

# The Carbon

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## Students assist in catching Doyle Thief

by Matt McGreal

Eleven a.m. on a Sunday morning, the Marian Campus was calm and quiet. The sun was shining bright, and the scent of neighbors burning the first leaves of fall was in the air. Doyle Hall rested on the far south end of campus, serene and secluded. Dan Nichols sat in the main lobby, talking with his friends. He happened to notice the door to the girls wing open, then close, with no one coming out. Inside the girls wing, maintenance woman Thelma Harper encountered a black man and asked him if she could help him. The man quickly turned away and fled down the hallway.

The man in question wasn't a student or a visitor- he was, in fact, a burglar.

He was described by witnesses as a black man, about 26 years old, wearing a black Addidas jogging suit. A large well groomed man with gold chains and diamond rings, wearing a black waist pouch entered a room on the first floor of Doyle Hall.

A student, Felisha Frisch, had left her door open while going to the restroom. When she returned to her room, she saw the man looming over her desk. When she discovered him, he panicked. He asked her if this was Suzie's room. She informed him that it wasn't, but he could check down the hall. The man walked out of the room, then ran down the hallway.

Felisha noticed that her purse was open and her wallet was laying out. She immediately called her friend Marlon Mack. Marlon ran outside to see if he could see the man. Meanwhile, Felisha headed to the Doyle lobby for more assistance. When she entered the lobby, she spotted the burglar immediately. Dan Nichols and Matt Gudeman ran outside to find the burglar. They frantically looked around the perimeter of the building. They saw two black men standing by a neighbors fence on the west side of Doyle. One of these men was Marlon. The thief swung at Marlon and missing, Marlon lunged at him. He also missed.

The thief reached behind his back, as if going for a gun. At this point, Marlon stepped back, and Matt and Dan ran over to the scene to help Marlon. The thief jumped over the fence, with Marlon, Matt and Dan close behind. The chase went on across the neighbors yard, across Bedford and Winnfield streets.

Marlon finally caught the man when he couldn't get over a third fence. He grabbed the man, and

while he had a hold of him, he snatched his waist pouch.

Marlon threw the pouch to Tim and the man turned towards Tim. Tim threw it back to Marlon. They actually played keep away from the man. Finally Matt threw it to Dan and told him to run back to campus.

On his way back to campus a neighbor stopped Dan to ask what was going on. The thief went after Dan and the pouch. Marlon bodily blocked the man, got the pouch back from Dan and put it in his jacket.

The man demanded his pouch back, but Matt and Marlon reasoned with the thief and persuaded him to return to Doyle with them where they would work everything out.

The man actually returned to campus with them. When they got back the thief started talking to the Doyle Resident Director Mike Pankey and within minutes Campus Security and IPD were there. IPD questioned the man and the witnesses. The man was taken down town for trespassing and held until further charges could be pressed.

The description of this man seemed to match that of the Clare burglar, but a victim from Clare did not identify him as being the same man. Chief Leske of Campus Security said that he has been in contact with other Indianapolis colleges. Butler University has had similar robberies with a similar description of the thief.

As of last Wednesday the man was on hold for 72 hours, but since has been released on bond. This man has prior felony convictions.

Chief Leske offers the following advice to help curtail the recent thefts: Always lock your door when you go anywhere, even the restroom. Keep the serial numbers of all T.V.s, VCRs and stereo equipment.

Be aware! If you see anything suspicious or suspect any illegal activity contact campus security or your R.D. immediately!



by Carlos Vidaurre

There are several historic buildings that occupy the Marian College campus. Among these, of course, are the Stokely and Allison mansions. However, walking by the Stokely Estate one would probably notice that there lies another historic building which was built by Frank Wheeler,

the original owner of Stokely Mansion.

Wheeler, being a constant traveler, decided that he wanted to build a Japanese Tea House. (In actuality, it is not a genuine Japanese tea house since it is not architecturally correct.) Until recently the building was at the point of being destroyed. However, thanks to the support of several outside parties and Marian's Advancement Office, a renovated Oriental Pavilion will be dedicated on October 17 at 4:00 p.m.

