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Marian Basketball Triumph

by Angela Hatem

Swish, Swish, Swish have been the sounds that Knight basketball fans are becoming accustomed to. The team's current record of 14 and 3 within the season, and 3 and 3 at conference has come as a sweet surprise in comparison to past seasons. Coach John Grimes, attributes the success to veteran players and dedicated rookies. "We had lots of players returning, lots of experience, and we have also been shooting the ball extremely well," Grimes said. "They are hard-working guys."

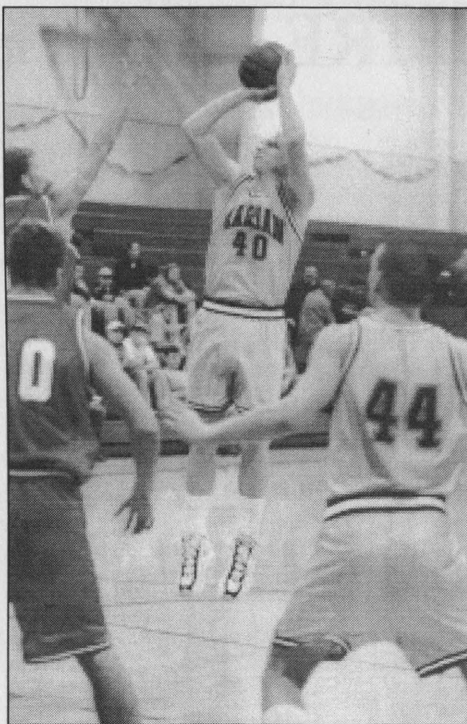
In the January 26th home game against Taylor University, Marian, down five in the last four minutes of the game pulled out all the stops to get the win. Within that time span, Senior Scott Miller nailed nine of his seventeen points. Slavin Franic rebounded a missed free throw by Taylor's Alan Jones. With 21 seconds left Senior Jeff Hammel put back a miss by Miller. With one second remaining Scott Miller shot and hit a three pointer for

the win. Final score 75 to 72, Marian. After three consecutive wins against St. Francis, Bethel and Indiana Wesleyan, the Taylor victory extends the team's winning streak.

Coaches and players attribute such triumphs to the combination of experience, dedication, and hard work.

Miller, has been with the team all four years, and feels this has been the most talented team he's ever played with. "Our team has cohesiveness," Miller said. "The guys who have been here have gotten better, and the new guys have come in and have worked hard."

There are seven games until the conclusion of the season, and the end of Miller's basketball career at Marian. With no inten-



Senior Kyle Nobbe in action.

tions of Professional basketball, he is handling his self imposed retirement in stride. "I've got mixed emotions. I have played basketball all my life. So when it's over, it will probably be a little sad for me," Miller said.

At the end of the season, the team will have lost only three of its players, Seniors Miller, Hammel, and Kyle Nobbe. Junior Mark Foster plans to return next season, but he is currently concentrating his thoughts on the present. "We want to win," Foster said. "In past seasons we have dug ourselves in a hole. But now we are going to try to win a few more games from here on out." For Foster, "The experience of the older players with the added dimensions of the younger recruitments" has been the recipe for success for the Knights.

The Knights have a game scheduled for January 30th against league leader Huntington College, and an away game on February 2 against Grace. Fans are preparing themselves to be thrilled.

Marian Students "March for Life" at Nation's Capitol

by Robert Pedtke

For the second time in its two year history the Campus American Life League (C.A.L.L.) has made its trek across the plains of the Midwest to Washington D.C. to join thousands of fellow pro-lifers in the fight against abortion. The "March for Life" is an annual pro-life event that has its origin all the way back to the highly controversial, 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision which made abortion legal all nine months of pregnancy. The Supreme Court decision came out on January 22, 1973, which is now the official day for beginning the annual protest.

C.A.L.L. was established through the initiative of Esther Hostetler, a steadfast pro-lifer and active Marian student. Although the group was organized by Hostetler here at school, it is a subsidiary of a pre-existing organization named the American Life League (A.L.L.), founded by Judie Brown, a highly active participant in the pro-life struggle throughout the 70s, 80s, and 90s.

Hostetler, having been a member of Teen American Life League in high school, picked up the "C" and Judie Brown's convictions.

Last year twelve students engaged in the march. This year sixteen students committed to going on this "very spiritually centered pilgrimage" as Hostetler calls it.

Hostetler said, "Since God is our creator, it is our duty to defend human life for His glory and to be a witness in order to make people aware of the necessity to stand up for what's right".

