Martin Luther King Day: a time to focus on peace

by Bryan Nixon

"Stop the War people are Dying!"
"No Blood for Oil!"
"Send Bush!"

These were the cries that filled the air on Martin Luther King Day, as 30 people marched for peace in the wicked cold.

Faculty, students, residents and non-residents of the city came to campus in order to express their views on the Gulf War.

This was the first time Marian had been a host for a governmental protest since Vietnam.

Brian Boyle, a junior sociology major, is the person who brought the peace rally to Marian. Boyle said the demonstration was an effort to raise and organize consciousness at Marian in order to get people involved with the city's peace program.

"We are gathered here not just for the Gulf War, but also for the commitment and promotion of peace and justice through non-violent, peaceful solutions."

Kevin Cougholin, a chief coordinator for the Indianapolis peace movement said, "We should stop the war, and bring the troops home. Economic sanctions should be given a chance to work."

Cougholin said he feels the peace rallies have worked to influence U.S. policies in the Gulf War. Lobbying efforts will continue to be successful he said, because of the close vote in the Senate. "If we don't

Campus Ministry provides spiritual support and prayer

by Jenny Miller

Campus ministry has become more and more active in the past semester. Continuing its ongoing service to the Marian College community, campus ministry is addressing the Gulf War. Several students have relatives, friends, even fiancés in the Middle East. By supporting the troops and praying for peace, some stress may be relieved.

Fr. Fred Link, head of campus ministry, is serving M.C. by continuing his year round responsibilities of being a compassionate listener and one who encourages prayer. Besides focusing the regular Thursday night service's homily on peace, Fr. Fred has begun "15 minutes for peace."

The new 15 minute services are being held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and, just like the Thursday meeting, are held at 9:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Chapel. All are welcome and invited to attend. Music, poetry, and discussion are suggested agendas for the additional gatherings.

Students seem to be responding well to the services. Not only was the St. Francis chapel filled for last Thursday night's vigil, but students continue to attend. At this difficult time in our world, it is refreshing to see the Marian College community pulling together to support its members.

Gasco becomes Carbon editor

by Dallice Hesselgrave & Brad Keen

Sophomore Noelle "N.M." Gasco has begun her indentured servitude as the new Carbon editor. The Michigan native is the first commuter editor of the paper. Gasco's aunt who lives in the area suggested coming to Indianapolis for college because it is an ideal place to get started in journalism.

The Carbon is a stepping stone, eventually vaulting her into a career in telecommunications or free-lance journalism. "I believe that the Carbon will provide the necessary background."

In her leisure time Gasco enjoys reading novels by noted science fiction writer Ray Bradbury because of his believability. Gasco loves to travel. She hopes to be able to use her French minor to write internationally.

Gasco plans to include more student opinions and entertainment. She wants to continue the personal nature of the paper, citing that the Carbon should reflect the closeness of the Marian campus.
Letters to the editor

Are dedicated workers valued?

Ron Schmoll, superintendent of maintenance at Marian College was asked to resign recently after giving almost 20 years of service to the school. After all of his years of devoted work, including the unpaid hours of emergency clean ups and unnotice services, the Administration has deemed his presence no longer necessary.

Until recently, the maintenance department has operated on a shoestring budget and provided the best possible service in all of the rapidly aging buildings. Many times, necessities, like a garbage collection truck, was purchased out of Mr. Schmoll's personal funds. I can find no one who could criticize the devotion and ham has operated on a shoestring budget since last semester is staggering. This is appreciation Mr. Schmoll has shown to campus. The result of this assessment was

Supposedly, last year, Marian spent $100,000 to have Servicemaster assess the campus. The result of this assessment was a contract between the Servicemaster and Marian College, allegedly a 5 year contract for $300,000. The amount of money that has been allocated to maintenance since last semester is staggering. This is light of the fact that last year we did not have the money to buy a trash truck for $500.

Now that Servicemaster is here, ask yourself if the quality of living has been improved. Are the sinks cleaner? Do the tiles shine brighter? Are things repaired in a quicker and professional manner? Is it all worth around a half a million dollars?! If Marian "is the college that cares," maybe we should look at what values are being cared about.

--- Anonymous

A note of thanks to faculty and students

Just a note to let you know how the faculty and students of Marian helped us through our son's recent surgery. Vince had emergency gall bladder surgery on October 2, 1990. His classmates taped his classes, took notes, and even made me feel welcome when I attended two of his advance writing classes with Sr. Stella.

The basketball team and fans of the Japanese exhibition game on Saturday, October 6, took up a collection for him. Most of his hospital bills are now paid because of their generosity.

Fondly,
Marianne Smith Markovich

P.S. My writing skills could use a brush up. I enjoyed Sister Stella's class and should consider enrolling for a refresher.

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I would like to express my deepest thanks to Dylan Roahrig, Marie Troendly, Amy Delp, Renea Peterson, Scott Vail and Mike Beckewicz who co-organized the peace demonstration with me. Your donation of time, energy, and transportation was not only needed but spiritually moving on my heart. Let's keep the ball rolling!