According to J. Andy Murphy, Director of Public Relations, the big problem came down to how they were going to find the funds needed in order to renovate the



building. In looking for funds, five companies offered their help. Takenaka International (USA), Ltd., Commemorative Association for the Japan World Exposition, MSE Corporation, the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago, and the Japan-American Society of Indiana Inc. Since the Oriental Pavilion is of such unique value, over \$50,000 was dedicated toward its restoration.

The renovations to the building should be finished by October 11; however, the garden will not be completed until next spring. Therefore, this is the first of two dedications that Marian will be hosting. Several delegates from the Japanese community and the respec-

tive benefactors will be attending the dedication followed by a reception in Stokely Mansion. Students interested in attending the dedication ceremony are welcome.

The use of the Oriental Pavilion will be restricted to events regarding an Oriental theme such as a Japanese tea ceremony, and will be managed through the Conference and Events Center. Ms. Murphy hopes that the whole community will benefit from such a unique part of Oriental culture. "The history of it (the building) was too valuable to not try to save," she said.

## Kids 'n cops

by Maria Giovanna Scarelli

Kids 'n Cops is a program of Indianapolis' Bicycle Action Project (BAP). The purpose of BAP is to teach at-risk youth self-management, basic academics, work readiness and leadership skills through bicycle-related activities. Through hands-on experience, inner city kids learn how to repair and maintain bicycles. Any youth in the program who completes 25 hours of community service then receives one of the newly renovated bikes for free.

Circle K is a national organization affiliated with the Kiwanis Club. Members of Circle K provide community service while still having the social qualities of other clubs. Five members of Marian's Circle K provided their services on Saturday, September 21 at BAP's major event of the year, Kids 'n Cops.

Lasting all day, this event had food, t-shirts, posters, bike auctions and even local band performances. In the afternoon, three bicycle races took place between kids and cops. This was an effort

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## Recycling at Marian

by Matt McGreal

Project Earth is the name of the Environmental Club on campus. Headed by co-advisors Sr. Norma and Della Pacheco, a club has formed here at Marian to save the earth and to raise people's consciousness of environmental issues.

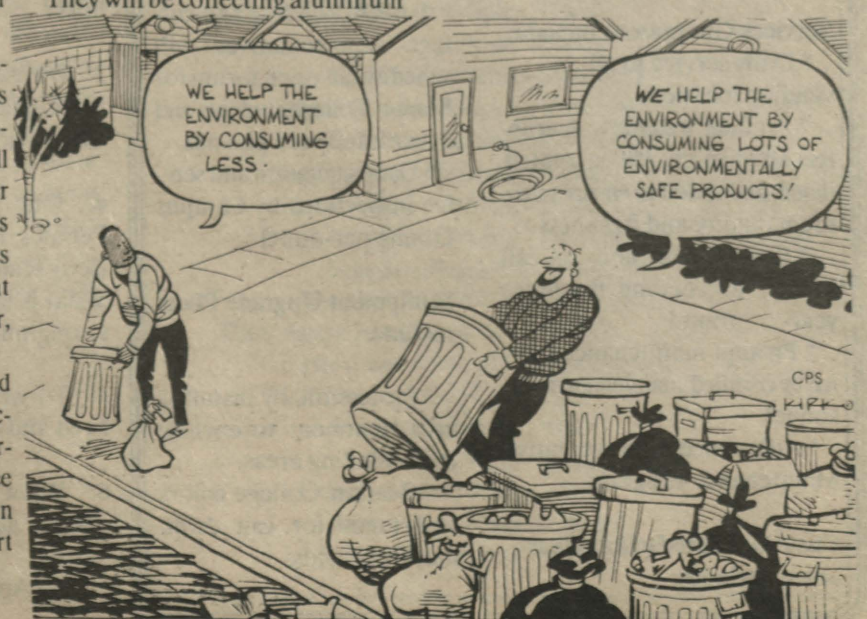
Project Earth has taken a special interest in the Wetlands. Twice a year, they trek through the Wetlands picking up trash and debris. Recycling will be a major focus for the group this year.