"What's right", in this case, is that abortion be made absolutely illegal at all stages of a

person's development, following the conception. Hostetler showed dismay at having to attend such a function at all, due to the fact that she believes the conceptum to be so obviously a human being.

"Even now so many choose to be oblivious," she said. "Think about the tremendous amount of press this issue has received. How can you not be aware? People choose to block it out."

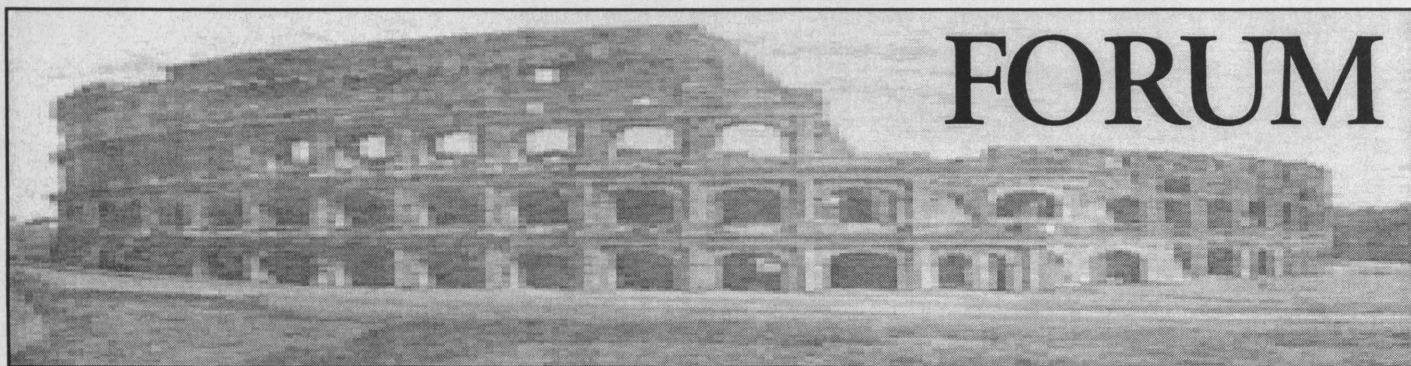
While in Washington, a few members of C.A.L.L. had the opportunity to visit the famous Holocaust Museum. The visit had an emotional impact on Hostetler and the group.

Hostetler recalls, "Reflecting on all the innocent Jews that were murdered, it's amazing that so many chose to be oblivious about the holocaust of the unborn. Here. Today."

The C.A.L.L. group also had the honor of visiting Professor Elmendorf's grave site at the Arlington National Cemetery.



Marian students stand in front of the White House.



More on ASPIRE

I am responding to your article in the December 7 edition of the *Carbon* on the State of ASPIRE. I am a non-traditional, full-time student who is one of those who had to take admission tests not because of my high school grades but because I did not take the SAT while in high school. In high school, I did not think I would be going to college. My family did not support higher education; it was not an option for me. You have forgotten what the words college and education mean, let me refresh your memory. The word college means an institution of higher learning that grants the bachelor's degree in liberal arts or science or both. The word education means to stimulate or develop the mental or moral growth. Everyone regardless of age has the right to decide if they wish to pursue a higher education, and if they can do so with the required G.P.A. and family life.

I chose Marian College because of their ASPIRE program and meeting with individuals such as Linda Gabrielson and Kim Hilton who started this program from scratch. I pay for my own tuition and books; I do not get any money from Marian except for the ASPIRE Academic Scholarship. This scholarship awards students with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher each semester. Fortunately, I have qualified for this award each semester since I started a year and a half ago.

I do not believe any college is forced to cater to non-traditional students. I believe many students such as I have decided to change careers and need a college education to do it. If being college ready means going to classes, doing your homework and studying for tests, I believe many non-traditional students would qualify, but I am not so sure about some of the traditional students.

Actually the refresher courses I have taken had more traditional students than nontraditional students. Yes, I did wonder why anyone coming straight from high school would have to take one of these courses. Marian College has high standards for all their students. One example of this is if you drop below a 2.0 G.P.A. you are placed on academic probation. If you do not improve, you have to leave the school. Another example is if you miss so many classes, you have failed the course. In this way Marian College weans out the ones who are not college ready, traditional or non-traditional students alike.

By the way, I do enjoy punching a bag and I have thrown a dart or two in the stress room. The ASPIRE facility is for me a welcome haven to relax, study, eat lunch and have access to a computer.

If you really want to know why the enrollment is down, why not call the students who left and find out why, sort of like an exit interview in a job. This would be more productive than placing blame on others who have nothing to do with the situation.

