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One of the first activities sponsored by the Religious Affairs Committee and the Campus Ministry was the January '77 Challenge Retreat. Those participating in the retreat were (front row, left to right) Kathy Klingenberger, Mary Carr, Peggy Brennan, Sharon McCarthy, Tim Matovina and Mary Beth Gianoli; (second row) Theresa Ferguson, Alice Mattingly, Ann Carr, Lisa Crull, Jan Gossett, Mary Jo Wessell, Ann Dillon, Chris Schlegal and Laurie Wolverton; (back row, standing) Deacon Gregg Alfveger, Sister Sue Bradshaw, John Kleiber, Greg Holzer, Jim Ritman, Denise Germonprez, Pam Gianarelli, Marty Breitzer, Pat Mills, Father Blaise Craja, Matt Sjoberg, Nita Reuter (Ma), Bill Reuter (Pa), Chris Miller, Bob Lantz and Sister Linda Bates.

"Nursing Pioneers" begin at Marian

BY CATHY RISCH

Thirty-four "nursing pioneers" began classes at Marian College on January 10. These women are all members of the Career Ladder Program for Nursing, which is being sponsored by St. Vincent Hospital, Marian College and Community Hospital.

The students came to Marian as licensed practical nurses. Each student was required to take an efficiency test and an entrance examination to qualify for the program.

Career Ladder Program for Nursing is a three semester program with 16 to 18 transferable college credits allowed from previous training. It is the first program of its kind in the United States.

The reason it is titled the Career Ladder for Nursing Program is that upon completion of the prescribed courses, the students are able to take the State Board test for Registered Nurses, along with the acquisition of an Associate Degree. There is also the option to continue classes to earn a Bachelor of Science degree.

Courses for the program are designed especially for nurses. The nursing students are also required to take regular required classes such as English. One of the students commented, "To be a nurse you have to be able to communicate with people."

Some of the students are commuting from a distance of 45 miles. Two of the students are living on campus.

The students will be attending a 12-week summer session this year in order to complete the program by December 17. Clinical work will be done part-time during the session at Community Hospital.

Another First for Marian

On Sunday, April 17, a student recognition dinner will be given at Marian College. This dinner, which has been established by the Student Services Committee with the financial backing of the administration, will honor those students who have achieved excellence in the areas of academics, clubs and organizations, as, and numerous other areas.

The evening will begin with a special banquet in the cafeteria for award recipients, their parents, and faculty. Follow the meal there will be the actual award ceremony in the Marian Hall auditorium.

The criteria for the specific awards will be determined by the specific group which will present the award. In the academic area, the recipient must be a senior with a grade point average of 3.5 in his major and an overall grade point average of 3.0. This will be the first time in the history of the college that such a widespread recognition banquet will be given. The members of the Student Services Committee hope to make this an annual affair.

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The Phoenix
Working together to find the answers

During the past few weeks, there seemed to be a common attitude affecting the Marian College community. This attitude, which seemed very negative in its beginnings, has now brought about positive results. Many began feeling “down” about the college for various reasons: the food service, E.L.S., poor maintenance, and the lack of communication and interaction between administrators and students, to name a few. These problems are not new, but they seem to have been magnified during the last month.

As a result, Student Board members and administrators met on two consecutive Tuesdays to discuss these problems and their possible solutions. One of the most favorable results of these meetings was the open communication which developed between the members of the student body and the administration.

Working together, administrators and students can effect a Marian College that will be satisfactory to both, as well as a college that will be appealing to prospective students. There have been improvements in many areas including food service, maintenance, and communication among students and administrators; but we must continue to work together.

The Administration is trying hard to work our solutions and now the students must keep their part. One big way students can show leadership concerns the E.L.S. program and especially the Saudis presently at Marian. American students, on the most part, are finding it hard to overcome their prejudices against anyone or anything which is foreign or different from them. It is a hard barrier, this prejudice, but once we try to overcome our prejudices, we find that the barrier is not as great and can be crossed.

Of course, it does take effort. We can’t expect everything to come to us, we have to be willing to do our part. One way in which we can eliminate this barrier of prejudice is through a program which was initiated by Student Services.

This program provides the opportunity for American and E.L.S. students to come together each week for educational, recreational and social interaction. As of Friday, February 11, 1977, four members of the faculty and student body had signed up for this program.

We must learn that there are no easy answers, but the answers are there if we will take the time and effort to find them.

-- Jackie Thiesing

Something is rotten...?!

"Something is rotten in the state of Denmark," is a mild phrase to summarize the recent Student Board survey. The results of this poll truly summarize the Marian College student feeling that their campus is in a devastating condition.

I feel it is necessary to look closely at the college policy regarding outside groups on campus, 81% of those polled felt that these groups were given priority to full-time students. This startling statistic represents an attitude that has been long in existence on campus.

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The members of the Marian College chapter of Alpha Phi Omega (APO), the national coeducational service fraternity, invite you to attend a Rush Party on the evening of Wednesday, February 16, at 8:30 p.m. in Doyle Hall lounge. Refreshments will be served after a brief introductory presentation.