They will be collecting aluminum

cans in each of the Residence Halls, and in the future Marian Hall can look for a special container to recycle paper and possibly glass and plastic.

The various offices in Marian Hall will be recycling paper that will be pumped through their office daily.

This is our planet. It's our choice. If we choose to support Project Earth, we make a valuable investment in our future and the future of Mother Earth.





# Sex in the dorm

## The Church and sexuality

Third in a series

by Krissy Abel

Probably all young, sexually-active Christians see an image when they go to church, and it's a large, neon sign above the altar that blinks "ABSTAIN!"

Why? It's church tradition. Sex before marriage is wrong. How, though, are young adults supposed to respond to sexual concerns this simply when society is sending out so many mixed messages? Traditional christian beliefs on sexuality are crumbling under the pressures of today.

Christian doctrine teaches that marital sex is good, but that chastity is necessary for all other persons. Most theologies also teach that specific forms of sexual activity are wrong; such as fornication, adultery, contraception, and sodomy.

The reasoning behind this is

simple: a person not controlled by sexual desire will have freedom of self-possession and intimacy with God.

In the church's eyes, intimacy is the reason not to have sex, but society has made intimacy the number one reason to have sex. You see it all the time in advertising: a commercial for a perfume with a half-dressed couple entangled in each other's arms; an ad for a car with a woman whispering in the driver's ear; or a billboard ad for cigarettes with a man and woman dancing closely.

The problem lies with the definition of intimacy. To the church, intimacy means

a closeness with God. To society, it means physical closeness. Probably, though, most people tend to think of intimacy as a closeness of body and spirit.

Since christian belief holds that sex before marriage is wrong, most young adults find it hard to follow this doctrine because they believe that the body and soul are united together, and that sexuality is not a separate part of a person, but that it is combination of their spiritual and physical condition.

This unfortunately causes a conflict. A person who is committed to most of the church's beliefs and alive to spiritual issues in conflict with the church. Hopefully, leaders in the christian tradition will find new ways to approach these young adults in an open, friendly communication about sexuality.

## Editorial

by N.M. Gasco

Here's a bit of Carbon trivia for those who are interested, but more importantly for those who aren't: the Carbon has a circulation of 600. That's 600 copies printed per week at \$.24 per copy, or \$141.00 per week in printing expenses.

The entire process for producing a weekly paper is a bit more involved than some would give us credit for. First, stories are produced by our "roving reporters" who expend their time and energy in interviewing, researching and writing these stories. These are then turned in, typed and edited. From there, 4-6 hours are spent laying out the articles on the page-maker, which is then printed out and pasted up. From this stage, the paper is taken off campus to be printed.

Normally, when the Carbon is brought to school, it is distributed on the stands at both ends of Marian

Hall as well as the faculty mail shelves. However, last week, while distributing the 197 (if I counted correctly) papers in the faculty mailrooms, I noticed one faculty member pick up her mail and immediately throw her copy of the Carbon in the garbage. Now, if she didn't want this paper, why couldn't she take an extra step or two and simply hand me the paper (since I was right next to the garbage putting the papers in the shelves)? The funny thing is that when I went to pick it up, I found four more. I was tempted to dig through the entire garbage but I was too disgusted to do so. What is sad is that this person, and others like her, don't seem to realize that they are throwing away

something that not only took time and effort, but money as well.

Granted, it's just a quarter, right? But, if 197 papers get tossed aside, that's \$47.28, right? Because of this, the Carbon will no longer be distributed in the faculty mail shelves. Obviously, it was a service that we courteously provided teachers with, but it was alas one that apparently was taken for granted.

Is it fair that all faculty must pay for the careless act of 4 or 5? Well, is it not uncommon for whole classes to be punished when a few students misbehave?

Am I blowing this out of proportion? I think not, for attempts to stress conservation and recycling, I think such waste is inexcusable.

Besides, if you saw a quarter lying on the ground, would you pick it up? If you saw a Carbon lying on the ground, would you read it???

