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Indianapolis, Indiana

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Photo by Veronica Belles

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Check out Knight Fusion in their first show of the semester on Oct. 21 at 7pm in the MU Theatre. The show is free for Marian Students.

Campus Events

The Etiquette Dinner in Allison Mansion

The dinner will be held from 6pm to 8pm and is free for all students. At this event, students will learn proper etiquette for many topics. Professional dress is required for this event.

Trick or Treat in the Residence Hall

On October 24th, the Marian Community will be invited to Trick or Treat in the residence halls. Campus residence will theme their hallway and decorate it.

Events in Greater Indianapolis

Les Miserables at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

Open Oct. 7 through Nov. 24. Beef and Boards is located at 9301 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN. For tickets and pricing information, visit beefandboards.com.

Time Warp Haunted House at The Children's Museum

Open Oct. 10 through Oct. 31. The Children's Museum is located at 3000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN. For more information about tickets and pricing, visit childrensmuseum.org.

Matisse: Life in Color at The Indianapolis Museum of Art

Opens Oct. 13. The Indianapolis Museum of Art is located at 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN. Tickets are \$10 with your student ID.

In Brief: Crime in the Evans Center

Story by Nikki Van Volkenburgh

In August, Marian campus police were dispatched to the new Evans Center. Suspicious individuals were spotted within the new building. Information was collected from the callers about what the suspects looked like, what they were wearing, the situation, their direction of travel and their mode of transportation.

“Marian officers were immediately dispatched to the area where these individuals were detained,” Director and Chief of Police Scott Ralph said.

The suspects were caught and off campus immediately. Later on

an email was distributed to Marian students and staff.

The Marian Campus Police worked hard to keep the campus safe.

“The Marian University Police Department issues timely warnings to the campus community reference incidents that occur,” Ralph said, “Although there was not a need to communicate via the Emergency Notification System this time, that is another means of communication.” Campus Police is found in the Ruth Lilly Center and are available 24/7.

“Surface Tension” now open

Story by Chandler Roberts and Hannah Carpenter

From September 9 to November 1, the Marian Gallery in Fisher Hall is displaying an exhibit called “Surface Tension” by Julie Newdoll. The hours to visit the exhibit are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will also be a reception held on Tuesday, October 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

This exhibit includes two different series of paintings entitled “The Mirror Up to Science” and “Journey to Neon.” The first series, “The Mirror Up to Science,” includes five paintings, each based on five different scenes in “Hamlet”. Newdoll, who has a bachelor’s degree in microbiology, incorporates a biological process called apoptosis in these paintings. [Apoptosis] is the controlled death of cells that occurs as an organism grows and develops.

The second series, “Journey to Neon,” contains seven watercolor paintings that also depict scientific processes. These pieces display elements, like Boron and Hydrogen, and their multiple structures and bonds.

Dr. Marcia Eppich-Harris, a professor of English and dramatic literature courses here at Marian, was a key element in getting this artist to display her work in Marian’s art gallery. Dr. Eppich-Harris collects artwork based on Shakespeare’s plays and assisted the artist with her work by giving in-depth information on Shakespeare and his play “Hamlet”. She said her favorite thing about the exhibit was how it “shows the interconnections between the arts and sciences and how they depend upon each other.”



Photo by Chandler Roberts



Breaking Ground

Creating the new heart of campus

Story by Nikki Van Volkenburgh & Michael Schrader

On September 21, the university held a groundbreaking ceremony where President Elsner and members of the executive board kicked in shovels to make the first step towards the construction of Alumni Hall.