—Julia Irving, Student

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Respect in the Real World

Walking through the halls of Clare on Saturday morning the 16th, I wondered if anyone had any respect left for the properties of others. I found papers ripped down and decorations of others that have been stolen. An RA and her residents had spent hours decorating their hallway to have it half demolished a few days later. Do people not realize that when they rip things down in their residence halls or allow their visitors to do so, they are ripping down someone else's time, money and maybe even more. Some other students had some of their decorations stolen that had sentimental value to them. This isn't the first time things like this have happened either. Around Halloween, many decorations were ripped down. It makes me angry when I hear and see this. I wonder how people can so mindlessly take and destroy what doesn't belong to them. I wonder how they would feel if this were to happen to their belongings. I think that maybe they would view the situation differently if the tables were turned. I think we all need to stop and reflect and think back to preschool and kindergarten when we learned the basic rules of respect. Of course then we had parents, teachers, and baby-sitters to keep us in line. We grow out of a lot of things, but we never outgrow the need to have respect for others. Perhaps some of us really haven't outgrown our need for baby-sitters yet. Respect is required in the real world and last time I checked, college was supposed to be the real world, so maybe we need to act like it.

—Stephanie Bayless, Student

CTN and Homecoming Week

I would like to share two observations on the Jan. 25th issue of the *Carbon*. First, the article on the update of CTN contained several misquotes and misleading statements. A message was left on my voicemail indicating I had only a few hours to respond with the requested details on CTN. I returned the call and left a voicemail message with the requesting reporter. I indicated my willingness to share more information or clarify any points - I received no further contact. For the record, I did not state the "responsibility (for CTN) belonged to" Della Pacheco or Diane Prenatt. I indicated that they were two additional people working with the proposed project. Upon speaking with Pacheco, she indicated that she had referred the *Carbon* reporter to speak with me because I "had more information", not because I was responsible for the project. The tone of the article is one of the administration "passing the buck" and this is completely inaccurate.

A second observation I would like to share relates to the lack of coverage of the *Carbon* on the fact that Jan. 25th marked the beginning of Marian College's Homecoming Week. Activities were planned for every evening of the week. The information was printed in the Campus Life Calendar and Handbook, as well as shared through a display case outside of the Auditorium and several other forms of publicity. I find it very discouraging that the one and only college newspaper does not even mention the Homecoming festivities, neither the social or athletic aspects of this annual event.

—Sandra Hester, Student
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Letters to the Editor

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Does Anyone Have a Sense of Humor Around Here?

by Norman Minnick

In Marian's attempt to become more rigid and less fun the powers that be have managed to remove from campus any sizeable unobstructed playing field for frisbee and other recreational pastimes, prohibited snowball fights, and limited gym hours.

Now, to further eliminate any activity of good, clean fun and, heaven forbid, laughter and joy, the Homely Coming Queen contest has been ousted. The contest consisted of female students teaming up to sponsor a male student and dress him in drag in order to compete against other she-males to be crowned Homely Coming Queen—a prestigious honor to cherish.

The contest has long been a tradition, and though it may be childish and immature, it was a good way to let our hair down and have a little fun. We do this a lot in society as well, for instance Mardi Gras. It is a healthy way to poke a little fun at ourselves and teaches us to not take life so seriously.

Lo and behold, rumor has it that the nature of the competition did not comply with the Catholic Tradition. I guess men dressing up as women and performing certain routines does not live up to the Franciscan values, but a game show called "Show Me the Money" or "Blizzard of Bucks," which promotes materialism and greed, does? Go figure.

Rumor says also that a few women were offended by this display. There used to be this thing in society called a sense of humor. And the idea of political correctness...that went out of style with the pink Polo's and parachute pants of the '80's.

Nobody can tell me that the reason for removing the compe-

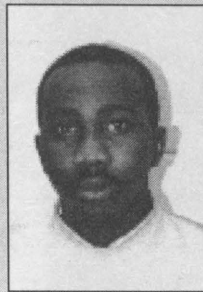
tition is because of the Catholic belief. I know first hand that Catholics have a sense of humor, I went to Catholic school from Kindergarten to tenth grade; and I attended third grade twice! The Catholics in our parish were always attending fish fries, drinking loads of beer, and playing bingo and hootin' and hollerin' over their winnings.

And the basketball games. Our priest and nuns sat in the same section with the shirtless preteens screaming at the top of their lungs against the opposing team. Revelry was in.

And the Homely Coming Queen competition...I say again, it was good clean fun and laughter and gaiety abound. Sure there were moments that were somewhat suggestive, (which is no longer taboo in America with our President as a role model. And he still gets to hang out with the Pope!) but at the '96 competition, Father Leopold was one of the judges, and I saw several Sisters laughing and having the grandest of times. How much more Catholic can you get?

