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Yearbooks Guaranteed this Semester

Kerstan Bayless

The 1991 yearbooks will be delivered mid-November according to Cheryl Kremer, yearbook advisor. Previous production and coordinating problems have delayed printing and distribution, but both 1991 and 1992 issues should be here at Marian before this semesterends.

Moststudentshave beenwonderingwhere the yearbooks have been the last two years. It seems this dilemma actually started backinthesummer of 1989 when Alan Lyle, then head of College Relations, was advisor of the yearbook. Mr. Lyle left Marian that summer to pursue his personalendeavors and a new yearbook advisor was never asigned. The academicyear began that fall,

without an advisor or organized staff.

According to our own Mark Hall, Sr. Norma Rocklage approached him and Dick Hoogerwerf to save the ailing project. The two agreed, and with the helpofartinstructor Mary-Ellen Reed, worked toward the 1990 edition. Mr. Hallproducedit, while Mr. Hoogerwerf paid the bills, and Ms. Reed managed the whole project with student help. The 1990 edition was successfully published and issued in the fall of that year.

The fall of 1990 rendered the class, ART 280 Special Topics: Yearbook, with Mary-Ellen Reed as the advisor. The class kicked off that year with a small staff, but suf-

fered tragedy when Reed accrued personal crisis and conflict. In April, 1991, she left Marian with the issue incomplete.

In May, 1991, newly arrived Cheryl Kremer volunteered to resume the plagued project. With no outside help, she sifted through hundreds of pictures, stories and articles and pieced most of the issue together over the summer. When the fall semester began, she was still tying up loose ends from the previous year. The new staff and advisor began work on the 92 issue almost on time. Over last year, she and staff were able to finish both issues and send them off to be published. (see YEAR, pg 4)



New Bookstore Looks Better, Costs More

N.M. Gasco

fall registration, a much nicer bookstore with slightly higher prices.

The new bookstore includes a two-camera electronic security system, a cubby hole for students to place their books when they enter, a modern floor design, carpeting, and air conditioning. This one even lets in daylight through a large, decorative window.

A new and improved were not even able to be opened are the lack of gift bookstore opened in the put out due to the awk- items and the high prices Alverna Student Centerat ward setup of the store. of textbooks. Sr. Shirley addressed the former by pointing out that they had very little time to get organized and set up in time for registration so only the necessary items were set out. She has ordered supplies to come in throughout the entire semester. Also, there is a lack of storage area in the new building which may prove to be a problem come win-(see BOOKS pg 4)



--Despite numerous no-smoking signs, some students still won't accept the restriction

No-Smoking Policy Remains Hot Issue

Karen Walsh

Marian College is cracking down on people who violate the no-smoking policy which was adopted two years ago.

Last year the college focused on eliminating smoking from two problem areas, the cafeteria and the canteen. Theywere somewhat successful--smoking was reduced in these areas butproblemsstilloccurred. Over the summer, these problems and possible resolutions were discussed at length in a cabinet meeting. This year, the college is cracking down and smoking will not be permitted.

Ron Koberstein, director of facilities, said that if students insist on violating

canteen should be a smoke-free environment because smokers are the minority, and it is not fair for nonsmokers to have to risk the dangers of secondhand smoke. Lekse remembers the intense smoking haze in the basement of Marian Hall last year due to lack of ventilation.

It was decided that the canteen should remain smoke-free and those who wish to smoke must do so outside. The only places where smoking is permitted on campus are faculty and staff offices and individual residence hall rooms.

To reinforce the no smoking policy this year,

Sr. Shirley recalls the old bookstore that had one cash register, one entrance, no security system and no windows to the outside world. At that time, the bookstore only carried three different garments a year and only a few supplies were able to be displayed in front. Books

The two biggest complaints students have voiced since the bookstore

the no smoking policy in the canteen, it could be shut down completely.

The canteen, located in the basement of Marian hall, is a place students can go between classes to study, eat, or visit with friends. It is used primarily by commuter students, as they have no dorm room to go backto.