## WONDERMENTS

by Holly Criss

Are there things that everyone wonders about? Sure there are. Like why is the sky blue and not another color, like purple? Why do all the professors talk over the allotted time for class? Did you ever wonder why EVERYTHING closes early on Friday (especially when that may be the only day you can get there)? Why does everyone else get to take an hour or two for lunch and you are expected to eat not when you're hungry but when it is ready? Why do the printers on the computers always run out of paper when you are ready to print? Why is there always a line no matter what you may be waiting for? Why do people always run out of gas far away from a gas station? Why do more people have wrecks in the dead of winter than any other time during the year? Why do people say that crickets are a sign of good luck? Why does everyone supposedly have a twin somewhere in the world? No matter what in life you may wonder about, someone, somewhere has the answer. Although no one person has all the answers one exists somewhere. If you have any "wonderments" address them to Holly at the Carbon and I will try my best to wonder about them too.

## Daily Exercise of the Non-Athletic

Activity	Calories burned
Beating around the bush	75
Climbing the walls	150
Passing the buck	25
Running in circles	350
Tooting your own horn	25
Pushing your luck	250
Throwing weight around 50-300 (depending on your weight)	
Jumping to conclusions	100
Swallowing your pride	50

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to improve the relationships between youth and police officers. Circle K members helped to move the renovated bicycles from the warehouse to the auction area. They also set up the race courses and acted as "referees" during the races. Marian's volunteers found this to be an enjoyable and very rewarding experience. They can't wait for their next opportunity to offer their volunteer services.

## Letters

### Bathrooms

Being a freshman, I have not witnessed some of the major changes around campus over the last few years. I was not here to see the beginning renovations of Alverna and all the work that was done at Doyle, but there are a few things I have noticed.

For example, Alverna looks great with the recreation room, the MCSA Office, Student Activities Office, the commuter lounge, and the Carbon Office. But certain things should be, or more to the point should have been, put in these particular rooms. We all understand that furniture tends to arrive later than expected, but at least we should be able to use the facilities and they should have the "bare necessities". Soap in the women's restroom? Well, there is not any soap in the women's restroom, so how are you supposed to wash your hands? I don't know about everyone else but at least some priorities need to be straightened out.

Dirty Hands

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Any campus club or organization sponsoring an event can advertise in the Carbon at no charge by submitting a 4"x6" ad to the Carbon in the Carbon mailbox in the faculty mailroom one week before the ad is to run. If typesetting is required, the ad must be submitted two weeks in advance, and a fee will be charged. The Carbon will run the ad for the two weeks preceding the announced event.

Events or informational notes can be submitted for the Knightly notes by campus organizations or persons. The text must be 50 words or less. The deadline for Notes is Fridays at 12:00 noon in the Carbon mailbox. The editors reserve the right to edit all advertisements and notes submitted.

## "Flintstones" Trivia

1. What was Fred's occupation and where does he work?
2. Who is Fred's ever-so grouchy boss?
3. Whose television birth scored the highest rating since that of Little Ricky on "I Love Lucy"?
4. One year after the birth of Pebbles Flintstone, Barney and Betty Rubble adopted a baby boy. What is the name of this super-strong infant?
5. To what Fraternal Lodge do Fred and Barney belong?
6. What is Wilma Flintstone's maiden name?

(Answers on Page 4)

In response to the problems with the vending machines around Marian, the following is a copy of ARA's pledge to Marian to improve the vending services.

The pledge was made out to Marian shortly before the letter was published in the paper, and should now be in effect.

### Services Guarantees Include:

- \* Daily service to all vending locations
- \* Product freshness guarantee; all products will be rotated, dated, and coded to ensure maximum quality and freshness
- \* Twenty-four hour on-call service to vending machines year-round
- \* Prompt maintenance service by certified maintenance personnel
- \* Adherence to Preventative Maintenance Program

### Customer Satisfaction Guarantee Includes:

\* Replacement or refund offer to assure customer satisfaction and responsiveness available in the Food Service Director's Office at Clare Hall or from route service personnel

\* Customer satisfaction survey completed annually in November

\* ARA Vending and college representatives will schedule an open forum for Marian College students and other interested persons

\* Daily sanitation and service inspections by Campus Dining personnel

### Equipment Upgrade Plans Include:

- \* Professionally installed area treatment to enclose main vending areas.
- \* Marian College colors and logos for can drink machine fronts





## Senior Profile

by Amy Howell

Dan Dattilo (Pisces), is a music major and a business minor here at Marian College, but studying is not all that Dan does because he has caught "SENIORITIS."

