Marlit College Forms Amnesty International Organization

by N.M. Gasco

Marlit students are in the process of forming an Amnesty International (AI) Chapter of Marian College. They will be one of 74 colleges and universities across the United States to have joined AI since 1989. Members from each college range from one student to hundreds.

Fadi Khoury, chairperson and founder of AIMC (Amnesty InternationaJ, of Marian College) explains it as "a world-wide movement of people working together to protect human rights." He explains that their mandate encompasses three main goals: the release of those imprisoned for their beliefs, opinions, sex, ethnic origins, language or religion, or those who warn the offending government that the world is aware and concerned about specific prisoner abuse. The group will receive about four urgent actions per month.

Members also are informed through Student Action, a monthly newsletter containing up-date information on current campaigns, special actions, amnesty sponsored events, and other useful ideas from AI groups around the country.

Fadi stresses that "AIMC's purpose is to inform the general community about abuses of human rights and the responsibilities and options available to every citizen to protect and guard the fundamental rights of every individual in the International Community.

Our group serves as a visible public presence at our college."

AIMC is a non-profit organization, supported primarily through fund-raising efforts of its members and through private donations. Fadi points out that "human rights work costs money: printing, posters, travel, meetings, films, research, administration, these expenses add up."

As a means of funding, the group has some 50 activities planned for Marian's future. AIMC plans to hold an outdoor benefit concert put on by a professional band. This would be the first outdoor benefit concert held in Indiana by an AI college group. Also included in its future plans is a Human Rights Week, which would include ethnic foods, music, displays of international artifacts, programs and speakers, and things to purchase such as T-shirts and greeting cards.

The group also plans to become involved with Homecoming.

All students are invited to join AIMC, whose constitution is in the process of being drawn up. The first monthly meeting will be announced in the near future.

Security Issues Addressed

by LeoAnn Besler

Under the supervision of Dean Woodman, campus security is "Beefeet's things!"

"It's not going to happen over night, but I think we are well on the way to a safer and more adequate campus safety service," Woodman said.

The biggest and perhaps the best step in initiating the plan was the hiring of Captain Jim Lekse. He has a very impressive police background with the Speedway Police Department and is confident, that with the help of the entire Marian College community, "Camp M" will be a safer place.

Some of the improvements are:

- added surveillance activity on selected nights; a marked police car; a more efficient staff of students to fill dispatch and other "non-professional" police duties; and regular patrolling by IPD officers.
- The nighttime program has boosted security services too. This is a group of students from Doyle Hall who, after the car break-ins, decided to keep an eye on the parking lots that surround their "home." Woodman said the program was not cancelled, however, some refinements were made to protect the residents (they must scope through their room windows and not the roof of the residence hall). "I encourage members to get involved in the program," Woodman said. If anyone is interested in this plan contact any RD.

Due to the "crime-times," Captain Lekse and Woodman said there would be an extra officer on duty. The officers who work on these selected nights will be in uniform some of the time, but not always.

These plans to improve campus security have been carefully thought out and hopefully meet the needs of the community at Marian.

Dean Woodman and Captain Lekse are extremely interested in the need of all who are associated with Marian. They invite any and all suggestions which may pertain to a safer campus.

One who may be interested in filling a position with security should contact either Lekse or Woodman. Job responsibilities and pay will be discussed then.

Joe Smith Speaks at U.B.I. Convocation

by Karen Walsh

"Winds Beneath My Wings" makes many of us recall Bertie Milder's song from the movie Beaches. Yet after last week's convocation, perhaps the title will also make us think of Joe Smith. Joe graduated from Marian in 1970 and is now the chairman of the Indiana Parole Board.

A former member of U.B.I. (Union for Black Identity), Joe spoke of the club's meaning. When choosing a name for the club, U.B.I. seemed appropriate because the root "ubi" means somewhere and "they were concerned about where they were going and where they had been."

February is Black History Month. Joe said this was a time to reflect on "his story." Joe is a very accomplished man today, but he realizes he would not be where he is without those who came before him. Blacks have it easier today than before, because of courageous blacks in history such as Martin Luther King.

Joe spoke of blacks' past which included legalized diets and the absence of basic rights such as voting and travelling. He cited the two courtyards which had great impact on his race: Plessy versus Ferguson in 1896 when the famous "separate but equal" doctrine came into play and Brown versus the Board of Education when the 1896 ruling was overturned and the courts outlawed segregation in public schools.

"Winds of change" are necessary for the betterment of the cause. He said, "The more educated you are, the more willing you are to change."

We must always give of ourselves 100%, not just enough to get by. "The more energy we spend trying to hold someone down, the less potential we have for our own energy," he remarked.

