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Convocations Remain Mandatory
by Karen Murphy

After what some would call a heated debate, the College Council has voted to continue making convocations mandatory to all students. There had been a number of complaints from students that these sessions interfered with their other responsibilities on days they had not registered to have class. Those complaints worked their way up to the administration, who then voted on it, and the complaints lost, 20-9.

Dave Roberts, the chairman of the Convocations Committee, explained that the purpose of convocations in Marian's program is to "better" students in regards to getting a Liberal Arts Education and to invoke a sense of community among all the students at Marian. However, many non-traditional students only feel isolated by such mandatory meetings which they find difficult to attend. Still one junior at Marian honestly felt that many topics discussed were of no significance to a Liberal Arts education. Despite some ill feelings toward it, most were in support of the convocations, but opposed to their being mandatory. But as it has been proved through the low attendance at athletic events, plays, musicals, etc... at Marian, the theory remains: If we don't have to go, most of us won't go.

So we will continue to clear our schedules once or twice a semester for one or two hours. Considering those convocations we have been privileged to hear over the past year, such as the Colts' trainer Tom Zupancic and the troubling experiences of Fr. Lawrence Jenko, perhaps students need to just grin and bear it; because in essence, they have no choice.

A Broadcasting Program is in Marian's Near Future
by N. M. Gasco

By next semester, Marian College students will be able to perform, interview, and possibly edit their own stories. Mr. Richard Saltzman, a 1975 graduate of Fort Harrison and a military broadcaster for 15 years, came to Marian to teach public speaking and Writing for Telecommunications. But, he also plays an important part in a bigger plan, a plan to introduce a broadcasting program to Marian College.

With his previous experience, Mr. Saltzman has been stationed in West Berlin, Hawaii, Washington D.C., and one of his favorite locations, Tokyo, Japan. For six months as Japan's only radio broadcaster, he received a gold mike from the Far East Network, as well as awards for writing and for a television production. He is currently going to graduate school at Butler University and is actively involved in designing Marian's broadcasting program and deciding what equipment will be needed and purchased.

He points out that often when students think of broadcasting, they overlook the importance of writing. "Broadcasting is more than being a D.J." He added that there are at least 50 other jobs one can perform at a radio station that are just as enjoyable and valuable. To him, writing is a great skill because before one "can perform, either audially or visually, one has to have something to say."
Smoking Policy Re-examined

At the urging of a senior class officer (December 5 letter to the rbonand in response to a petition from students to establish a smoking area for commuters, the President, in consultation with his Cabinet, recently re-examined the college's newly established smoking policy. Most individuals within our community have applauded the purposes of the policy. It represents a commitment to promote good health and prevent disease. Since smoking is a significant contributor to environmental pollution and ill health, the college feels an obligation to deter all public smoking, not only for the sake of the smoker, but also for the nonsmoker being exposed to passive smoke.

The Cabinet also recognizes the fact that nicotine is fiercely addictive and many individuals are still struggling with the problem of overcoming that addiction -- faculty, staff, residential and commuting students alike. In understanding the needs of those who are still struggling with this problem in private spaces, the President as well as others who had significant input into development of the policy (College Council, Cabinet members, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Smoking) avoided mandating an immediate total ban on smoking on college premises. However, such a ban at some future point is not out of the question. Following an adjustment period under our current policy, it is quite conceivable that Marian may eventually become a totally smoke-free campus. Many colleges and universities have already taken this next step.

The question of establishing a special smoking room for commuters was considered by the committee and administrative staff, but was ruled out for the following reasons:
The prohibitive costs involved in identifying an appropriate location and installing proper ventilation equipment would have to be passed on to all students.

Whereas residence hall rooms are the residential student's rented home-away-from-home for nine months of the year, commuter students may smoke in the privacy of their homes as well as in their parked cars on campus.

Although the current policy will be enforced, continuing input from all members of the college community on this important issue is welcome. All suggestions and comments will receive serious consideration as we continue to work toward achieving a safe and healthy environment for all who live and work at Marian.

-- Dr. Bill Woodman
Dean for Student Affairs

A Cheating Response

Editor's note: The following is a response to the letter regarding cheating that appeared in the December 5th issue.

December 10, 1990

Two students reported cheating. We interviewed confidentially one-quarter of the class. No one corroborated the allegations. We asked the instructor to take minimum action. "Marian College Cares" means students are not convicted without due process.

Jim Divita, History Dept. Chair
Connie Wesner, Assistant Dean
Just a Thought ....

by N.M. Gasco

Chairs don't exist. Or, so the story goes according to those who've taken philosophy. All things perceived by the senses eventually disintegrate. Therefore, everything one perceives, such as trees, towns, and books are merely imperfect forms of a perfect essence. For example, a beautiful flower would belong to the lower realm, while the essence of beauty itself would be considered a part of the higher realm.

One student, Nicole, wondered if she could speed up the process of reaching the higher realm of enlightenment by disintegrating a few of her text books. She thought she had succeeded and finally grasped this complex theory when her psychology book mysteriously disappeared, conveniently just before her first test. However, the case of the missing book was solved when it was discovered under Nicole's bed. She's currently engrossed in her next big disintegrating experiment: Saddam Hussein.