The 21-year-old senior chose music for his major because his mother sings and his father played the trumpet which is what Dan plays. He says, "My family has al-

ways been musically inclined, and I have been good in it since I was young."

Being from Madison, Indiana and so far away from home has not detoured Dan from meeting friends. He has lived on campus since he was a freshman. This year he lives in St. Francis Hall with his roommate, Brian Sweany or "Schmag" to everyone else. Dan enjoys living in the dorm because all of the guys on his floor care about him so much. "I know that all of the guys are going to cut out my picture and hang it everywhere to draw on or throw darts at." But what are friends



for?

Most of the guys would describe Dan as crazy, cocky, and a fun lovin' guy.

Along with being "a fun lovin' guy", Dan stays really busy by working at Itza Pizza, singing at a church, and carrying 20 hours. But all work and no play makes Dan a dull boy, so he does find the time to do the things that he loves best such as going to concerts and partying. Of course he isn't all crazy, he does have a serious side too.

Dan feels that Marian is a great place to learn because it has a more relaxed atmosphere and the

people are really friendly. He also thinks that the students here are academically honest. But the one problem he has with Marian is that everyone goes home on the weekends. He said, "If everyone would stay around they would have a better chance of meeting more people."

Although his friends call him "crazy", Dan has a sensitive side too because he insisted that he thank those people who have made his years at Marian good ones: the entire music department, especially Sara Reed; Sister Ruth Anne Wirtz; and Jim Lerner.

## Banned books week starts September 29.

by Greg Knipe

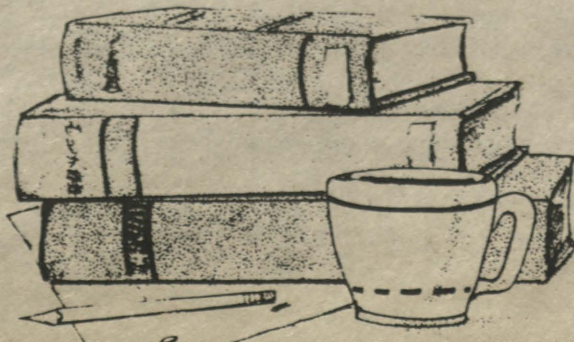
Chances are good that if you've ever taken a literature class at Marian, you've read a banned book. Do you remember it? Perhaps you read the one that was condemned as "racist" for using such terms as "nigger" and "boy" when referring to blacks. You remember The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. So what if the book itself had a message of freedom and equality? So what if it described the era of slavery in America? I'm sure that you'll all agree that we'd be far happier if we only read non-threatening, non-challenging little pieces of literary oatmeal, instead of anything with relevance or meaning.

Or, perhaps you read the book which was banned for being "sacrilegious": The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer. Of course, no one bothers to mention that it points out corruption within the church, or that it goes on to praise the truly pious.

Maybe you remember reading the book banned for obscene language: Jack London's White

Fang. In it, London refers to a female dog as a "bitch"; never mind that the proper term for a female dog is "bitch"; the PTA ladies were scandalized. Perhaps if they were more literate, they wouldn't have been so offended. But then, in order to be literate, one must read the very books currently being banned around the nation.

National Banned Books week is September 29th to October 5th. We need to be aware of this growing problem, both so that we (as future authority figures) do not repeat the mistake of censoring our children as the present education authorities have, and so that we don't end up losing our precious cultural heritage. Censorship is not a thing of the past. It happens everyday, in nearly every community. Here at Marian, there is currently a textbook under review as being "offensive to some students". We all need to keep ourselves aware, and not let this issue be swept under the rug. Strike a blow against censorship this week by reading a banned book!



