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Racial Harassment Policy Approved...

Second Time Around

Will Fehlinger

A little less than a year after Marian's Racial Harassment Policy was first presented to College Council by the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), it has been approved by that same council that rejected it last spring.

The vote to adopt the policy was decided at the College Council meeting on Tuesday, October 6, and the policy is to be included in the Student Handbook, due out later this semester. The SAC's order of business, with the Racial Harassment Policy passed, is to work on the foundation for an inclusive harassment policy which will include religious, sexual orientation, physically/mentally challenged, age, and ethnic origin.

Ann Niebrugge, SAC's Chair, responded to College Council's decision: "It came just soon enough. We wanted to get it passed so there would be a policy and it could be printed in the Student Handbook. The comprehensive harassment policy will be a major undertaking for us starting now. We hope to have something by the end of this semester."

Last spring, College Council did not approve the Racial Harassment Policy, which was the same as the one recently passed. Andy Hohman, a member of College Council from the Humanities division, relayed some of the Council's basic objections to the proposed policy in the spring. Mr. Hohman voiced his objections:

"This policy emerged as a duplicate of the sexual harassment policy, only the word racial substituted for sexual. This is not acceptable because in sexual harassment, there are events leading up to bodily harm, while racial harassment entails personal assaults on one's dignity.

"The two are not correlated entirely. The policy seemed to say, 'If there's no fighting, there's no harassment,' and that is wrong. I could think of instances of racial harassment on campus which wouldn't have been covered in the policy. It raises the question, 'What exactly is racial harassment and what does that label envelop?'

"Mr. Hohman continued: "Another of my objections was that we seem to confuse prohibitive behavior with policy. In it there was nothing singling out racism, institutionalized racism, or dignity of certain races."

Another Council member, Sister Carol Slinger posed the question of how well hearsay evidence would stand up in cases of racial harassment, compared to its good record in sexual harassment cases.

Mike Eoff saw potential problems in the policy's legal strength, if the end result was reached just by whitening out sexual and replacing it with the word racial throughout.

Mr. Terry Whitson's objection was that there should not be a harassment policy for every single type, but instead one single policy covering all forms of harassment.

Rape Awareness Speaker

Coming Monday, Oct 19

Executive Director of the Julian Center (shelter for women victimized by domestic violence) Ms. Naomi Tropp, will speak in Clare Hall Lobby on Monday, October 19th, at 9:00 p.m.

Tropp is not only an expert on rape and the law, but was utilized by both the local and national television networks to give her expert perspective during the Mike Tyson rape trial last spring.

During her presentation, Tropp will be discussing the definitions of rape. She states that there is no such thing as "date rape". Rape is rape and the term "date rape" is an oxymoron.

Tropp will be discussing rape on American college campuses as well as her experiences with the Mike Tyson rape trial.

The presentation is free and open to the entire Marian College Community. For additional information please contact the Office of Residence Life.

Women's Tennis Team Sports 9-2 Record

Michelle Emery

The Women's Tennis Team plans to win this year's district meet, which will be held in Anderson on Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10.


They are coached by Tony Natali and the team has been very successful this far, scoring a 9-2 record.

One outstanding freshman player is Cindy O'Connor, who along with her doubles partner Jill Thompson, has a 9-2 record.

O'Connor hails from Martinsville High School. She says she wasn't sure what to expect from college athletics, or the type of competition she would run against. After finishing her high school career with a losing season, she hoped to bounce back this season. And she has! O'Connor is very happy with the way her season has progressed. She added that while the season has been very time-consuming, it has been very fun and worth all the effort.

