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LaGrange appointed as new MCSA president

by Lucinda Griner

“I feel like Gerald Ford,” commented newly appointed Marian College Student Association (MCSA) President Matt LaGrange, and in fact LaGrange and Ford have two things in common: they were both appointed to their positions and both were strong leaders.

LaGrange moved from his position as Vice President to President when former MCSA President Ellen Frommeyer resigned from the board last week. LaGrange was originally appointed by Frommeyer and confirmed by the Board to be secretary early in the first semester, after Don Vogt resigned that position. He then moved to Vice-President at the resignation of Dan Murphy -- also last semester. And now, with the fourth resignation from the board this academic year, LaGrange becomes President. LaGrange feels he is qualified for the job. Even though he was not directly elected by the students, he was elected to the board by the members whom the students did elect.

The vice-president position has not been filled yet. The procedure used last semester to appoint LaGrange will again be implemented. LaGrange will make recommendations to the board and the board will vote on the recommendations.

LaGrange has been very active in the Marian community. He currently serves on College Council and the Presidential Search Committee. In the past he has served as Student Affairs Chairman for MCSA, as well as sitting on the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, the Judicial Panel and the Conduct Appeals Committee.

LaGrange realizes that, with only this semester left, great new projects cannot be accomplished in so little time. The project that he will be working on, however, will be helpful in years to come. “I want to evaluate what student board stands for and what powers it has,” said LaGrange. Doing this would open the avenues for great things to be done in the future. Another item on the agenda that was planned last semester and LaGrange intends to carry through is to have a meeting each with Doyle Hall residents, Clare Hall residents, commuter students, and non-traditional students to find out the needs of each group. A list of these needs will be prepared and presented to the Board of Trustees.

LaGrange feels we all have a voice. “It’s time for students to be heard and to take an active role,” stressed LaGrange. “Marian is going great places.”
Letters to the Editor

In memory of Forrest Brandon

I’m far away from Marian College now, but I still carry many of my professors and students in my heart. Like today, I came upon an article in one of the Catholic newspapers. The article is headed “Paving the way for Christ, Hellenistic art prepared for faith, Walter’s curator says.” I reached for the scissors to cut it out and send to you. Then, I remembered...

There’s a picture of the bust of Emperor Augustus, and one of Alexander -- the one with his nose broken off. So the memories began: the Pantheon, Caesar, lintels and posts, the cathedral at Amiens and Hagia Sophia...

I really don’t remember the details though -- centralized as opposed to basilican plans. I do remember the beauty of it all, and I shared in your enthusiasm for art and for the people who created it. And I remember you -- fair, lenient, modest and just simply good.

Your voice is quiet now, but your words and ways speak loudly in my heart. May God keep you upon a throne of your favorite architecture, emblazoned with the names of all who, like me, are so grateful for having known you, and who miss you very much.

Love,
Kelley Ross Renz

[Editor’s note: Kelley, class of ’87 and one-time editor of the Carbon, is currently managing editor of The Catholic Answer in Huntington, Indiana, and Assistant to the Editor in Chief of Our Sunday Visitor.]

Winning photos on display

Entries critiqued by judge

The first and second place photographs by Angela Fenoglio convey the lovely peacefulness that is common on Marian’s campus. They are well composed and technically good, especially considering she made them with a “110” camera. Her choice of perspective within the frame of autumn trees combined with evening light accents the Allison mansion and St. Francis garden which are landmarks at Marian. Further, both include park benches that could be the primary subjects. These are welcoming, suggesting Marian is a lovely place to read a book and breathe in the autumn air. I hope this is “typically Marian.”

The third place winner by Ross England is quite different. This double exposed image seems to depict the ghost of a college-age girl sitting curiously before a fireplace in the old Stokely mansion. Similarly, the fourth place picture, also by England, depicts the ghost of a girl sitting on a piano. Perhaps it is a common experience, while in the old mansion rooms, to imagine the students and former residents who have peopled the place over the decades. Well done.

Congratulations to both of you, Angela and Ross. You draw attention to valuable qualities of your school.

Sincerely,
Denis Kelly, Jr.

[Editor’s note: In the month of November the Carbon sponsored a photography contest on the theme “typically Marian.” Entries were submitted for judgment to Denis Kelly, Jr., a professional photographer, for his critique and placement. We wish to thank Mr. Kelly and all others those who contributed entries, prizes, or other support. The above four images of “typically Marian” can be seen in the Marian Hall display case on the first floor.

The prizes awarded were as follows: 1. party for four at Show Biz Pizza; 2. $15.00 gift certificate to Chi-Chi’s; 3. two subs and two drinks from Subway Sandwiches; 4. a free haircut from Cuts and Curls.]
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In Memoriam: Kay Gatto
January 1, 1931 -- January 4, 1989

We knew her as mother and wife, a quiet, gentle figure beside Dr. Gatto at college functions and activities. She was a shy but strong presence behind her children and her husband, intent upon her home and family. She was always with Dr. Gatto. He went home to have lunch with her most days. They were companions. When she was ill that attachment made for Dr. Gatto a special ordeal. For months he lived more in hospitals than in his home, eating there, waiting there, driving back and forth night and day. We watched in sorrow as his shoulders bowed, his walk slowed, his patience unwavering. We felt the poignant irony of fate singling out the kind and gentle for suffering.