Police chief Jim Lekse said it was decided that the

more signs were posted in the canteen and stickers were placed on each table. Koberstein reported that this is the third set of stickers this semester that he has had to put on the tables because people keep pulling them off.

According to Lekse, most students have complied with the no smoking policy. Some have tried to smoke in the canteen and

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LETTERS

To the Editor:

At the beginning of this year, Marian College began enforcing the nonsmoking policy... Most put their cigarettes out, but with many complaints. After discussing the issue many times with smokers and non-smokers, commuters and residents, students and faculty, the following is what the majority expressed.

Everyone agreed that smoking is harmful. When Marian introduced its nonsmoking police as "a demonstration of Marian College's commitment to the promotion of health and the prevention of disease," no one could object to such a righteous cause. However, when the statement of the policy were known, many were upset.

The current policy allows faculty and staff members to smoke in their offices when all occupants agree as well as residents to smoke in their rooms with

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when asked to cease, they have not put up an argument. If a student does continue to smoke, he or she will be asked to leave, or security will be contacted to escort him out of the building. Closing the canteen does not seem likely because students have been good about following the stricter rules, but it is an option if students insist on smoking.

permission from their roommates. In other words, people are restricted but still given an indoor room to smoke in. That is, except for commuters. Commuters are allowed to gooutside. Otherwise, they must know a faculty member that allows them to smoke.

Is it no wonder the commuters feel the policy is unfair? After all, nonsmokersstillmustenter the offices of the smokers and inhale the smoke. A resident will open the door and smoke drifts out into the hallway where nonsmokers walk. Is health really a concern?

...Commuting smokers are willing to go outside if everyone went outside. Even some resident smokers have agreed. One must consider, however, the image this could present to visitors. The doors will be cluttered with smokers (and cigarette butts) that

non-smokers will have to walk through. Is this an image Marian wants visitors to see? But still, this policy is fair.

Another solution is to present a convenient location for smokers to go. Commuting smokers prefer the Canteen and suggest non-smokers have the comforts of Alverna. If this proposal is unacceptable, then some location needs to be sought. Or perhaps commuters could crowd into the offices that permit smoking.

Again, no one is complaining against the reasoning behind the policy. The objection is in the way the policy is stated. Clearly it is unfair. It seems Marian College is showing how it rates its commuting students.

Concerned Members of the Marian College Community

(Written by Nikie Passios)

THE CARBON

1st Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

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Letter from the Editor

The Carbon wants you!!!doing our level best to pro-The Carbon needs you!vide answers for you.And you need The Car-The campus newspaper

vide answers for you. The campus newspaper should be a major medium of communication for faculty and administrators to hear about or from students, and for students to hear what is going on behindthe-scenes of every decision that affects their life at Marian. but to find them out. As Editor, it is my hope that faculty, administrators, and students will cooperate with these reporters. The newspaper needs to address news items, answer burning questions, and just be a sounding board for everyone. We are continuing to grow in staff and are still in the learning process of becoming an efficient, well-run student publication. We hope that you will respect this and work with us in the coming semester.

Staff Reporter Addresses Convocation Requirements

Shawn Gonzalez

Listen up Freshman, transfer students and anyone else not sure of Marian's policy on student convocations. Yes, they are mandatory! No, you can not graduate without them!

As a freshman who really wasn't sure about whether or not I had to attend the convocations, I defered to a higher authority, Ms. Connie Wesner, the Assistant Deanfor Academic Affairs. She had some rather interesting things to say on the subject.

Convocations are not a sadisticattempt on the part of the Marian faculty to overburden the already toughschedules of Marian students. The convocations are designed to expand our educations past the regular classroom requirements.

Convocations cover a wide variety of subjects in the news that are relevant to "real life." They are given by guest speakers about their own personal experiences.

Convocations are usually held in the Marian Hall Auditorium, and the information will be posted about one week in advance on the main bulletin board in Marian Hall.