Groups like the U.B.I. help us to realize our potential energy and act on it. He says that every group has an U.B.I.; they are the small groups that "allow our winds to come in--our comfort zones.

Marian is lucky to have such groups because at the bigger schools certain individuals may feel lost and not have a place to spread their wings. This is what happened to so many of the Afri
can Americans at Purdue, which became evident when their enrol
mament decreased by about five hundred by the end of the semester last year.

Joe said that sometimes his wings have pulled him down. We must overcome barriers such as dis
crimination, language, and sex and simply open up and let people come into our lives.

His final comments were on the state of the world today. He had everyone put his hand in front of his lips as he said, "Pray for peace." The wind was felt, so hopefully it will result in a change.

"The Gulf after Desert Storm: What kind of order?"

the Non-Western Studies committee presents

LUNCH & LEARN

with

Professor George Irani
Franklin College

Tuesday, March 5, 12 Noon
West Dining Room, Clare Hall

Professor Irani is a Lebanese-born American, who formerly was with Catholic Relief Services in the Middle East. His publications include The Papacy and the Middle East (University of Notre Dame Press, 1989) and a new manuscript on the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.
Letters to the editor

Securty Defense

I would just like to make a few comments about Marian College's campus security. Over half of the information a person gets about our security is on the news media side. I noticed this especially when the vehicles were broken into earlier this month. My point is that our security officers, especially the one who does night shift, are responsible for public order, instead of maintenance duties, perhaps they could be more effective on our campus. I would speculate that most of the people who complain about our security are those who probably haven't taken enough time to see what an officer (especially a night shift) is expected to do for example, when the nightshift officer patrols the campus throughout the evening and early morning hours, he is expected to check all the buildings in each building. Now let's think about this. Is an IPD officer responsible for checking buildings at night? If something was wrong with the boilers, would the officer be expected to then fix it? And the point which I would like to emphasize, how can an officer be checking the boilers and patrolling the campus at the same time? 

In conclusion, I would like to suggest to those people who put such blame on our security, that in order to solve a problem, one must first be able to define it, then know how to look for help with that problem. In this case, perhaps one should go to the Dean's office and beg for more money to be put in our security budget. Maybe then security could meet proper standards and get a patrol car, instead of having to rely on the school van for transportation. Again I present a question for thought, how could a security officer chase down a suspect in a van that is used for transporting athletic teams and cheerleaders?

Anonymous

Administration Responds to Watchmen

This is written in response to the anonymous letter in the February 13th edition of THE CARBON entitled "Night watchmen at Doyle." The writer(s) called for a response from the administration to the critical issues raised about vandalism to automobiles on campus. I would like to respond to that letter.

I agree that initiating the Doyle Hall night watch was imaginative and appropriate. However, there was no directive from the administration or Campus Security to suspend surveillance activities as the writer alleged "...halfway through its second night." The night watch actually lasted for four nights before it was decided that the roof of Doyle Hall was not a safe place to carry out parking lot surveillance. This decision was made after carefully weighing concerns for student safety and legal liability. Appropriately, the night watch ended when access to the roof ended.

The College, however, wants to encourage students who feel strongly about maintaining a night watch on the Doyle Hall parking lots. Student surveillance is acceptable, constructive and effective. I invite any student who wants to help coordinate or participate in a permanent night watch to contact me or Captain James Leke, Director of Campus Safety and Police Services, Clare Hall (X218).

Additional actions taken by the College to address the prevention of vandalism and theft in the parking lots include:

- The College has increased security personnel on selected nights during designated times.
- Capt. Jane Lekes, our new Director, has arranged with I.P.D. to increase parking lot patrols.
- Disciplinary action has been taken with one of the officers who was on duty the night of the break-ins.
- Further confidential monitoring techniques are being utilized to protect campus parking lots.

Students, faculty and staff can further protect their property by making sure that all valuables including wallets, purses and tape decks are removed from cars when leaving them parked on campus.

Leaving valuables in plain view is an open invitation for crime to occur. Becoming more security conscious and an increasing student, faculty and staff awareness can only supplement existing security efforts.

Working together, a solution to the parking lot problem that is mutually beneficial to students and the College can be reached.

-- Philip Bernard
Director of Campus Safety

Thank You

Dear Commuter Students: 

Approximately 170 Marian students, over the age of 24, responded to a survey sent out during the semester break. I wish to thank all who responded.

The Adult Student Task Force is carefully studying the results of the surveys and is taking steps to respond. The areas of chief concern are: better communication, expanded evening offerings, improved parking facilities, and quiet places to study. Approximately 65 students indicated an interest in forming a commuter student group. Jan Leap, Director of Student Activities, will be contacting all of these students in the near future to arrange organizational meetings.