That pain ends now in grief and, in time, acceptance and peace. Our sorrow is tempered with relief that for Kay, and for Dr. Gatto, the suffering is done.

At the Mass of Christian Burial Mr. Kelly read verses from Proverbs which summarized our remembrance of Kay:

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And the law of kindness is on her tongue. She looketh well to the ways of her house hold, And eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying: "Many daughters have done virtuously, But thou excellest them all.” Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: But a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her works praise her in the gates.

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New building to be constructed for sisters’ residence

by Tina M. Kunkler

"We are deeply indebted to the Sisters for their commitment to the college’s best interests," commented Bain Farris, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in an announcement released by Dan Nicson concerning the future use of St. Francis Hall.

The Marian College Board of Trustees voted December 14, 1988, to construct new residence facilities for the Sisters of St. Francis currently living in the hall. This action will allow for the facilitation of the current convent in other manners such as student residence and a temporary student activities center according to Sr. Norma Rocklage, a member of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Trustees.

“I view this as a very significant step to expedite the Board’s efforts to initiate thorough facilities planning and utilization which will hopefully culminate in the fulfillment of our highest objective, the construction of a new student center,” explained Farris in the announcement.

The Sisters Council at Oldenburg have participated in the discussions leading to the Board’s decision. A decision was reached on December 11, 1988, following discussions with the Sisters of St. Francis Hall, to vacate the convent if suitable alternate housing on campus would be provided by the college, according to an announcement from Dan Nicson, Assistant to the President for College Development.

The Facilities Committee is considering a site suggested by an architect and interviewing contractors and architects to complete the construction. The tentative site lies north of the campus apartments, overlooking the lake. This site provides the privacy of a home and is not likely to interfere with the future building plans of the college. Two residences will be constructed to also better meet the future needs of the college according to Sr. Norma. The committee is scheduled to meet again on January 19, 1989.

A Sisters Residence Committee has been formed to do the planning of the house. There are some strong feelings of attachment to the house for some of the Sisters, but they felt that the decision was made in the best interest of the college, according to Sr. Joel Franks, committee member.

Farris commented in an interview that the Board is operating on “short time-line” with construction. They hope to construct the new homes this spring and have St. Francis Hall in use by the college next fall. Final plans for the Hall will be made in the Spring after consulting faculty, staff, and students.

Knightsly notes

Spring Break Alternative 1989: Anyone interested in going to Appalachia over Spring Break contact St. RoseMary at ext. 355 or 335.

Anyone who plans to apply for the Teacher Education Program in the Spring semester should consider signing up to take the PPST on January 28. There are still a few openings. Sign-up sheet is in Room 002 Marian Hall. The deadline for signing up is January 25.

The Accounting Senior Comp. Exam is scheduled for Thurs. March 2, 1989, Room 313, 10 a.m.-12 noon. All AC/BS or BA degrees to be awarded in 5/89 or 12/89 must take the exam. It is a 2 hour test, no calculators allowed. Areas tested include: Financial, Auditing, Cost, Managerial, Information Systems, and Tax Accounting. Any questions, please contact Tim Akin.

Campus Ministry will sponsor three Ecumenical Religious Services during the Spring semester 1989. They will be approximately one half hour long and will consist of prayer, scripture reading, hymns, and a short talk. There will be no Mass or communion service scheduled on these days. We hope all the Marian community will feel welcome to attend and participate. Mark your calendars: Wed., Feb. 15; Mon., March 20; and Wed., April 12. All services are at 4 p.m.

Editorial

by Tina M. Kunkler

As we ring out the old year and ring in the new one it is time to ponder the new beginnings. We make resolutions to change certain aspects of our lives.

We begin not only a new year, but a new semester of school. Another opportunity arises to pull up a GPA or join an interesting club. The campus comes alive again after a month of near hibernation because of the holidays. Students register, shell out their hard earned dollars for tuition and books, and catch up on the gossip. Faculty and staff step back, take a breath, and realize that the semester really has begun.

Marian faces some significant changes during the spring semester. Buildings will be constructed, and a college president will be chosen, classes will be added, offices will be rearranged, and student government and dorm staff will be chosen for next semester. Basketball teams will finish their season and the baseball team will start theirs. New faces have appeared in the computer lab, the duplicating department, and the English Department, as well as in other places.

The new year is a time to start over, to try once more to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves. It is also time to survey who we are and who we plan to become. We must look back at the past, learn from the failures and the triumphs and then face the future with that knowledge.