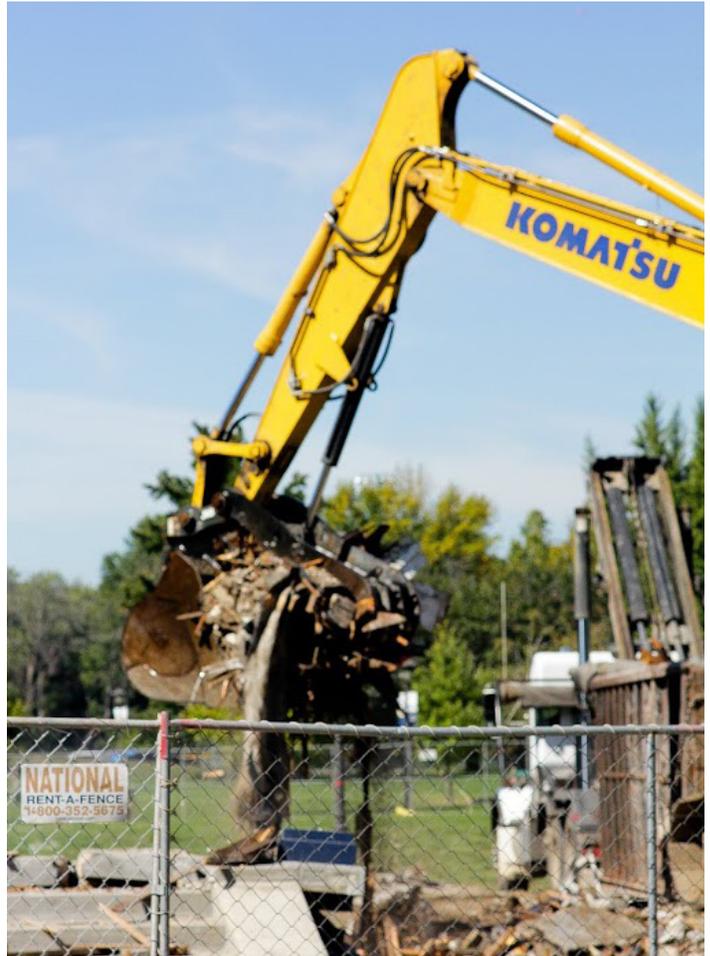
In a speech given at the ceremony, Elsner stated, “We like to think of Alumni Hall as the family room for the Marian University campus.”

The Alumni hall is scheduled to be completed in August 2014. It will be one story and 25,000 square feet. The hall will include three nooks with screens and computer hook ups for small groups. There will be a large living area that will be able to hold up to 300 people when converted into a banquet hall.

The facility will house the university book store, along with Starbucks, Papa Johns, and Grille Works. There will also be an addition 6,500 square feet of outdoor seating.

“The vision of Alumni Hall is to provide a place on campus for greater engagement between students, staff, and faculty,” manager of event marketing and sponsorships Maggie Kucik said, “Essentially becoming the ‘living room’ for the university.”

Photos by KC Goshert, Kaitlyn McIntyre, Brandy Roberts and Chandler Roberts.



THE SCARE

INDY'S FREAKY

INDY SCREAM PARK

A REVIEW

Review by Nikki Van Volkenburgh

October is the month of falling leaves, pumpkin spice lattes, hayrides, jack-o-lanterns and of course attending those haunted attractions. Indiana holds many haunted attractions, but one that is the number one haunted attraction in America, Indy Scream Park. Indy Scream Park is located in Anderson, Indiana, just 52 minutes from campus. The park holds five attractions, three indoor and two outdoor. The indoor attractions are the Brickmore Asylum, Bedlam 3D and Nachmahr. The outdoor are backwoods and infected. Each attraction is included in the \$30 dollar ticket fee. The Monster Midway is the stop for all of your needs from food to merchandise to remember the night.

The Backwoods attraction was the best. With nothing but a glow stick you have to find your way through a half mile of woods while anticipating where the next person is going to come from. The Brickmore Asylum

is mostly for the people who are interested in the gory scene. Blood is everywhere you turn and it gives you a true sense of how terrifying it would be to be inside an asylum. If you are afraid of clowns, I advise you not to walk inside the Bedlam 3D. With it's 3D and trippy affects, you are sure to rethink your steps. The Nachmahr is where all nightmares come true, although it is the least scary one, it is mostly dark and you must find your way around using your hands. Infected, the other outdoor attraction, is a bit more terrifying considering there is not much light, but more light than going through the backwoods. Military Zombies, farmers and infected people are everywhere you turn.

Overall, I understand why Indy Scream Park is rated number one. The hollywood makeup and special affects are sure to scare your socks off. It is worth the cost and drive up to Anderson.