But, perhaps even more discouraging to Nicole is the philosopher's definition of the word education; to be educated is to know you don't know. Since everything one perceives through the senses is simply an imperfect copy of its true form, one can never truly know anything. Since that shadow was cast on what Nicole thought was knowledge, she's been having a difficult time trying to understand why she's attending a college at all, let alone paying to be confused. One question in particular continues to disturb her sleep: How can philosophers know enough to know what we don't know if no one can ever truly know what they know?!!

Staff Profile

by Karen Walsh

Sr. Stella Gampfer is one of the teachers I have always wanted to have. This friendly nun smiles freely at all students passing her, regardless of whether or not she knows them.

A graduate of Marian College herself, Sr. Stella started out as a math major. It was in her senior year that she changed her major to English because she had always loved literature and because math was not something she wanted to devote her life to.

Before coming to Marian, she taught at the high school level in Ohio and Indiana. She has been here at Marian for seventeen years. This semester she is teaching Basic English, Literary Types, and Shakespeare. In the past she has taught other writing classes and When Literature Becomes Film. She advises her students to go back and reread what they have already read. "This second reading is always a worthwhile experience because we're always changing."

Besides teaching, Sr. Stella has also been the faculty advisor for the Fioretti, Marian's literary publication that comes out twice a year, for fifteen years. The orettiill celebrate its fiftieth year of publication next year.

In her free time, she enjoys reading. Her other hobbies include film, photography, and calligraphy. She has recently seen the movie release of Hamlet starring Mel Gibson, and she encourages others to see it also. She is excited about it because she believes that the movie will motivate people to go to the original source of the work, Shakespeare's play.

Not surprisingly, Sr. Stella said that her favorite author/poet is Shakespeare. That makes sense considering she has been teaching him every other year for seventeen years. Her favorite living authors are Madelaine L'engle, author of children and adult science fiction and fantasy books, as well as Ursula LeGuin.

Students are not the only ones who learn in her classes. She remarked, "There is not a class I have taught where I haven't learned something from my students."

HELP WANTED:
TEACHER/PROGRAM STAFF
Design and implement activities for girls in After-School Program. Part-time evening positions available now. Experience working with children required.

Reply to: Girls School Incorporated of Indpls, 3959 N. Central, Indpls, In 46205 Equal Opportunity Employer

SWEETHEART DANCE
"The Magic of Love"
Saturday, February 9, 1991
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
Stokely Mansion

Tickets: $15.00/couple, $10.00/single
On sale from Feb. 4 - Feb. 8 in the dining hall.

Place a personal for V-Day

Write a brief message and place it on the Carbon mail shelf by Monday, February 11

Carbon meetings
eyery Monday
4:30 p.m.

All interested writers are invited to attend.

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**Crossword puzzle**

**ACROSS**
1. Entreaties
6. Citizen of Rome
11. Herb of pea family
12. Expunges
14. Printer's measure
15. Expert
17. Saint: abbr.
18. Perform
21. Goddess of mischief
22. Falsehoods
24. Household pet
25. Distance measure
28. Banished from one's country
30. Oolong
31. Limb
43. Stalk
44. Shut up
47. That woman
48. Noise
51. Symbol for thorium
53. Symbol for tantalum

**DOWN**
1. Writing implement
2. Note of scale
3. Abstract being
4. Diving birds
5. Sew
6. Tell
7. City in Russia
8. Insane
9. Equally
10. Cuddle up
11. Tolls
13. Spiritual horse
16. Meadow
19. Seesaws
23. Bodily infirmity
25. Solis with mud
27. Hindu cymbal
29. Indian memorial post
32. Din
33. Self-centered person
34. All
35. Sculptured likeness
36. Lifts
37. Haste
38. Perform
39. Snare
40. Sea eagle

**Knightly Notes**

SENIOR SEMINAR BUSINESS PRESENTATION:
"Sales Techniques." Wednesday, February 6, 12:30 p.m. The seminar will be held in Marian Hall, room 206. Brad Keinsley and Bryan Garland will speak. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

NATIONAL COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST open to all college & university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized. Cash prizes will be awarded the top five poems. Deadline: March 31. For Contest Rules send stamped envelope to: International Publications, PO Box 44044-L, Los Angeles, CA 90044.

EXTENDED EVENING OFFICE HOURS for Financial Aid, Business and the Assistant Academic Dean will occur as follows: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays on the month; 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The offices will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

TRANSITION CENTER PRESENTS SERIES: Interpersonal relationships. "What is a Friend?" The presentation will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Drawing Room at Stokley Mansion. Free Refreshments. All are welcome!

DIAMOND DAMSELS: Any interested and enthusiastic female Marian College students wanting to work within the baseball program should contact Coach Shambaugh (ext. 321) before February 1. Duties will include: being Ball Girls, Bat Girls, and Recruit Hostesses.

BLACK STUDENT UNION meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION MARIAN STUDENTS
Wednesday Night Drink Special
$1.25 Longnecks
$1.00 Schnapps
$.25 Hot Dogs

Friday Night Drink Special
$1.50 Longnecks
$1.00 Schnapps
$.25 Hot Dogs