Recognizing the disaster of carrying the label "Catholic college," and the ever more frightening name, Marian in the "thinking" culture of 1967, the CARBON attempts to find a more meaningful place for the school than Cold Springs Road.

Certainly we must offer something more than we do, or we will be nothing more than a last resort for a desperate high schooler, the only possibility for a local prodigy or a haven for the product of some Catholic high school, where the greatest academic question is mortal sin.

If Marian is ever going to establish a name beyond that of a "low tuition coeducational Catholic place", then we must provide students and potential students with something more. Perhaps it might even fall under the title of learning.

The CARBON would like to present an innovation which this editor believes is worthy of consideration. Perhaps, as offering of "Mother Knowledge" the various departments might begin looking into the possibility of establishing an elaborate program of independent study. Under this type of program, qualified students might enter into investigation of a problem or topic in their field which cannot be covered in the classroom. Independent research would afford the interested student an excellent opportunity to develop beyond the natural or unnatural limitations of the class situation.

We might now even be so bold as to offer the possibility of arranging independent study on an extended basis. We would eventually like to see such a program become the sole concern of a senior major. In other words, this student would be removed from his other course obligations and enable him to devote his entire effort to his chosen area of research. Perhaps, the departments could allow the first six weeks of semester I of senior year to be utilized for this purpose.

Certainly the problems of establishing such a program are numerous, but even the problem of "mortal sin" is being resolved. The idea is not unique and several colleges have obtained added recognition for similar programs. And it is not beyond sanity to imagine qualified students at Marian who might make excellent use of such a program.

Someone should take time to consider this proposal. As stated problems would confront us, but they could be worked out. Investigating the possibilities might even strengthen the departments. But eventually we are going to have to place the horse in front of the cart if we are to go somewhere, anywhere. And we might even be able to throw off the cart some of the ridiculous course requirements which litter the catalogues.

Interested students, if they've ever gotten past the trash pile of requirements in the catalogue, might note the present offering of a 2-3 credit program in independent study for most departments. Even this is rarely utilized.

Time is no problem. Everyone knows we always take all the time in the world and everyone knows that time is on the side of Catholics.

L S.
PERCHING MERRILY THROUGH THE FROZEN

I have received a necular collegiate movement here at Marian College of Indi-

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ified": perching. The practice of habitual perching has, without a doubt, produced a mul-
titude of earth shaking experiences: that of boredom, lack of creativity, and an intense drowsiness.

It all begins with a four-to-five hour workday spent in the Perch, replete with a series of Musical Chair games, the object of which is to let everyone see what a "clean head" you are, and to see and be seen by as many people as possible.

To make everything coherent, let's study a specimen of an addicted perchers -- name: Betty Ann Sit-on-her-aun, rank: Freshman, Senchmore, Junior, or Senior: number: 9890.

Pat, a most faithful patron of the Perch, spent every precious minute of her day chatting away in the snack bar, taking time out only for her classes.

She was asked each day for it offered an opportunity for a graceful entrance and a choosing of a booth for a grand finale. Someday, if she labored earnestly, a choice of any table would be available, including the "in-group", and excluding these tables flickering dimly in the rays of "naelessness".

The inevitable happened about 10:30. It was time to go to class for another boring lecture, but, by golly, at 1:30, Pat sat again in her familiar domain. The conversation progressed as follows:

"What a having school. Why doesn't somebody do something?"

"Yes, wary nae-collegiate."

"Nothing ever goes on here.

Then someone stepped up to Pat and said, "Good morning, but if you ask why this school doesn't do something, do you mean that the bricks and mortar comprising the school should get up and do something? Or are you sneering at the students? If so, make something happen, dearheart?"

Gail Ryan

FACULTY SALUTE

This week, the University of Marian announced the establishment of the College of Veterinarian Medicine headed by Doctor Kirby of Fram, Dr. Kirby, child-like and girl-ridden, will conduct inauguration ceremonies for the new college in the "Pantheon of the Administration Building. Blessed of crural but worthless Bismarck and Persian cats, a foreign student break neure, will be the focal point of a disclaimer to be set up outside on a bulletin board mistakenly used only for day-lon ride mentions."

ZING DOES THE STRINGS OF THEIR HEARTS

Ready! Aim! Fire! Once again the chase little brute sadistically strikes down another unfortunate victim, for out of the hands of babes, ``saying tragedy. Obvious to all external stimuli the wounded crave flowers, chocolates, and lacy messages of declared passion. One sees them suffering behind the library, on the couches of the ML and in the more serious cases, wherever they happen to be, with a new stroke occurs, efforts to try to cure the sufferers or even to eradicate the unholy symptoms of their disease are futile, the sickly merely proclaim that the wall-flushers are indifferent machines. Consequently, machines, if you can't cure 'em, endure 'em, and have a miserable Valentine's Day.

J.O.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DATE

The annual Sweethearts Ball will take place this evening, Friday, Feb. 10 from 9:00-12:00 at the 60s Ports Ballroom of the downtown Sheraton Lincoln. Judging from advanced ticket sales, a good crowd is anticipated. Naturally it is too late to ask for backing but the quests do hope that if the dance is successful it might set a precedent for a new frontier of "college" entertainment at Marian.

JOE

Wednesday evening's 69-62 triumph over Wabash was not as convincing as its previous win over Huntington, but it was sufficient to establish a school record. It is now impossible for the Knights to have a losing season, a school first. Our analysis to the dedicated men on the Knight team and the old grumer, Clean, too.