With a 9-2 record, the outlook for a district win is pretty positive.
Letters to the Editor

I am saddened by the recent commentaries by George Spaeth and by his detractors in the "Carbon." I'm saddened because they reflect the fragmenting tone of American society that is presently directing itself downward in self-indulgent diatribes of name calling and self-aggrandizement. Each side points its crooked finger at the other and screams in holy indignation—my side is holy and my cause is just because God has told me so—or, do we try to come together and work together realizing that men and women of good conscience do and will disagree? We can continue to scream obscenities at each other and the result is guaranteed. The social problems that lead to the large number of abortions will continue and our society will gravitate into armed camps of self-sainted imbeciles. Will we try to listen, share and talk the problems of poverty, lack of education, including sex education, acceptable housing, health care, and our future or will we see and speak like spoiled children?

Respectfully,
Mark Hall

OPINION

For the first time in the four years I have been a student at Marian the Carbon has begun to consistently present an editorial which has captured my attention. Political Minds. I have had, on occasion, the opportunity to talk with George Spaeth and my first impressions paralleled those of L. Atwood. However, upon further observation of George's personal character and conviction I have come to respect those as being well-deliberated and well-substantiated. Although I respect his opinions, I realize that these are only opinions which do not necessitate compliance nor do they exalt his own self-righteousness.

L. Atwood's response to the Sept. 21 editorial was a clear attack on George's personal character, disavowing any attempt to authenticate or refute issues presented. Through the foresight of our founding fathers, Americans have been allowed to embody a right which we hold dear to our hearts, the freedom of speech. This right endows and encourages Americans to pursue the freedom of speech, to pursue the freedom of assembly and yes, even to pursue the freedom to express our opinions. No limitations or conditional restrictions are levied against this right and it is irrelevant whether those expressed opinions be correct or incorrect. Furthermore, we have been guaranteed the right to express our opinions through any medium we deem suitable, mediums such as the Carbon.

I firmly believe that the personal attacks on George were prejudiced and unjustified. For the student who asserted that the Carbon should not serve as a means to express one's opinions has professed a tribute to her own obliviousness of our basic American rights. L. Atwood, a man who enthrones himself as a professor and as an educated man at Marian, I find it inconceivable that you could be induced so blindly by your own accidental and unearned glory, that you condemn the thoughts of a student upon whom this institution bestows as one of its own. Marian encourages us to be independent, to be insightful, and if necessary, to insinuate controversy. Should we now denounce those students who do so?

Concluding, I believe it appropriate to reserve mediums, such as the Carbon, as an exchange of intellectual dialogue only as an instrument for the deprecation of one's personal character. L. Atwood has confused arrogance with confidence. To degenerate and persecute the intellect of a student who chooses to participate in our fundamental rights is unacceptable! Likewise, suggesting that George should pursue an occupation as a tri-pod only denounces his ignorant and puerile disposition. I recommend that L. Atwood apologize for his personal attack on George and that he re-evaluate his own self-righteousness and arrogance.

Sam Smithe
O Sweet Spontaneous

OK, what is the deal? Lou and Doug, you have a somewhat interesting idea but jeez, does the phrase "positive affirmation with Biff" mean anything to you? I read the column with a somewhat open mind (I'm thinking open mindedness is somewhat rare these days) and was forced to roll about the Freedom Steps in gales of hysterical laughter. (Was this your intention, "your" song and leaving home listening only to pictures and memories of Biff-back-home listening only to "your" song and leaving only for classes and when the need arises to bathe and eat. Are you catching my drift, Torn?)

Dear Torn, OK, you and your Biff have decided to see other people. He is not here, he has obviously decided he doesn't want you to be the only Bifi in his life and you have also noticed other potential Biffs. But still you are in a state of emotional turmoil because you have spied an attractive, "nice" and smart Biff. Your plight pulls at my heartstrings, really, I mean that.

Jeez, Torn, you are in college now. I miss my dog but that doesn't mean I'm not going to pet a puppy I might encounter on campus. I'm not meaning to trivialize your oh-so-taxing problem but there are several things you could do to ease this immense stress. Read a textbook, hike to the wetlands, go to Denny's, lock yourself in your room surrounded by pictures and memories of Biff-back-home listening only to "your" song and leaving only for classes and when the need arises to bathe and eat. Are you catching my drift, Torn?