Know the requirements: Marian requires a total of twelve for a bachelor's degree and six for an associate degree. A final word of advice from Ms. Wesner, "Don't wait until the last minute." Your senior year is often hectic, so don't give yourself the added burden of having to make up convocations you missed as a freshman.

If you still have questions on this subject, there are three sources to consult. The student handbook states Marian's requirements for graduation as well as convocations. Another good source is Dave Roberts, the head of the committee for student convocations. Finally, to find out when the convocations are scheduled, see your student calendar for dates and times.

To: All Marian College Students

Under provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), each college or university is permitted to designate "directory information." This category identifies information that may be unconditionally released without the consent of terstudent unless he/she has specifically requested that the nformation not be released. Marian College requires that such requests be made in writing to the Registrar's Office within 15 days of the beginning of each term The particular date for fall semester 1992, therefore, is Friday, September 11, 1992.

"Directory information" includes the following students name; campus and off-campus addresses; telephone numbers; date of birth; Major field of study participation in college activities and sports; physica and performance statistics of members of athletic teams dates of attendance; degrees, awards, and honors, including the Dean's List; most recent previous institution attended by the student.

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"You" are every student, faculty member, administrator, and anyone else who gives any time and/or money to Marian College. "You" deserve something in return that is seldom received--you deserve <u>answers.</u>

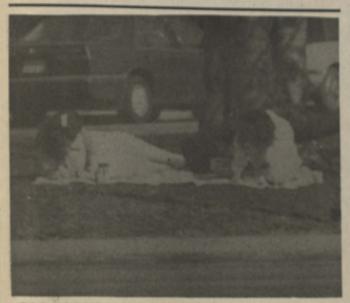
Our student newspaper is trying to ask the questions about issues you may take for granted as "just the way things are" and However, instead of finding open lines of communication on campus, all we are finding are brick walls. A reporter's job is notto "know" the answers, If you have particular questions, feel free to contact the Registrar or my office.

Dr. Bill Woodman Dean for Student Affairs

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It's back to the ole campus life for many Marian College students. (Photo by Jose Argiz)

New Grading System Needs Vote

Jenny Miller

Marian College is in the process of examining the current grading scale and exploring possible changes. Some students and faculty members feel that the current scale is inadequate because it is not a precise measuring tool. In order to more accurately evaluate student achievement, a system of pluses and minuses has been proposed.

However, in the process of defining an alternate scale, several ques-

As the Grading Task Force, Office of Academic Affairs, and faculty deliberate, student input is welcome. If there is a change in the scale it would be implemented for all students attending Marian in the 1993-94 academic year. Even though the possible alterations would not affect this year's graduating class, all students are encouraged to express their thoughts.

The proposed scales are listed below with space

THE CARBON

Cycling Team Off to Good Start

Derek Witte

On September 11-13 the Marian College Cycling team will attend the Collegiate Track National Championships held on a velodrome in Chicago.

In the spring, the team will do a series of road races all across the Midwest in cities such as Bloomington, Louisville, and Detroit. During the spring season the cyclists will be competing against teams from Indiana University, Purdue, Ball State, and the University of Michigan among others.

Whether seen whizzing down the campus paths, hanging their bikes from dorm room ceilings, or spotted in class with shaven legs and strange tan lines the cycling team is nowan undeniable part of Marian College life. Yet, very little is known about them. Cycling is a nontraditional college sport.

The sport most like cycling at Marian College is cross-country. In both sports athletes attempt to and Europe with over

cover a fixed distance faster than everyone else. Cycling and running are also alike because both sports have individual and teamwinners, unlike baseball and basketball. However, unlike running, bike races can last anywhere between one minute and five hours, with distances ranging from one kilometer to eighty or one hundred miles, unlike cross country which is run at a set distance of five kilometers.

Furthermore, cycling involves more team work than running. Teammates often protect each other from the wind, allowing one teammate to save energy, or set the pace for the other's benefit.

Due to the efforts of the Marian College administration a world class cycling team has been recruited. The team consists of six strong cyclists:

Mark Allen: a successful racer in the United States

eighty wins during his ten year career.