In the coming months, the Task Force and Administration will continue to address the issues raised in the survey responses.

We invite further suggestions to facilitate and improve the educational opportunities here at Marian College.

-- Sr. Norma Rocklage
V. Pres. for Planning & Mission Effectiveness

ANNOUNCING AUDITIONS

Wednesday, March 6, 1991

Peine theatre

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

When You Come In, Back, Red Ryder

A Contemporary American Comedy-Drama

Directed by Miki Mathiodakis

Production dates: April 25, 26, 27, 28
The Fourth Annual Stratford Shakespeare Festival Trip

October 24-27, 1991

The Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario is one of the largest theatrical producing organizations in the world. This year the theatre department wants to invite all interested fac­ulty, staff, and students to experience this weekend of excitement, world-class theatre. Transportation to and from the Festival will be covered by Marian College. We will be taking college vans, and space is limited so please reserve your seat as soon as possible. The reservation deposit is $35. This money is due before Monday, April 8, 1991 and is non-refundable. Total cost for the trip, performance, and lodging is $135. The final $100 is due before Monday, September 16, 1991.

Please contact Dr. Jack Sederholm (X292) to sign up and/or to obtain more information.
ATTENTION CARBON STAFF: Friday, March 1, at 4:30 p.m. there will be a party held at Dr. Brian Adler’s house. Maps are available in the Carbon Office.

CAP & GOWN: The representative from the cap and gown company will be on campus Thursday, March 7 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in front of the bookstore. All candidates for graduation who plan to participate in graduation ceremonies must order a cap and gown at this time.

Dr. Brian Adler has information concerning PAID INTERNSHIPS WITH NUEVO weekly. Editorial and business positions available. Call 280 or come by the English Dept. for more information.

PSI CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB is looking for students who want to participate in a community mentoring project, BEST. Business Encouraging Success for Tomorrow. The Lilly-funded program needs 50 Marian students as college mentors for selected sixth graders in the IPS system. These sixth graders are bright, but at risk of dropping out of high school. Through contact with college and business mentors throughout the seven years until graduation, BEST hopes these graduates will be prepared for college. Can you dedicate 1 or 2 hours per month (for the school year 1991-92) to mentor one of these selected potential freshmen of 1997? All expenses and planning is done by the BEST coordinators; the program is insured and parents give releases for activities. For more information, see Faye Plasc-craig, Room 014, Marian Hall or call X 254. We need to get your name on our roster by 3-1-91.

SUMMER RESIDENT ASSISTANTS: Applications are now available for the 1991 Summer Resident Assistant positions. Applicants must have Sophomore, Junior or Senior status in 1991, be in good academic standing, and possess leadership capabilities and a willingness to grow. Application package and three recommendation forms are due in the Office of Residence Life by 4:00 p.m., March 4. For more information please call the Office of Residence Life at X367 or stop by the office in Room 160 in St. Francis Hall.

ADULT NIGHT AT USA SKATING RINK: Every Wednesday night is Adult night at USA Skating Rink. Present your Marian College I.D. and pay only $2.00 (skate rental included) USA is located just behind K-Mart on High School Road. The doors will roll at 7:00 p.m. and go until 10:00 p.m. There will be great music, video games, and there’s even a stage to boogie on!

Also every Saturday night from 7:30 - 10:00 WJR CHRISTIAN SKATE. Cost is $2.50 per person (or $1.00 per person in groups of 4 or more) and $1.50 for skate rental. Music will be by DJ Smitty, Amy Grand and other popular contemporary artists.

1991-92 RESIDENT ASSISTANTS NEEDED: Applications are now available from the Office of Residence Life, St. Francis Hall. Qualifications are the same as those required for Summer R.A. positions. For the first year R.A., the salary is $1600.00 and second year salary is $1900.00.

The Career Services Office will now be open on Tuesday evenings between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The extended hours will be most convenient for students and alumni who find it difficult to frequent the office during normal business hours. The office receives job posting from a variety of employers as well as employment bulletin from 11 other colleges and universities. Summer job and internship information is also available.

There will be a special showing of the videos "WHERE THERE'S A WISH, THERE'S AN "A"" and "ONE:" Applications are available for the 1991-92 RESIDENT ASSISTANTS. For the first year R.A., the salary is $1600.00 and second year salary is $1900.00. Applications are now available from the Office of Residence Life, St. Francis Hall. Qualifications are the same as those required for Summer R.A. positions. For the first year R.A., the salary is $1600.00 and second year salary is $1900.00.

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