You are in a new life now, surrounded by opportunities for both educational and life experiences. Take advantage of them. The first step to achieving a happy college experience is to cut those ties back home that are holding you back from growing into the you that will eventually be a Marian (or any institute of higher learning) graduate. Like a little, learn a little, look a little and for gosh sakes, take your "stress" to a counselor and leave The Carbon alone.

Love & S***, Michelle Gobin

Baseball Team Begins MCK Series

Karen Murphy

The baseball team begins their MCK (Marian College Knights) Series this week on their home field. The two Marian teams are currently, as of Oct. 8, deadlocked at 15-15 records.

Coach Bret Shambaugh divided the teams as evenly as possible, based on talent and playing position. The series is played just like the World Series, best out of seven games. The winning team is named Fall Champions and the losing team has to cook dinner for the winners.

Senior Chris MacEachern expects big things in the spring from this year's team. "We have a really good hitting team, and our pitching has the possibility of being dominant."

MacEachern also pointed out what a strong group of freshmen the team has. He commented, "We have the makings of a solid team...a team that'll win districts this year, and has a good shot at winning the conference for the first time in school history."

These are some pretty high goals for the spring. But the team works hard at it six nights a week, and is confident of the strong team they've got this year.

Album Review

Virus 100

Dylan Roarhig

Attention music fans, (you know who you are.) Alternative Tendecies (A.T.), the record company that boosted the careers of many an infamous group, is now celebrating its one-hundredth competition. This proves that A.T. is the best of the underground labels, although, SST holds a close second. They have the imagination and originality to outlast many of the major label spin-offs, the now defunct Enigma, for example. This is indeed a cause for celebration.

This new compilation, Virus 100, contains the songs of the most notorious American band in history, The Dead Kennedys, being covered by bands currently on the A.T. label, and a few major label bands that were selected specifically for this project. Those members of the latter group include such bands as Faith No More, L7, Sepulturs, and The Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy, to name a few. All of the interpretations are fresh, so anyone buying this recording expecting to hear the Dead Kennedys, just go back to your room and listen to your Nirvana tape again. These songs are not performed by the Kennedys, this is, as I said before, a cover album, and the covers are great. It begins with The Didjits version of Police Truck, a screaming vocal and grinding guitar interpretation of the original, and it just keeps getting better. The only truly weak songs on the album are Sister Double Happiness' over-emotional, gospel cover of the classic, Holiday in Cambodia, and L7's completely unoriginal (what do you expect from a grunge band) cover of Let's Lynch the landlord. However, both of these songs do cause you to tap your toes. Luckily, these songs are made up for throughout the rest of the recording. Faith No More lounge style cover of Let's Lynch the Landlord, Sepulturs' loud, fast, and hard version of Drug Me, Kramer's sample heavy, Pink Floyd-esque interpretation of Insihr and the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy's rewrite of California Uber Alles all keep alive the Dead Kennedys' vision of a world filled with individual and original music.

This recording is a must for anyone who loves music, even if you don't like the Dead Kennedys, or more likely, don't know who they are. This compilation is monumental for its diversity and originality, so, go out now and buy it. Don't worry about eating, you can get by without a meal, but don't go any longer without first buying this recording. It is available just down the road at Tracks, and while you're there say hello to Matt.

Next week: The Red Hot Chili Peppers' Greatest Hits!
by Corey Cleary

As I glance across a room that is filled, yet seems totally empty, I am constantly grasping for a new topic to write about. Here are some ideas that came to my mind. Noticed by a fellow writer, a new topic to write about...

Individuals with large Michelle—do you know all sounds the same? Lent sound effect in the original cartoon originating in the early '70s? What is that women think men find so attractive about big hair? What do men think women find attractive about jockey shorts? Which reminds me of a commercial...

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