INFO:

Location: 5211 S. New Columbus Road, Anderson (on the grounds of White River Paintball)

Open: October 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31. November 1 & 2

Hours: 7PM- Midnight- Friday & Saturday
7 PM- 10 PM- Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday

Prices: General Admission: \$25- Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, Friday & Saturday

V.I.P. Fast Pass (Front of line access): \$40, \$34(On-line) Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday

Friday & Saturday \$45, \$39 (On-line)

Parking: \$5

CASH ONLY AT DOORS, CREDIT CARDS ONLINE.

RE GUIDE BEST ATTRACTIONS

INDY'S HALLOWEEN ATTRACTIONS

Fright Manor

Located at 2909 South Meridian St. Open Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to Midnight. Participants get 5 haunts for \$25.

Hannah Haunted Acres

Located at 7323 E. Hanna Ave. Open Friday and Saturday now through November 2. Tickets start at just \$12.

Headless Horseman

Located at 1300 Allisonville Rd. Fishers, IN. Open select nights in October from 6pm to 9pm. Adult tickets start at \$10. Visit www.connerprarie.org for details.

The Asylum House

Located at 3801 Madison Ave. Open Thursday through Sunday now until October 31. Tickets start out at \$20.

Necropolis

Located at 2525 N. Shadeland Ave. Open select nights now until November 2. Adult tickets start out at \$20.

Irvington Ghost Tours

Located at 6 S. Johnson Rd. Open select nights in October at 7pm. Tickets are \$15.

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Deciding your future: how exploratory majors can find a course of study

Story by Nikki Van Volkenburgh

Deciding something to do for the rest of your life can be extremely hard. There are so many choices to choose from, nursing, biology, mathematics, chemistry. Many students have the trouble in choosing their course of study. Luckily, Marian offers many options and help for students still undecided.

It is not uncommon for incoming students in to be unsure of their majors. Most advise students to come in undecided. Sister Monica Zore encourages the exploratory major.

"I usually ask students what they don't want to do," Zore said, "Then you have made some decisions." Since students are required to take general education studies, it is a good start to get a range of majors and to see what you may happen to like.

"The first year, I advise for students to attend the different departments' open house," Zore said, "You find out they things you study and you can see where you want to go from there."

Marian provides services available to students who still happen to be undecided. One program is found on the Marian webpage under campus life, internships called Sigi 3. Sigi 3 is personalized profile based on a series of questions and in the end it gives you a range of careers you would be interested in. Also found under Sigi 3, what can I do with this major. What can I do with this major is a tool to help you see the different types of job functions a career holds.

"Sometimes if they have done these things and are still unsettled, we can do further career services," Assistant Dean of Student Services and Director of Counseling and Career Services Dr. Leanne Malloy said, "Takes under an hour. More extensive career could be the strong interest inventory."

Zore agrees. "For a student who is undecided, I have them take

the strong interest inventory."

Marian offers a the course, College 101, Career exploration. Malloy is the instructor.

"In the course, we go over this stuff during the course of the semester," Malloy said.

It is not uncommon for a student to change their major more than once.

"Sometimes it changes because once you got into it, it wasn't what you expected," Zore said, "Also the work could be harder than you thought." Most advise you to know your major by the second semester of your sophomore year, that way you are still on track to graduating in four years.

"Even if you change your major, it is better to go an extra semester or year than to go into something you aren't as likely to enjoy," Zore said.

Some courses like nursing and science majors have rigorous material that can hold you back if you have no decided right when you come into college.

"Depends on major you chose," Malloy said, "Some majors have very rigid requirements that start early and some can still finish in four years."

Even if you are having difficulty deciding on a major or happen to find out your major is not what you bargained for, Marian's services and faculty are here to help you.

"I would add a note of encouragement that it is okay to not know your major," Malloy said, "It is okay to not know, but do the work to help you decide. Come to us. Theres more than one good fit for all of us, we don't have to find one good match for us, and that is why it is okay to do the career exploration."