Just imagine if every time one or two people spoke out in opposition to certain forms of entertainment, and we chucked the events on these grounds alone, we would not have many of the television programs, movies, the funny papers, and definitely not books and magazines you and I enjoy.

Take it from a former Homely Coming Queen Runner-up, it was a grave mistake removing the Homely Coming Queen contest from the week's activities. Once we begin submitting to each and every person's complaints, there will be nothing left to enjoy.



Searching...

Abayomi Animashaun

I remember being taught that evil in all its essence can be perceived in the color black. The day this came to mind, I asked a someone—a black woman—to please define for me what she thinks black is. She said: "Everything you can think about that is evil." Then I replied by asking, "So all black people, regardless of their character are evil?" I may be wrong, but I don't think so. The spirit of love was epitomized in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. So, my friend's theory about black is wrong. Even the English Dictionary doesn't do much justice to this case. For instance, black is defined, according to the *American Heritage Dictionary* as: "5. Soiled as from soot, 6. Evil; wicked, 7. Cheerless and depressing; gloomy; black thought. 8. Marked by anger or sullenness." The list goes on. Pardon me for being so melodramatic, but it hurts being perceived this way by some people. Some people would even go to the extent of killing someone like me, because of my skin color—and not my character [why should people kill in the first place?]. In fact, a few weeks ago there was a KKK rally in downtown Indianapolis. Advocates of hate? I really don't know what to think anymore. Our society is ranked with so much evil that some people are beginning to think ethnic purity and racial purity is "OK." Please, let me be the first to say here that everybody has got the right to their own opinion. Does this mean a racist has the right to hate people of different colors? Does this mean that a Rodney King should be attacked, bruised, and beaten by some police officers? Some individuals, and groups, have even gone as far as justifying such a collection of nauseating scenarios with scriptures from a religion called (how did Wole Soyinka put it?) "Testamentary Godism." I, like Wole Soyinka, dare not call it Christianity. I don't know what people think, but I believe that

different skin colors add beauty to the world.

How I wish that some day hate groups will turn over new leaves and begin to love all in the name of God. Regardless of their beliefs—i.e., those that profess hate through ethnic and racial purity—I love them; and I will continue to wish these people the goodness and beauty love brings. Why love them? What good will it do to hate them back? An eye for an eye? It was Martin Luther King, Jr. who said: "An eye for an eye leaves both men blind." Friends believe me when I tell you that hate only consumes. The very notion of hate punctures my soul and lacerates my heart. Please, if anyone has answers as to why people hate, let me know. Maybe, just maybe, something can be done. I may sound naive, but I don't want to be left here in ignorance if someone has answers. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that "Nothing in this world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity." In other words, I would be a menace if I was ignorant to some issues and did nothing to learn more about them.

I leave you, my friends, with the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. "...and when we allow freedom to ring, When we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, We will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, Black men and White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro Spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, We are free at last!'"

Until this vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. becomes a reality, I shall not rest. I, like Frederick Douglas, say: "...this talk will go on." Until the atavistic nature of hate which remains cancerous to our society is cleansed with the ethereal nature of love, "this talk will go on."

Angela's Ashes will return next week.

Thoreau Award submissions due February 15.

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Movie Review:

Shakespeare in Love

by Wendy Nine

The movie theater was already packed and it was still twenty minutes until showtime. I had my popcorn and coke; a movie is never complete without the pricey food. My friend and I found a seat close to the screen, so we could get the overwhelming feeling that we were actually in the audience of the play. The lights dimmed, my hands found the popcorn, and the screen came alive.

I had heard so much about the movie *Shakespeare in Love*. Wonderful. A must see. Didn't Siskel and Ebert give it four thumbs up? Knowing that my fiancé wouldn't go, I found one of my best girlfriends to share in the experience. Angie asked "Will I enjoy this? I don't know much about Shakespeare." I told her that I had heard anyone will love it.

We were concerned that the movie would be in complex Shakespearean dialogue. Nope. We were not disappointed. We understood every word of it. We laughed at the comedy and cried at the tragedy.

So what is this movie really about? Well, in simplest terms, Shakespeare, played by Joseph Fiennes, falls in love with a rich noble other than his wife. Ahh, so he is cheating. But his lover

Viola, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, does not know this until close to the end of the movie. And she, upset when she finds out, forgets it seems, that she also was cheating on her fiancé, a man she had been sold to by her father.