The Marian College chapter of Alpha Phi Omega was initiated last spring in cooperation with the chapters from Indiana Central University, Butler University and IUPUI. Alpha Phi Omega has grown to be the largest national fraternity in the country. APO is not a social fraternity, and does not maintain housing for its members. Instead, they are bound in the spirit of friendship, leadership and service.

APO, through its service programs, offers a unique opportunity of working with administration and faculty on a personal level. It provides a chance to be of genuine service to the campus, the community and the world. APO has taken on projects as the annual charity Christmas raffle, the canned food, clothes and toy drive, the organ donor drive for the Kidney Foundation, and the lollipop sale to raise funds for the Kidney Foundation. Mostly, the service program offers a chance to experience that certain satisfaction from knowing that someone else is so much better because of you.

Alpha Phi Omega is not, however, an all-work service organization. If it were, then it could not call itself a fraternity. APO offers a varied social program designed not only for many good times, but also for the building of character. The social functions include various activities including parties and off-campus outings.

Membership in APO is open to all men and women. There is a pledge period in which the pledges learn about the fraternity and enter into the various chapter programs. There is no hazing. Also, because APO does not have a house, APO's can join other fraternities.

We therefore invite you to consider Alpha Phi Omega, and we look forward to meeting the Rush Party on Wednesday, February 16, at 8:30 p.m. in Doyle Hall lounge. If you would like to pursue this opportunity further, please contact any of the following APO members: Brian McI lee, Renee Grontkowski, Michele Mihnaire, Alice Mattingly, Jackie Thiesing and Mike Bau er.

Marian Knight - regular season coming to a close

BY CURT STOLL

The Marian College Basketball Knights have found the second half of their schedule to be a bit of a disappointment thus far. The Knights have managed only one home victory to two losses.

The lone Marian victory was against the Grenadiers of Indiana University - Southeast. In that contest, the Knights managed to squeeze out a 65-64 victory.

The Knights chances for a District 21 playoff bid dimmed also. Marian dropped two crucial games against Bethel College and then fell to Earlham, the number one team in the district, 58-55.

In the fight for the mystical, city championship, the Knights were once again frustrated. After a superb first half effort against Indiana Central, Marian could not maintain the fire power to keep charge of the contest. Against IUPUI, the Knights were overwhelmed by a much bigger and more experienced squad. The Knights were pul led down again by the Indiana University South Eagles. Marian's only post-season hope is contained in a victory tonight against Franklin College. The game will be played at Franklin. This is the only District 21 foe remaining on the schedule. How well the Knights do against teams outside the district may also be a factor.

As a reminder, all remaining home games will be played in the Clare Hall gym.

The last home game will be played on February 19, against Thomas More College at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Varsity Sports - getting it together

BY TERRY DAILY

The women's varsity athletics, although limited in scope to volleyball and basketball, provides those more gifted individuals to combine their talents and develop their skills. In addition to physical benefits, such opportunities allow for self-expression, personal development, self-discipline, and that team spirit and unity that are omnipresent.

Although volleyball punches scored a total of only five points against Taylor in their first match, the women faced these opponents again and accumulated a total of 22. At IUPUI, they played better than ever through team work and displayed plenty of spirit at the same time.

The last home game against Indiana Central University was a well-deserved victory for these women, as was the win over IUPUI in the Indianapolis Tournament.

By tournament time, the novice team had blossomed after conquering the University of Evansville and putting up a good fight with Anderson. During its final game of the tournament, Marian played the #1 team in Indiana - Goshen!

Note of Thanks

In the coming weeks DSA officers and administration officials will discuss what specifically will be done with the funds. If you missed the dance, which is unfortunate because the 3rd Generation Dance Band was great, donations can still be given to the Business office or DSA officers.

Marian Soccer Club looking ahead

BY CURT STOLL

Facing a rebuilding period, the Fall '76 Marian Soccer Club entered its fourth season. After losing six starting seniors, the Knights looked to new talent to help them through the season.

Butler University was the first opponent, and the Knights fell to defeat. In the following games, Marian could not find the offensive punch and their record fell to 0-6.

The Knights are looking farther ahead than the 1976 season at this point. With continued experience and work, the younger players are improving.

Marian is attempting to build a soccer program which will be able to turn intercollegiate in the future. Through the hard work of many individuals involved in the program, it is a definite possibility. The quality of the schedule played is increasing along with the number of teams.

We congratulate all those who play and work for the Soccer Club; and enable it to continue each year. We are looking forward to the '77 season.
HOMECOMING 1976

"It's a Small World"
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Members of the 1976 Homecoming court were (left to right) freshman, Frances Gigiotti; sophomore, Jane Craven; juniors, Nancy Campbell and Frank Ziegler; seniors, Queen Lucy Lorenz, and Mary Clare; sophomore, Mary Beth Grannon; and freshman, Mary Beth Stoll.

Intramural football champions for 1976 were the Little Kings. Team members included (kneeling, left to right) Joe Horan, Dan Coe, Dan Krekeler, Pat Durkin and Dave Papandria; (standing) Merle Tebbe, Ken Wright, Bill Doherty, John Ruffra and Jerry Disque. Little Kings overcame the I.E.T. in the championship game.

ROCKING CHAIR MARATHON - 4-WAY TIE

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