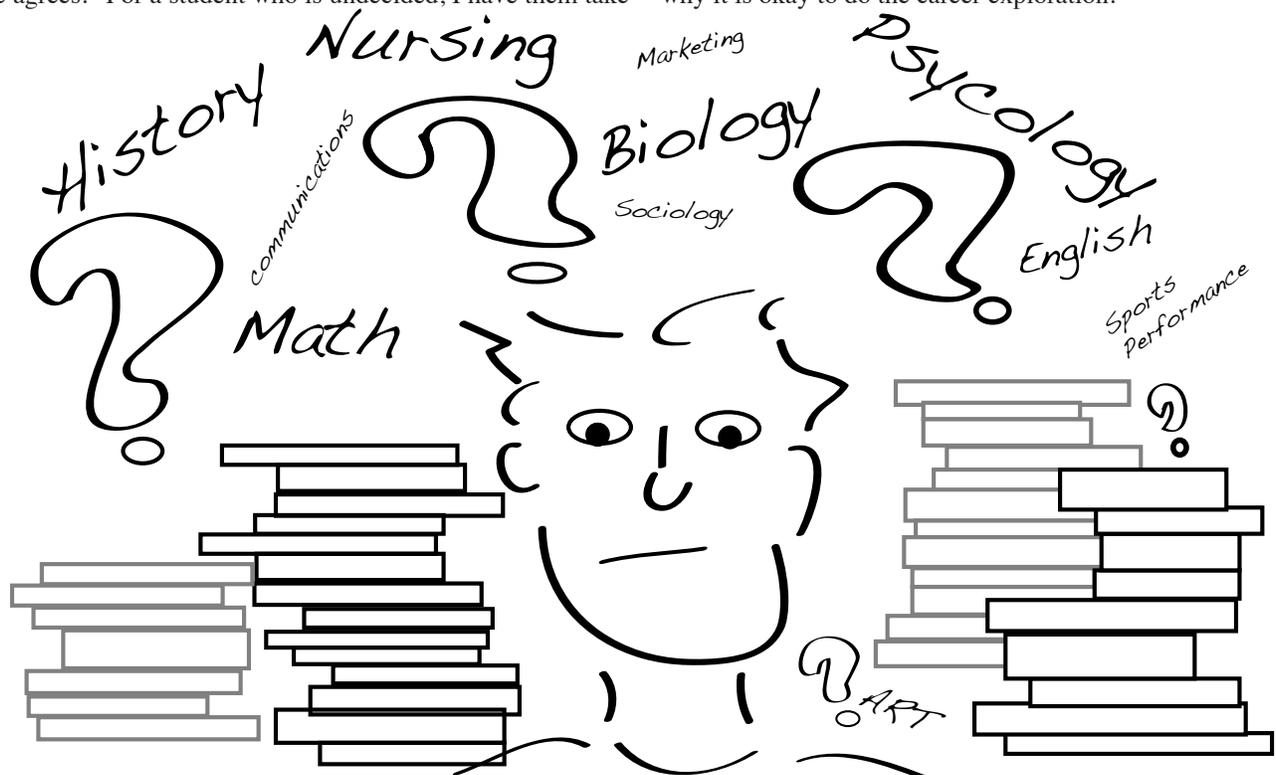


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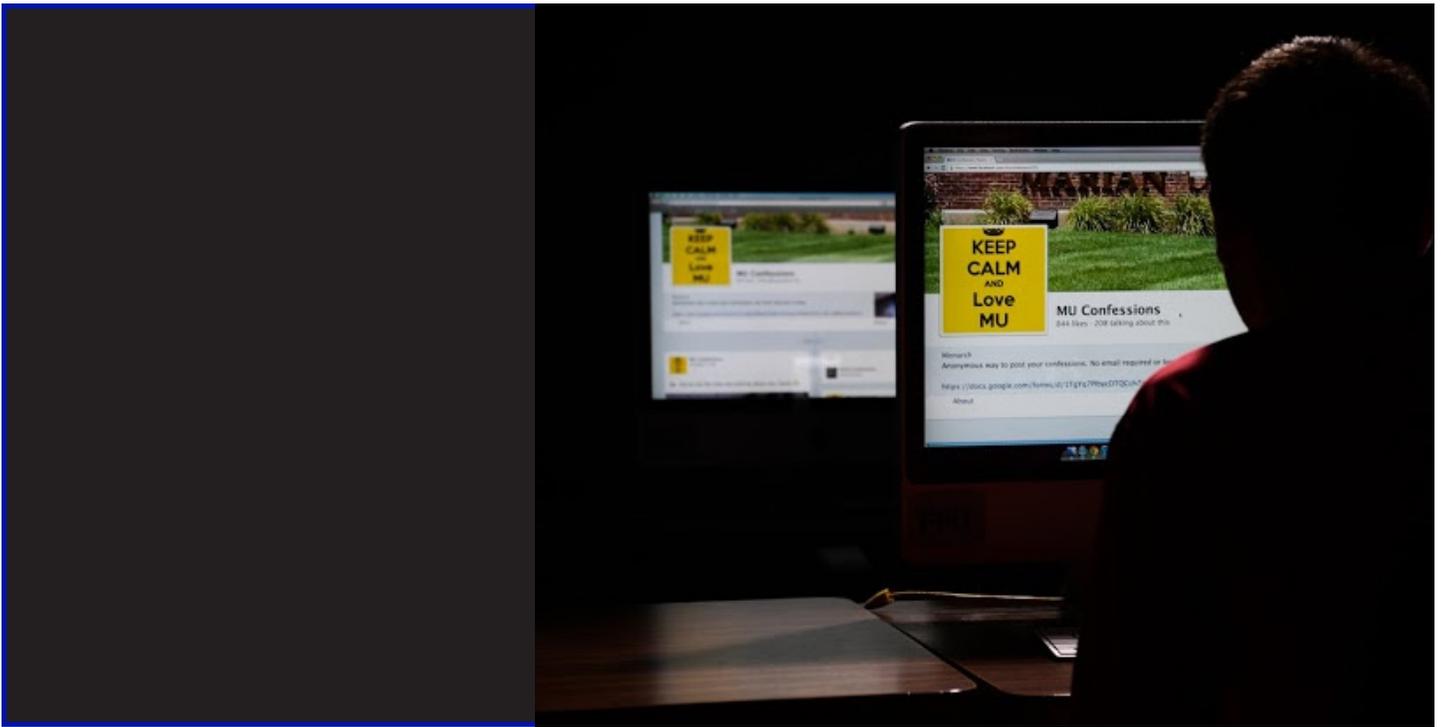


Photo by Michael Schrader

Marian's little secret

Anonymous confessions website causes controversy

Story by Katie McConnell

The crush you're too shy to talk to, the professor you love (or hate), and the latest campus drama all become public knowledge on MU Confessions, where posts appear anonymously.

MU Confessions is a Facebook page that allows students to submit anonymous confessions through an online Google Form. Since the form doesn't require a log-in or email, all confessions submitted are anonymous. After they are submitted, the confessions are then displayed on the Facebook page for the Marian community – and anyone on Facebook – to read. The page is operated by an anonymous administrator.

The original administrators are no longer operating the page. The current administrator took over after the page gained popularity last spring and didn't want to be identified for this story. The administrator stated that that page is a positive outlet for Marian Students.

"I believe the page was started for students to have a safe and anonymous place to post their confessions. They get to say things they can't just say to anyone."

Since its first appearance in Spring 2013, the confessions have slowly become more than just secret admirers and stories about academic dishonesty. Lately, the posts have included vulgar language and risqué confessions about sexual escapades.

One confession said, "I like my women like I like my coffee... Hot, Strong, and from a Latin Country. So needless to say, Marian isn't for me."

Another wrote, "The dirty things I would do..." to a particular professor.

Other confessions shared hatred for students and professors

alike. Many of the posts insult various professors and their teaching styles.

The administrator admits that some posts take it too far. "The drawbacks are the negative posts. I try not to post anything too negative or mean. The page is a place for confessions but it's still associated with MU and therefore has to stay somewhat clean. . . Some confessions just can't be posted."

Some students wonder if it has a negative impact on the overall Marian community.

"It confuses the identity of Marian University. And it also provides people an opportunity to say things without the consequences." said Sophomore Denzel Campbell.

Although some students find the page destructive, Senior Dante Fratturo supports it.

"I think the page is a great outlet for student's voices to be heard."

Fratturo's been mentioned several times in confessions on the page. Someone even posted a photo of him studying in the library.

Confession pages aren't unique to Marian. IUPUI, Butler, IU, and Uindy also have pages like this. In fact, pages like this have gained popularity throughout the entire collegiate world, and have even branched out into high schools.

