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Marian University - Indianapolis
Cycling Team Brings National Champion and 5th Overall Finish

Bill Clay won Marian's first National Championshi. (Photo by Joe Argie)

Will Fehlinger

It's been a long time coming, but Marian College can now boast its first national champion, Bill Clay, and he comes via a new sport on campus: cycling.

Clay took the gold medal in the 1 KM sprint on the weekend of September 11-13; added a silver medal in the Omnium; and finished fourth in another 1 KM race. This paced the cycling team to a 5th-place finish in the Collegiate Track National Championships in Chicago.

Appraisal for Clay came willingly from Coach Terry Hoffer, "He is one of the best, if not the best, at the collegiate level across the country. To put it simply, Bill is a front-running Olympic hopeful for the Atlanta games."

The team's 4th-place finish in another event was a result of tremendous effort. "The team pursuit was really exciting and the guys finishing fourth was a thrill," Coach Hoffer commented, "The crowd at the track even began pulling for our team."

The second-highest finish for the team was by Damian Keckeisen, who raced to the 10th place in the individual pursuit, a 4 KM timed event. In the points race, which begins with 40 racers and lasts 30 KM, Derek Witte finished 14th while Frank Vendura took 17th place. The Knights' 5th place position was preceded by (in order of finish) Indiana, Colorado, Purdue, and the University of San Diego.

Reactions from Coach Hoffer were, as expected, uplifting: "I was very pleased. I really couldn't expect anything more, believing that there was little time to train. Given more training time, we could do even better." Team members felt the same, "We were pleased, but felt we could've ridden even better. We made a few mistakes, but are looking forward to kidney butt' next year."

Asked whether the high finish foreshadows good things for the program, Coach Hoffer said, "Finishing 5th will definitely attract recruits and with more sponsorships, the... (See NATIONAL pg 4)
A Challenge to Pro-Abortionists

George Spaeth

In August, the Republicans convened in Houston to nominate their Presidential candidate and confirm a party platform that, among other things, called for a constitutional amendment defining life as beginning at conception. (Exceptions were not made for instances of rape or incest.) Since conventions are normally three-day organized political advertisements, the media reveled in the potential controversy surrounding a small movement within the Republican party to change its pro-life position.

The problem? Republican support for the movement was lukewarm at best and this was evidenced at the convention. In Houston, Republicans for Choice needed only six states or territories to debate the party position on abortion. In total, Ann Stone’s organization was only able to convince four states to oppose the party position. Nevertheless, the pro-choice movement insisted that Republican opposition to abortion would ultimately doom the President in his re-election bid. The media, anxious to maintain the controversy, labeled the convention a divisive one, and predicted the pro-choice constituency would bolt from the party.

Both of these positions seem inaccurate. The first, that the strong pro-life position of the Republican party would doom President Bush, doesn’t have much validity. In the past three presidential elections, pro-life candidates have won decisive victories over pro-choice candidates. This information suggests one of two possibilities. Either there are more pro-life voters than pro-choice voters (polling data is inconclusive on this point) or the issue of abortion is not the primary issue in determining voter preferences. Of the two alternatives, the second appears to be the most likely.

The second position, that pro-choice Republicans might bolt from the party in favor of Bill Clinton and the Democratic party seems, in the light of the first question, to be a moot point. If, however, the primary issue in the mind of the voters is abortion, wouldn’t the Democratic party also face alienating a significant portion of its constituency with its view, that of abortion on demand? One would think so, except the media has portrayed Bill Clinton as the moderate on this issue. While he claims to hold life in high regard, he persists with the belief that women retain the right to choose what to do with their bodies. This diversity is Orwellian doublespeak that has been made possible by the euphemistically disingenuous title, pro-choice.

A more accurate name would be pro-baby killing. This addresses what the position really is, and it is in this context, that Governor Clinton’s position can be seen as absurd. While he claims to hold life in high regard, he persists with the belief that women should retain the right to kill babies. The contradiction is thereby made clear.

The Republican position on abortion will not harm them in November. However, the significance of the issue in this election can not be understated. The presidential power to appoint men and women to positions in the judiciary is often overlooked when voters go to the polls. This despite the fact that in no arena other than the judiciary can a president’s philosophical mark be so clearly made.