--- Brian Boyle

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.
The war is viewed from a Palestinian perspective
by Karen Walsh

We are all very deeply absorbed in the war right now. It has been difficult concentrating on much else this past week. Fadi Khoury, a Palestinian who has lived in Jordan all his life, can offer a new perspective for those of us who know only the stance the United States has taken because of what the media has told us.

This is Fadi's second semester at Marian. He went back to Jordan over Christmas break and also spent a week in Israel to renew his Palestinian identity in case he decides to live in Israel later.

Fadi told of the many reasons why Arabs believe Saddam Hussein was right in deciding to invade Kuwait. To begin with, during the eight year war between Iraq and Iran, Kuwait stole oil from Iraqi land. When Iraq wanted Kuwait to return half the sum of the oil's worth, 20 milliar (1 milliar is equal to 100 billion dollars), Kuwait refused. There is a piece of land between Iraq and Kuwait that is very rich in oil. Iraq wanted borders between its country and Kuwait because there were none and it became a point of conflict when Kuwait took its oil. Kuwait refused to define borders. Also, Iraq desired unity among the Arab countries. Iraq asked Kuwait to add $2.00 onto every barrel of oil that Kuwait sold, having $1.00 from each barrel going toward poor Arab countries that have no oil and whose children are starving, and $1.00 per barrel going toward the Palestinians in Israel who are dying on behalf of the zionist Israelis.

Again, Kuwait refused to cooperate with Iraq. Sometime after the war between Iran and Iraq, there was a rumor in the Middle East that the United States was going to come into Kuwait to control the oil. Iraq therefore decided to invade Kuwait because the oil there is "Iraq's right." Iraq did not want the United States to control oil in the Middle East.

Arabs are having trouble understanding the actions taken by the United States. America's first reason for siding with Kuwait was for oil, but later it was because "Kuwait is oppressed and under occupation." If the latter were true, why didn't the United States help the Palestinians when they were being "persecuted and treated like animals" in 1948 or help Nicaragua and other countries when they were under similar conditions? "America believes in democracy, yet it is supporting Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, two of the largest dictatorships in the world." Kuwait's leaders are not even in their own country now, but rather they are off in Europe. "They left their country to suffer in Iraq's hands in this time of war," says Fadi.

War is very dangerous for the United States. Fadi says, "Arabs worship their leaders and do not question them." They are willing to die and mothers are proud to send their children to die in war. Fadi says that being regarded as a martyr in the Middle East is "the best thing that could happen to anyone." Fadi wants to emphasize that these views are not necessarily his own, but are Arab's views in general. He is not backing Iraq, but he also does not agree with what America is doing because of friends on both sides. Fadi is very worried about friends and other relatives in the Middle East. He does not want war because "it will sacrifice innocent blood. It's not worth it just for materialism (oil) or dictatorship (Kuwait)."

Fadi says he would not have come to the United States if he did not love it. He says it is too late to ask only for peace. "All we can do is support peaceful decisions that our governments make and support our troops who are there on both sides."

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end this thing the country will be divided."

The leader of the African National Reparations Organization, Achebe Lateef, said, "The U.S. policy in the Middle East is wrong and violates this country's so-called democratic ideals. They betray and risk deeper U.S. involvement in the bloody and costly foreign war for oil corporations while the needs of this country's workers, unemployed, homeless, and children go unmet."

The Vice President of the college, Sister Norma Rocklage, said, "The rally was an opportunity for students to express their view point and support the troops. Just because we're out there doesn't mean we are against the soldiers."

Sean Ballou, a junior business major and a veteran of the Navy said, "I want peace, but I am behind the troops 100 percent. I have a lot of friends over there."

On a day devoted to peace and tranquility, Marian College reflected some of the dreams and ideas that are whirling around not only in our country, but in the rest of the world as well.
The Carbon

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Crossword puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Adhesive substance
6 Domain
11 Be unsteady
12 Tavern
14 Three-toed sloth
15 Distance measure
17 Grip in teeth
18 Doctrine
20 Customs
23 That woman
24 Despoil
26 Evaluate
28 Revised: abbr.
29 Breathe loudly in sleep
31 Annoys
33 Scorch
35 Midday
36 Gratified
39 Memoranda
42 Roman 51
43 Rips
45 Gull-like bird
46 Printer's measure: pl.
48 Freshet
50 Fish eggs
51 Footless
53 Partner
55 Prefix: down
56 Expand
59 Trade
61 Giver of gift
62 Fragment

DOWN

1 Venom
2 Near
3 Pippen
4 Athletic group
5 Mistake
6 Rupees: abbr.
7 Babylonian deity
8 Priest's vestment
9 Girl's name
10 Parent
11 Caudal appendages
13 Wants
16 Colorless
19 Antlered animal
21 Short jacket
22 Surgical thread
25 Pay the check for another
27 Discharge a gun
30 Mollifie
32 Go in
34 Harvest
36 Beg
37 Pellucid
38 Apothecary's weight
40 Worn away
41 Scoff
44 Pierces
47 Piece for one
49 Greenland settlement
52 Mr. Rather
54 Sin
57 As far as
58 Teutonic deity
60 Symbol for tellurium

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