## Fancy sayings-or what the heck does it mean?

A feathered vertebrate enclosed in the grasping organ has an estimated worth that is higher than a duo encapsulated in the branched shrub.

=> A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

It is sufficiently more tolerable to bestow upon than to come into possession.

=> It is better to give than to receive.

The medium of exchange is the origin or source of the whole amount of sorrow, distress and calamity.

=> Money is the root of all evil.

A monetary unit equal to 1/100 of a pound that is stored aside is a monetary unit equal to 1/100 of a pound that is brought in by way of returns.

=> A penny saved is a penny earned.

## Business Club starts over

by Amy Howell

On Thursday, September 12th, the Business Club met for the first time this year.

The purpose of this meeting was to choose nominees for the different officer positions and to resurrect the club.

According to Richard Hoogeworff, the Business Club has had many problems in the past because not many people were interested in joining which caused him to cancel the club for the rest of the year. But this year's meeting was different.

Approximately 15 people came to the meeting and from those people possible activities were discussed and officer nominees were chosen.

Some of the activities that were discussed are: 1) Field Trips 2) Cook outs 3) Guest speakers 4) Sporting events and 5) "Whatever we dream up." Of course there are many more, but the main purpose was to elect officers.

The nominees for President were Susan Haas and Don Laud-

erbaugh. Vice President nominees were Doug Weigt and Christina Casper. Secretary nominee was Amy Howell and Treasurer nominee was Christine Wiesel. Since the Secretary and Treasurer had no other people running against them they were unopposed. But for the other officers, an election was held.

The election ran from Thursday, September 12th until the following Thursday. Over 45 people came out and voted for their favorite candidate. It was a close election, and the winners were chosen. The President of the Business Club is Susan Haas and the Vice President is Doug Weigt.

We would like to congratulate the winners and thank all who participated.

If you are interested in joining the Business Club, there is still time. Just contact Mr. Hoogeworff at ext. 279 or call any of the officers. The club is open to anyone.

## Banned books

Adventures of Huckleberry

Finn --Twain

All Quiet on the Western Front --Remarque

An American Tragedy --Theodore Dreiser

Animal Farm --Orwell

As I Lay Dying --Baldwin

Autobiography of Ben Franklin --Franklin

Bless the Beasts and Children --Swarthout

Brave New World --Huxley

Call of the Wild --London

Cannery Row --Steinbeck

Canterbury Tales --Chaucer

Catch 22 --Salinger

Catcher in the Rye --Heller

Chocolate War --Cormier

Crossings --Steel

Cujo --King

Death of a Salesman --Miller

Decameron --Boccaccio

Farewell to Arms --Hemingway

Glass Menagerie --Williams

Gone with the Wind --Mitchell

Grapes of Wrath --Steinbeck

Great Expectations --Dickens

Great Gatsby --Fitzgerald

Hamlet --Shakespeare

Invisible Man --Ellison

King Lear --Shakespeare

Learning Tree --Parks

Lord of the Flies --Golding

Lost Horizon --Hilton

Madame Bovary --Flaubert

Merchant of Venice --Shakespeare

Mistral's Daughter --Krantz

Of Mice and Men --Steinbeck

Old Man and the Sea --Hemingway

100 Years of Solitude --Marquez

Ordinary People --Guest

Pearl --Twain

Player Piano --Steinbeck

Prince and the Pauper --Vonnegut

Raisin in the Sun --Hansberry

Red Badge of Courage --Crane

Silas Mariner --Eliot

Sister Carrie --Dreiser

Slaughterhouse 5 --Vonnegut

The Sun Also Rises --Hemingway

Then Again Maybe I Won't --Blume

To Have and Have Not --Hemingway

To Kill A Mockingbird --Lee

Tropic of Cancer --Miller

Twelfth Night --Shakespeare

Valley of the Horses --Auel

Watership Down --Adams

Wuthering Heights --Bronte



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Frog
- 5 Tear
- 8 Cerise and carmine
- 12 Unemployed
- 13 Metric measure
- 14 Great Lake
- 15 Jump
- 16 White House nickname
- 17 Baptismal basin
- 18 Tests
- 20 Stirs to action
- 22 Female ruff
- 23 Bitter vetch
- 24 Squandered
- 27 More profound
- 31 Macaw
- 32 Garden tool
- 33 Expel from country
- 37 Dash
- 40 Brown kiwi
- 41 Stalemate
- 42 Peril
- 45 Maddens
- 49 Region
- 50 Wooden pin
- 52 Name for Athena
- 53 Peruse
- 54 Be in debt
- 55 Hazard
- 56 Chapeaus
- 57 Man's nickname
- 58 Appointment