Bill Clay: eight time Illinois state champion on the velodrome, member of the 1991 Pan American Team, top three finisher at the 1992 Olympic Trials, and National Record Holder in the 200m time trial.

Frank Ventura: national champion on the track and road in 1989, and top five finisher at the prestigious 1992 Superweek International.

Damian Keckeisen: top three finisher at the premiere junior stage race in the world, l'Abitibi, and over twenty wins in the past two years.

Derek Witte: winner of the 1990 Darby Road Race in Florida, top ten finisher at the mountainous Casper Classic in Wyoming, and top ten finisher at the prestigious 1992 Superweek. Perry Woodin: less-experienced Wisconsin rider, who has already placed sixth at the West Allis Criterium.

Are you a full-time or a part-time student at Marian?

What is your major?

Are you a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior?

Which grading scale would you prefer?

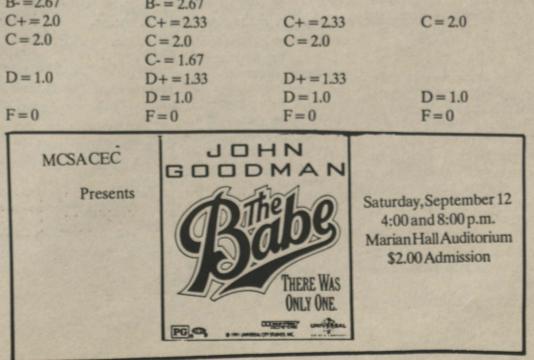
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GradingScales for Consideration

Scale 1	Scale 2	Scale 3	Current
A = 4.0	A = 4.0	A = 4.0	A = 4.0
A-= 3.67	A-=3.67	B+=3.33	B = 3.0
B+=3.33	B+=3.33	B = 3.0	
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tions were raised. One of the considerations is the rating"C-". While a "C-" would reward the student who would have received a high "D" on the current scale, the average of "C-" also indicates that a student has performed below eligibility requirements. In order to minimize obstacles to effective grading, all of Sister Lois Friedman, OSF. the scales below are being considered.

available for your questions or comments. Please return the questionaires by September 15th to boxes located in the dining hall, Alverna Student Center, or CARBON stand in Marian Hall. Also, feel free in the nextweek to address questions and comments to the Deanfor Academic Affairs,



Student Activity Fees Put to Use

Stacie Deckard

Marian students are sent an itemized list of the fees to pay along with the set tuition fee. Though the fees were clearly labeled, their purpose may have been unclear. One of the fees listed was the Student Activities Fee.

Full time students are charged twenty-eight dollars; part-time students, fourteen dollars, and for those registered with six hours or less there was no charge. The question is raised, What is the purpose of this fee and who does the money benefit?

Marian College Student Association, or MCSA, receives the funds that are generated by the student activities fee. Some may be curious as to what this group is and why you are sending them money.

The MCSA is the collective term for all those students who paid their student activities fee. Simply stated, if you paid the fee you are automatically a member. The concept of the group is similar to that of a high school student council. It is a group organized so that concerned students may voice their opinions and work toward changes.

At the head of MCSA there is a governing board that consists of several students, each of whom represents a different group within the student body. The board is elected every Apriland" serves as a voice for the whole association to institute change", commented board president, Susan Traub. Essentially, the board does all of the leg work.

MCSA is considered the central student organization, therefore, all other groups must go through it for the funding of their functions.

MCSA boards have left their mark on the Marian

Campus Ministry Kicks Off Year With Welcome Celebration

Rob Pickett

Campus Ministry held welcome-back-to-school festivities Thursday, August 27.

The festivities included a Mass at 11:00 A.M., an interdenominational prayer service at 4:00 P.M., immediately followed by an all school picnic. Due to the rain however, the picnic was moved into the Clare Hall cafeteria.