For Roe v. Wade to be reversed, an additional replacement of one of the two remaining liberals on the Supreme Court. This opportunity is lost with the election of Bill Clinton, and with it, any hope of reversing the position for several years. Since our country averages over one million abortions a year, the status of this issue to a pro-life voter is at crisis.

Because this issue is so crucial to the election, or to better state it, because the election is so crucial to the issue, this column calls for a campus debate on the issue. The debate would consist of two panels of opposing views, each with three members. I have my three members, now I defy those of the pro-baby killing position to respond.

By now we’re fairly confident that the beautiful pink signs asking for Fiorietti submissions have captured your attention. However, as of yet, we have not been sufficiently bombarded by a plethora of writings. Why is this? Is there a lack of creativity at Marian College? We think not.

In any case, we need your help. After all, this is a school publication which means that we need to hear from you, students, faculty, and staff. Now don’t feel pressured. We’re not asking that you be a Kurt Vonnegut or some such creative genius—only that you share some of your imaginative talents with your peers. Without your contributions, we might be forced to fill this next issue with our own writings, but then only some of us would be interested.

If you are so inclined, you may turn your works in to the Fiorietti mailbox in the student center or the English office.

To the Marian Community:

An extremely pleasant ritual that I have had now for two years on the Marian College campus is to go to the bookstore and pick up my daily New York Times. It’s only one of the world’s great newspapers, and to be had at such a small price (30 cents an issue). Well, now I add to daily ritual some amazement that at a school with over 1,200 students, and over 150 faculty and staff people, a grand total of only six people have taken advantage of one of the best deals of all times. If my letter appears to be overburdened by superlatives, that is partly to convey my surprise at the way an opportunity to encourage thinking and reading, while offering a huge window on to the world-at-large can go unused, even by the teachers on this campus. Why?

Dr. Brian Adler
**KnightSpeak**

**What Do You Think About The Upcoming Election--Who Will You Vote For?**

Dan Nichols--"I think voters have a difficult choice to make in this election. I don't think either party has the right answers."

Diane Halfman--"I am voting not for Bush but against Clinton because of the Democratic platform regarding legal abortion up to 9 months...Hell, maybe I'll just write in Jimmy Buffett."

Wendy Allen--"I think an honest candidate is the best candidate...is willing to put forth creativity and effort and always presents the issues in a straightforward manner."

Carlos Vidaurre--"Clinton offers the best hope for a positive change in our political platform right now to the way things are being handled."

**CHIT CHAT**

Gary Randolph Tells Us About Campus Events '92-93

Will Fehlinger

Sitting down with the Campus Events Coordinator, Gary Randolph, we discussed Gary's involvement with campus activities, his duties as coordinator, opinion on events to date, and insight to future events. We also discussed students' lack of participation in such events.

Will: What do you do exactly as events coordinator?

Gary: What I do is work with my committee: without my committee, I'd be lost. There's Matt Stoelb who dabbles with everything; Rob Hamilton, my right hand man; Maureen Meier, Leann Wittich, and Amy Garner are the publicity people; Michelle Mattox does dances and decorations; Paige Durkee works with Project Indianapolis; Greg Boyd and Penny Cope work with Inter-club Council. Simply, it is not just me, but a number of students.

Will: What of the events already past?

Gary: There was a Wild Video/dance party, sans the video. There were questions about the payment of the dance, but I have no comment on it. There is dissatisfaction from an organizer's point of view.

Then there were the screening of movies. I think the lack of publicity for the movies contributed to the fact of little attendance. (This past Saturday the 18th, a dance in Alverna was graced with an appearance by "Jammin" John Trout of WZPL.)

Will: What events are coming up on the calendar?

Gary: We have a comedy scheduled for Tuesday the 22nd. His name is Carlos Alazraqui—he bills himself as the comedian with the eyecatch for a name. Then there is a third movie coming up.

Will: Comments on the position and student involvement?

Gary: Basically, it's a lot of fun. I hear people talking about not having fun here at Marian and how boring it is, but what they have to realize, in my opinion, is it won't be fun unless you try to work at it and make it fun. The events that are planned need student input and involvement. The board has voted to eliminate the $2 fee for the movies, so now students may enjoy a free flick.
Notice to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: Application to Teacher Education Program may be picked up in the Education Department in Rm 2 of Marian Hall now through Friday, September 25. To be eligible you must have passed your PPST or the NTE General Knowledge and Communication Skills Test.