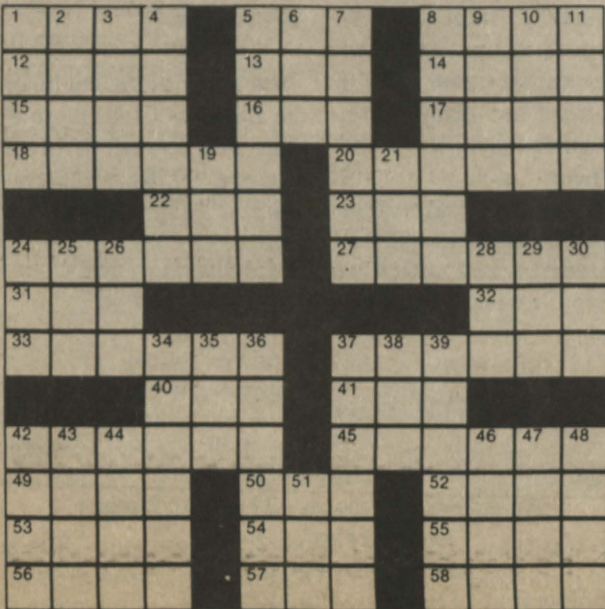
DOWN

- 1 Tip
- 2 River in

- Germany
- 3 Turkish regiment
- 4 Leave
- 5 Lifted



- 6 Irritate
- 7 Looked intently
- 8 Reject
- 9 God of love
- 10 Eat
- 11 Gels
- 19 Confederate general
- 21 Native metal
- 24 Small lump
- 25 Exist
- 26 Exhaust
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Vast age
- 30 Soak, as flax
- 34 Musical instruments
- 35 Fish eggs
- 36 Game fish
- 37 Produced
- 38 Transfix
- 39 Esteem
- 42 Sprint
- 43 Alms box
- 44 Tidy
- 46 Lamb's pen name
- 47 Remainder
- 48 Japanese beer
- 51 Female sheep



COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Knightly Notes

INTERNATIONAL CLUB MEETING: Wednesday, October 2 at 8:30 in the Alverna Student Center. Show-n-Tell Night! Bring something from your home country and tell us about it.

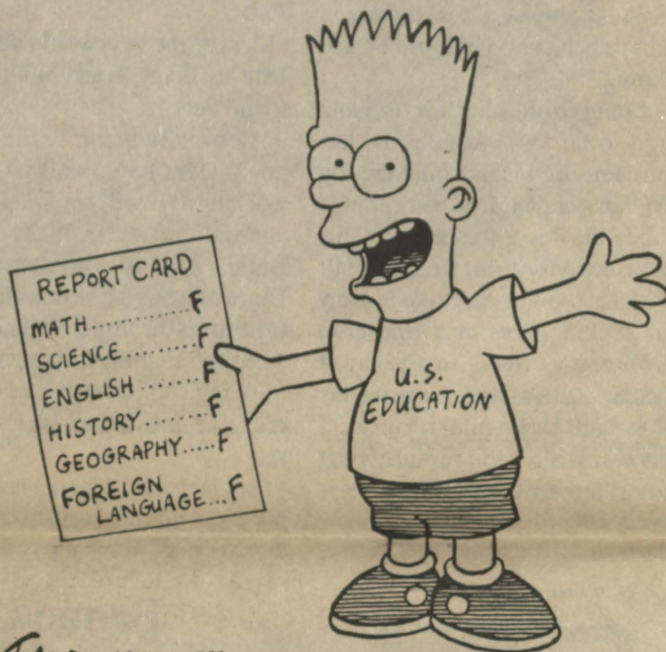
All Marian College students are welcome to use the services of the Learning and Counseling Center including tutoring, study and test-taking video tapes, study books, and personal counseling. We're here to help you, so come over and let us! Now is the time for most "first

tests," so here's a tip to help you: Do the easy questions first.

