Approximately 36 faculty and student mentors including President Daniel Felicetti gathered at Stokely Mansion for the banquet. After eating a dinner prepared by ARAMARK, the participants listened while Joseph L. Smith, Sr., Executive Director of the Indiana Commission on Community Service, spoke about the "Circle of Mentoring" and its importance in life. Awards were then given: Sister Monica Zore received the Faculty/Staff Mentor of the Year award, and Laura A. Bergman received the Student Mentor

of the Year awards. Both received plaques and gift certificates for two dinners at the Olive Garden.

The awards banquet was sponsored by the Mentor-Leader program headed by Nancy Scott, Director of Mentoring and Service Learning. The program helps students develop skills in everything from communication to conflict resolution. "The Mentor-Leader program is structured so that students can



Mentors

obtain support and expertise from faculty and staff and then turn around and use their personal growth to mentor incoming students in the fall," Scott said. This program encourages mentoring now and after graduation.

President Returns from Summit

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President Felicetti's impression of the conference was that volunteerism is already prevalent in America but should grow as a result of the conference and General Colin Powell's leadership of the program. Once back home the delegates will meet with both their city and state groups. The plan is to hold state and/or local level summits to generate ideas on how to meet the national goal.

President Felicetti commented that he was proud of how much "Marian was at the forefront of the summit, and that in terms of mentoring and community service the rest of the country appears to be catching up to Marian. These emphases are what many in this country are now recognizing in the volunteer movement."

May 1, 1997 marked the beginning of Marian's commitment of 60,000 hours worth of volunteer hours in community service from students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and friends; to symbolize and celebrate our 60th anniversary in Indianapolis.

In closing, Felicetti added that "By the year 2000 a notable difference will be made, but it is impossible right now to tell how much. "The success of the program depends on how well national, state and local leaders organize and publicize the benefits of the volunteer movement."

Book Review

By Emily Persic

Rapture in Canaan

Oprah Winfrey's sixth book club selection, *Rapture of Canaan*, by Sheri Reynolds, is the powerful story of a young girl's coming of age in a small, southern religious community. Ninah lives in the community of the Church of Fire and Brimstone and God's Almighty Baptizing Wind where her Grandpa Herman is preacher. The community concentrates on understanding Jesus' pain through punishing for any little mistake. Ninah is accustomed to sleeping on burrs and cockles or walking with broken shells in her shoes.

She tries hard to keep her mind on pious thoughts, yet as she grows older finds it more difficult to resist her feelings toward another teenage community member. Consequently Ninah soon finds herself pregnant and seemingly without allies.

Reynolds has written a beautiful story that questions the blindness of tradition and the need for change in every person's life. Her characters are vivid and believable. The startling discoveries that each character makes because of the chain of events set off by Ninah's pregnancy are humorous and moving. Reynolds uses a fifteen year old girl to show that while religion can be a stronghold it can also be a way cutting one off from the good in change and in other lifestyles.

Rapture in Canaan is filled with moments of great sorrow and of humor. Its stubborn, lovable Ninah is unforgettable as she travels through death and birth on an ultimately triumphant journey into understanding and forgiveness.