The welcoming festivities are among many events that Campus Ministry will be involved with this year. Campus Ministry also sponsors Bible sharing, spiritual retreats and has

The structure of Campus Ministry has changed slightly this year. Those who were involved with Campus Ministry last year were invited to forma 16 member "Core Team" that meets every two weeks to pray together and discuss different activities.

Also this year, Campus Ministry has added residence hall representatives. Fr. Fred says: "I am really gratified by the response and dedication of student leaders, as well as the positive response that we have received from the whole Marian College community." Atthebeginningof this school year, Campus Ministry mailed out to all students, staff and faculty members an interest inventory. Any students that are interested in joining Campus Ministry are asked to fill it out and return it to St. Francis Hall, room #153. Also, a member of Campus Ministry's Core Team will usually be available in St. Francis Hall, room #157, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.

College campus. Because of their work, students may now enjoy cable television in the residence halls, lengthened visitation hours, and may take advantage of the information contained in the Knightline and the Newsline.

This year's board has already managed to have change machines installed in various places around campus. They are working on having ice machines installed. They alsohope to have some changes made in the library hours, and several other worthwhile projects that will benefit the entire student body. If you would like to address the board on any topic, you should contact the board Sean Gallagher by noon on Mondays so that your topic may be placed on the discussion agenda. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 9:00 pm in Alverna Student Center and are always open to anyone.

(YEARBOOK, from

The 1991 issue is being printed now, with a delivery date set for mid-November. The 1992 issue should be at Marian before the end of this semester. Re-structuring the department and duties of the advisor are steps Kremer hopes will alleviate further delays in production. This year the class was offered as CAC 100 and has three students enrolled.

This is the first year Marian students were asked if they wanted to purchase a yearbook duringregistration. Most students had the same response; "Where are the last two?" Many, however, did purchase the book, which costs \$19.00. The 1991 issue cost \$12.00, and the 1992 issue costs \$17.00. Even though the 93 edition increased in price, it is still a bargain for a yearbook, as most high school yearbooks cost between \$25-30.

Wanted-Adult female, non-smoker to share a 2 bedroom-2bathapartment. Located at 86th and Township Line Road. Rent is \$255.50 plus utilities. Contact Liz Joyner at 879-0121.

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

Student Employment Available: Positions available in the Snack Bar, Cafeteria, and Catering--Call 929-0358 (Ext 358) for more details or stop by the Foodservice Office in Clare Hall.

At-Your-School: Child Service needs two assistants towork 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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ter, as heavy items will have to be carried over from Marian Hall.

As far as prices, Sr. Shirley reminds students that the opening of the new bookstore did not influence the rise of prices. She commented, "People don't understand that the price of a textbook takes into account many things such as the lumberjacks and their unions, the factory workers and the loss of wood." She pointed out that"It's the same with any business."

of PUBNET, a publishing network that would enable hertoordertextbookselectronically from all major publishers. She hopes that the cash registers will be electronic and tied-in directly to the Business Office. That would eliminate the need for charge slips. It would also improve inventory as well as speed up the entire process.

Don Fleming, Chief Financial Officer, pointed out that last year, the bookstore was not able to open

Classified Ads

added nondenominational prayer services for this year.

Additionally, Campus Ministry provides various opportunities for community outreach, such as the "Caulk of the Town", where students help winterize homes of the poor, blood drives, and running a soup kitchen three to four times a month at Wheeler Rescue Mission. Campus Ministry is also continuing its Peace and Justice Committee that was started last semester.

As soon as Sr. Shirley learned of the plan to relocate, she began to attend seminars and meet with bookstore managers in order to find a working design that wasn't stiff, like some stores she saw, but rather something that would be "inviting and pleasing, a place where people would want to comeback.''

as originally scheduled due to a lack of funding. Much of last year's funds were already spent. In order to open this year, a majority of the work was completed by Marian's own maintenance staff. This meant taking maintenance away fromother projects. Italso involved utilizing capital funds from this year, while continuing to look for outside contributions.

In the spring, Sr. Shirley hopestoimplementtheuse