ATTENTION ALL CARBON STAFF MEMBERS : Mandatory meeting on Wednesday October 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the Carbon office. If you are unable to attend please call Noelle at Ext. 108 or leave a message on the machine.

UBI will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall Rm. 001.

"EAT MY SHORTCOMINGS, MAN!"



P. TAVL 1990 CPS  
APOLOGIES TO MATT GROENING

Just A Thought

by N.M. Gasco

Biospherians bid you farewell! Nicole has had the face of good fortune smile upon her; she's received an invitation to join in this worthwhile and totally valid "scientific" endeavor!

That's right, for the next two years don't look for Nicole on campus and don't expect to see her in classes (she has finally found a valid excuse to miss classes). She will now become part of the controversial "project, cultlike commune" located (coincidentally?) in Oracle, Arizona.

Well, they'll need a miracle (complete with blessing ceremony) to produce not one, but FIVE ecosystems. There will be a desert, a savannah, rain forest, marsh and "ocean," all spread out under a sealed terrarium the size of two and a half football fields.

There's really only three minor questions raised over Biosphere 2: The first being, is this really worth \$100 million and seven years of research? The second, what's the point?? The third, why are cockroaches needed in the Biosphere?

That's eight people (well, nine including Nicole) sealed off from the outside world for two years. Well, Nicole expressed a few additional concerns of her own: she hopes she gets along REALLY well with all the other members (or it'll be a long two years) and

she hopes she doesn't forget to bring her toothbrush (or her dental bill after she's released in 2 years will end up being just slightly under the cost of the project itself). Her final concern is, what's the point?!

But, even if there aren't any scientific breakthroughs discovered through Biosphere 2, who cares? After all, according to inventor Paul MacCready, the "true measure of a project's value is not whether it produces hard data, but whether it provokes the human mind." Need there be any more justification other than this statement to waste \$100 million? If "provoking the mind" is what's really important, then why don't the sponsors who donated the \$100 million put it into our educational system instead? After all, Alverna could use some more furniture.

Well, don't be ridiculous. Provoke your mind a little. Our education system doesn't allow us to seal off people like zoo animals in a giant glass and steel enclosed structure and force them to tend crops and livestock and learn about our 5 man-made ecosystems. Plus, it doesn't allow us to wear those flattering little red "spacesuits."

Biosphere 2 could serve as a model for future space stations as well. So, after the two years

are up, Nicole eagerly awaits an invitation to move to Mars (in the name of science of course, and not because anyone would want to get rid of her). She also looks forward to seeing another \$100 million - oh, what the heck, make it 2 or 3 (a small price to pay for her quest for scientific knowledge) on this new space station.

Now, loyal Carbon readers (all 10 of you) are not to be alarmed however. Even though Nicole will be sealed off from the outside world for 2 years, she will still be permitted to send the Carbon out once a week (there's just no escaping it). Although some issues may come out a bit late in the week (a good excuse isn't it?) since there'll only be so many articles one can write about deserts and botanic gardens, not to mention the time it will take to teach the livestock the inverted pyramid that Nicole so faithfully follows.

No matter what everyone else thinks, Nicole knows why she's decided to join and believe in Biosphere 2. She's hoping to share in a small part of the \$9.95 profit Biosphere 2 charges tourists (in the name of science of course). Plus, she thinks having the word "Biospherian" on her resume will guarantee her a great job upon graduation. Besides, it's all in the name of science, of course.

"Flinstones" Trivia Answers

- 1. A dinosaur crane operator for the Bedrock Quarry and Gravel Company.
- 2. Mr. Slate.
- 3. Pebbles Flintstone on "The Flintstones."
- 4. Bamm-Bamm.
- 5. The Royal Order of Water Buffalo.
- 6. Wilma Slaghoople.

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