This movie was really a play within a play. Shakespeare was writing *Romeo and Juliet* during his affair with Viola. Paralleling the plot of the play we see Shakespeare as Romeo and Viola as Juliet. Two souls in love with each other, longing to be with each other. But their fate was not to be together.

Shakespeare would write a scene for his play and recite it to Viola who played Romeo in the play. Yes that's right, you read it correctly. Viola was Romeo. You see, women were not allowed to be actors on stage during Shakespeare's era. Viola had to dress up as a man to participate in her love for theater.

This movie is wonderful for everyone. Shakespeare lovers, this gives you some insight into the way Shakespeare lived. Women, it's a love story slash soap opera. And men, there is a lot of action and fighting. So go out tonight, buy yourself some popcorn and coke and sit down and enjoy the show.



Golden Globe Awards

- Best Musical or Comedy
- Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy, Gwyneth Paltrow
- Best Screenplay, Marc Norman, and Tom Stoppard

My rating

8 swords out of ten

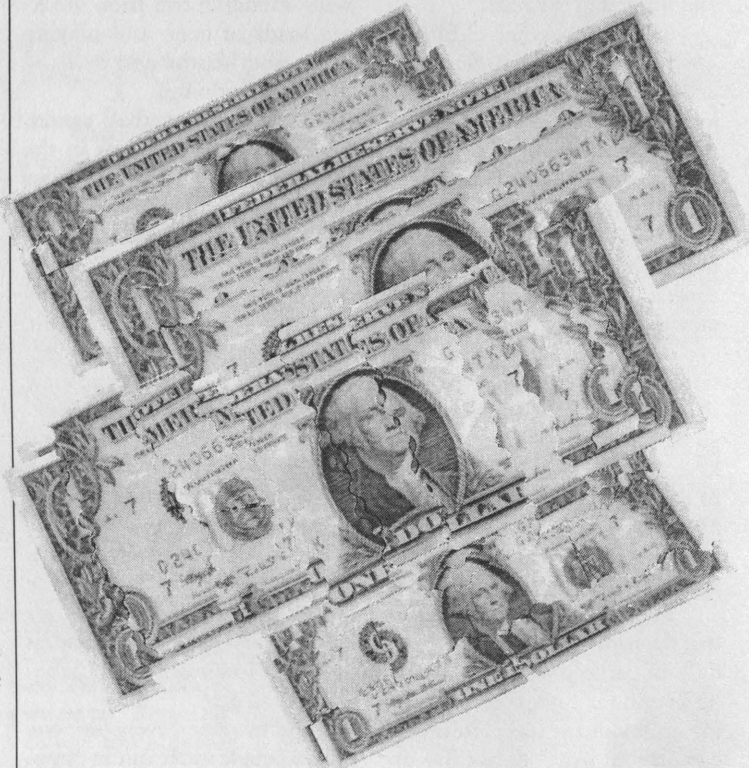
January Homecoming

by Emily H. Roberts

This year Marian's Homecoming Week festivities were held Monday, Jan. 25th through Saturday Jan. 30th. In the past, Marian's Homecoming was held in November and the basketball

test in the past has been sponsored by the St. Francis Hall Council.

Keri Alioto, St. Francis Hall Resident Director, said "There had been comments made on the



game would be played the Saturday before Thanksgiving. However, this year the Alumni office together with the Student Life office decided to change Homecoming Week to the month of January.

Maribeth Ransel, Director of Alumni Affairs, said, "We hope that more alumni can show up for the festivities this year. We tried to make it easier for them by switching months, so they would not have the stress of the holidays to keep them from attending."

This year's festivities included the Basketball Jam, an alumni/staff vs. students game, Starstage-Music video, where students can make their own MTV style videos, the Blizzard of Bucks game show, Mock Rock, and the Homecoming dance at the Ruth Lilly Center.

Yet, one of the most anticipated events will not be held this year, the Homely Coming Queen contest, where males dress up as females to win prizes. The con-

level of appropriateness. I did not feel as if the Homely Coming contest represented the Franciscan values. Personally and professionally I cannot sponsor it."

Some students have voiced complaints about the absence of the contest. Freshman, David Honaker, said, "I am disappointed about the fact that Marian is not having the Homely Coming contest, I think that this was one of the few events at Marian that showed any effort to understand cultural diversity. I think the lack of events like this show how close minded small colleges can be."

Junior, Daniel McDonald, expressed, "Homecoming just isn't the same without the Homely Coming contest."

The show could go on without sponsorship from the school. The students do have a choice to plan and produce a contest on their own. Alioto said, "No one ever said they could not do it themselves."

We have received several letters to the editor that have been unsigned. We can not publish these letters. Submissions must include the author's name.