The Knights still hold top rank while holding of a stubborn Wabash five to gain Marian's first victory in the three game series. Larry Schmell led the scoring parade with 16 points, followed by Larry Brodnick's 15. John Hendricks cooled off considerably from Sat.'s contribution, and Joe Bittelman was having trouble finding the range. Had these two been on target, the complexion of the game would have been changed by 30 points or more.

Back home Sat. evening for a return match with Aquinas, Clean's Kids will have to hustle to get 811 for Valentine's Day. They have a 99-94 victory on the road to substantiate their demand for a second win. Jam the crackers, fans, and celebrate victory 11, on the way to 20.

JT

Sister Mary Edgar: "You missed my Spanish class yesterday, didn't you?"

Unsubstd Student: "Not in the least, sir, not in the least."

Statistics show that Notre Dame graduates have 1.3 children.

While St. Mary graduates have 1.7 children, which proves that women have more children than men.

Dean: "Where are your parents?"

Co-ad: "I have none."

Dean: "Where are your guardians?"

Co-ad: "I have none."

Dean: "Where are your supporters?"

Co-ad: "Deans, you are forgetting yourself!"

Procure: "For whom the Ballyis Toiled."
TO THE EDITOR OF THE CAROL:

Providing the present expansion program succeeds, within the next ten years Marian could well become one of the outstanding Catholic co-educational colleges in the Midwest. These colleges and universities which have made the most commendable achievements are those which have had little tameness where change and innovation are concerned. I should hope that Marian would not discount those possibilities which a little creativity might open to it. I should like to present a few suggestions which I feel are badly needed and which if left unchecked will have far-reaching effects on the future of Marian College.

During the free discussions sponsored by the Student Board in October the intellectual atmosphere of Marian was a tonic which was heavily put under fire by many of those who attended. We were given the impression that something had been set in motion which would not soon fizzle out. But, we have sloughed through another winter and are now preparing how to have fallen by the wayside. Therefore, my comments will be limited to this problem and specifically to the major issues which are inextricably connected with it: the present grading system and the Honor Society (and implicitly those sororities which in one way or another are connected with it).

Recently some teachers have suggested that the traditional grading system be replaced by an "either-or" system -- a "B" or a "B-". I back them completely. The present grading system can only work in terms of problematics and grades are always subject to dispute in "borderline" situations. Under the proposed alternative a "C" would indicate that a student had done well in a course; a "D", that he had not. Under this approach much of the pressure would be taken off the students' shoulders and we would be made aware of the fact that we are here to learn something rather than to get a grade. The present system all too often forces us to think in terms of grades and not in terms of creativity, relationships and responsibility. Indeed, if anything, it entices us to prolong a high-school culture in which grades, like the old gun star, serve as rewards and status symbols.

I would also like to question whether or not the Honor Society and those sororities which are intended for "intelligent" students can furnish a sufficient reason d'etre. While I have only been able to gain my information concerning the activities of these organizations from my role as an outsider, my observations have often led me to the opinion that they are some sort of ridiculous extra-credit club which one joins in order to procure a few more nicely scrolled letters on one's diploma rather than to further one's education. It seems to me that they have tended to form an official caste system in which one becomes an official Brahmin and that they serve the same purpose as the pining of a gun star on the collar does for a five-year-old kindergartner. Quite often Honor Students unconsciously reveal that their main motivating factor, their main reason for attending classes and studying so diligently is to remain Honor Students. Thus, some of the Brahmines shirk from enrolling in courses which they would like to take, but can not afford to do so, because of necessity of keeping the sacred cow breathing, i.e., the scholastic index, I am persuaded to think that the poor cow is merely being kept alive an ox-ygen tent and might as well be relieved of its misery. In other words, as it stands now, the Honor Society is a farce.

While at present I am far from disposed to the idea of such societies, I do feel that, if they are to be maintained, some radical changes are warranted. I should like to make a few proposals. First of all, the Honor Society and those sororities connected with it must be opened to all students -- not just to those who have fed the sacred cow. It should be painfully obvious to anyone who has spent any time in any college that grades are one of the nookest criteria of academic excellence available. All too often they are merely signs that one has endured and/or memorized sufficiently. Secondly, the attending of periodic seminars and the nominal submitting of critiques on subjects discussed must be discontinued. In place of this "routine", I would suggest that the Honor Program consist of a special curriculum in which the participating student would take a series of courses with other students in which far more original and creative thinking would be demanded than is demanded in regular courses. Or, if due to an insufficient number of students enrolled in the program, this proposal could not be enacted, these students might be required to take a certain number of courses in which extra-work and/or a lengthy paper would be demanded of them in addition to the regular class work. I think that these proposals regarding the Honor Society would go a long way towards separating the dedicated from the mere riders-on.

In concluding, I would like to reiterate that any college has to be receptive to new approaches to perennial problems. The present grading system and the present condition of the Honor Society are mere relics of an era that has passed. They should be put in the tomb with the rest of the remains -- with honors.

Steve Schwab.

MARIAN MAIDS ARE 5-0

In the midst of Marian College's best basketball season, Thelma's girls are setting records of their own as the Naids new stand 5-0 for the year. Wednesday evening the girls set a school record for women's competition by smashing the I.V. Maroon team, 60-12. After a shaky 6-point first quarter, the girls settled down to methodically destroy visiting ward swimmers.

With three more regular season games to play, in addition to a play-day at Purdue, the Naids are gaining a strong reputation among local squads. The big one will come toward the season's end and when the Watertoucless tackle Normal College, Monday, February 13, the Naids travel to Bloomington to notch victory number six. Good luck swimmers.

J.T.

Mr. Pimperl: "I don't make the rules. Thus I don't enforce them."