PPST will be administered at Marian on October 24, 1992, at 8:00 a.m. Registration is through the Education Dept Room 2 in Marian Hall. Please sign up by September 22 and check must be in by Sept 24. Test Is Required For Admission to Teacher Education Program.

Knights Notes

Anyone is interested in Medieval recreation and learning about the middle ages? Colleen Method is trying to start a college group of the non-profit group, The Society for Creative Anachronisms, Inc., an international educational and recreational group. If interested, please leave a note at the librarians desk or call Ext. 341.

Are you interested in alcohol/drug education? Have you been involved with S.A.D.D. or similar organizations? Student group is currently working on an exciting project related to these topics. Please join us for an informal pizza party/meeting on Tuesday, Sept 22 at 8 p.m. in Alverna Student Center.

O Sweet Spontaneous

Michelle Gobin

Hello dear readers, I'm back. How were your collective summers? Just boffo, I hope. Anyhow, to get to the point of this little piece of fluff I call a weekly column, I'd like to address an issue near and dear to my craggy writer's heart. The issue in question is grammar. Grammar, you ask stifling a groan and recalling hideous experiences of dusty English teachers and mothers reprimanding you with pursed lips and firm statements of "MAY Biff and I go out to play?" Such scarring memories should not force your college-aged vocabularies to sink to such a level as I have heard about the campus in the past few weeks. The fact that I am an English major only intensifies my displeasure when I walk down the halls hearing rousing choruses of: "I ain't never seen nothin' like that stuff he was teachin' before" and "We was goin' to dinner at the cafe but we dun decided to go to the snack bar instead." (here would be a good place to insert that both of the above quotes were overheard from real students whose names were left out to protect the ignorant.) My question is, simply stated for those who are grammatically challenged, WHY? If I am not mistaken, to be admitted to college one must not only complete 12 or more years of a previous education and be at least marginally proficient on tests of the knowledge acquired therein but also pass placement tests and participate in interviews. I can only wonder if this language (I use the term lightly) that prevails about the campus today was accepted and encouraged in all those educational experiences mentioned above. My guess would be no. The only answer I can determine is that such grammatical abuse is only practiced outside of the school setting. If this is the case I suppose I should commend the lots of grammar-abusers I've seen about the place for the shear fact they have acquired the talent of being bi-lingual. Perhaps no.

Please don't get me wrong, I don't mean to come across as a ruler-wielding psycho with nothing better to do with her life than bash those with questionable grammatical skill, but the English language is a rather necessary evil and I find the misuse of it to be needlessly and annoying, especially in college.

Deadline To Submit Letters: Every Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. in the Carbon box in the faculty mail room.

Mandatory Meeting
Teacher Education Program

ALL STUDENT'S INTERESTED IN TEACHER EDUCATION

- Early Childhood
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

Tuesday, September 22nd, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium

* Receive Program Handbooks
* Discuss requirements
* PPST
* NTE
* Field Experiences
* Advising

 Classified Ads

Seeking student to care for 3 boys one afternoon per week and 1 evening per month. References required. Northside 875-9382.

At-Your-School: Child Service needs two assistants to work in after-school childcare program at Cold Spring Elementary from 1:45-6:00 Monday through Friday. Experience working in groups. For more information call 283-3817.

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Finally, the board deliberates. Soon after, they either acquit or penalize the student. The most common punishment is a fine that is placed into the general operating fund. Cathy Bickel, Director of Residence Life, feels that the Peer Review Board is more effective than the traditional meeting with an administrator. According to Bickel, an offender is more likely to take into consideration the criticism of a peer than that of someone twenty years older. Furthermore, Bickel believes that, "the students are more fair, because they understand residence hall life," and, "are more astute about circumstances."

Evidently, the student body agrees with Bickel. Before the Peer Review Board was instituted many students questioned the punishment decisions. However, since the beginning of this program two years ago, only two appeals have been filed.

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Finally, program can rise higher." He also said they are planning on installing a women's team.

Coach Hoffer highlighted the fact that this was Marian's first national championship: "What you've got here is something to be proud of. Cycling is a sport which the general public does not understand, but these kids have been working a long time to prepare their bodies for these taxing races. This incredible effort represents more hard work than I can tell you."

In the spring, the team will ride road races after an off-season of riding and weight-training.