In addition to this anonymous Facebook page, there is Marian Compliments. Its purpose is to only post compliments from Marian students. Students have also made a tumblr page called When At Marian. This page is full of comedic .gifs, short animated videos, that reflect common situations on Marian's campus.



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What's going on? The college students guide to the conflict in Syria

Story by Sergio Valdes

Ever since ancient times, the Middle East has been a hot spot for terrible wars and uprisings. Syria is one of the countries that is located in this blood-stained land. Located on the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Syria is a desert and mountain-covered country that is incredibly diverse in both ethnicity and religion. However, most Syrians are of the Arab ethnicity and follow the Sunni branch of Islam (the largest branch of Islam).

At this point, you have probably heard about some awful acts of violence and war on the news. At the moment, the country of Syria is engulfed in a violent and bloody civil war between government forces and militant rebels. The violence began around April 2011, where citizens, inspired by peace protests in other countries like Egypt and Tunisia, began protesting against the dictatorship in power in Syria. In response, the government allowed soldiers to mercilessly open fire on the activists. Many of the peace activists and their families received the sharp end of the machete, with many getting kidnapped, raped, tortured, and mutilated beyond comprehension. At that point, the citizens had enough. They called their fellow citizens to take up arms and fight against the tyranny of the Syrian government. Once the citizens began fighting

back, the government unleashed the full fury of its military forces and began ruthlessly murdering thousands to throw the rebels into submission. In addition, Bashar al-Assad, president of Syria, apparently authorized government forces the use of chemical weapons to terrorize the already-shaken citizens. At the moment, there seems to be no end.

The whole affair has been revealed worldwide and tension is stirring amongst the people of other countries. Recently, Obama has shown interest in launching an attack on Syria, specifically towards al-Assad. The use of chemical weapons was banned by the Geneva Convention back in 1925, and since Syria has apparently broken that rule, it appears Obama wants to attack because he feels it is not right for them to do so. However, Syria also has heavy ties with Russia (Syria is one of Russia's last remaining international military bases), so attacking Syria would also impact Russia. And since Russia and the USA have not always had a best of partnerships, the results of Obama's and Congress's decision could potentially spell disaster for our country. At the moment, however, Obama and Congress are still discussing what plan of action they will proceed with.

Dignity of the collegiate baseball player

Editorial by Katie McConnell

“We recognize and affirm the personal gifts and talents of each person. We likewise acknowledge and celebrate the gift of rich diversity present among us. Through collaboration and mutual support, we empower one another and strive to achieve life-giving unity within authentic relationships.” – The Oldenburg Franciscan Description of Dignity of the Individual.

From the time we arrive on campus, we are introduced to the Franciscan Sponsorship Values. They are taught to us in COL111. They are engraved in the Fountain. And we take them with us on graduation day.

These values are taught to us in the classroom and they should be practiced on the field, as well.

This September, we saw our own baseball coach violate these values by demanding that student athlete, Zack Napier, cut his hair. His hair, to some may see trivial. To him, it is an important part of his Native American culture.

How can a University based on the value of Dignity let some-

thing like this happen? Diversity is what creates a unique atmosphere that we can learn from. We can grow by appreciating everyone as a unique person.

The University has released a statement regarding the situation. “Marian University’s new baseball coach has enacted a policy addressing the appearance of the student-athletes on his team, which is consistent with policies enforced by other collegiate and professional athletic programs.”

We are not “other collegiate or professional athletic teams.” We are a university founded on respect.

The statement goes on to say, “The policy applies to all members of the team regardless of their race, religion, or personal beliefs.”

If those policies went against something in the Catholic tradition, would they still be okay?

The staff of the Phoenix would like to wish Zack luck in his future endeavors.

The Life and Times of Pat Rick



Photo by Chandler Roberts

The Life and Times of Pat Rick, a musical written by students Anna Bittner, Jacob Sellers and Melinda Weiss, follows the life of a humble janitor who can’t stop loving unconditionally. The musical was performed on September 27-29.

Defending the Title:

Football team works hard to defend title

Story by Nikki Van Volkenburgh

Football season has begun yet again. Marian University's football team has come back for this fall with hopes of another great season.

The team is back in action working hard to defend their title as the 2012 NAIA football champions.

"We have great senior leadership and the team has bought in to the new staff," head coach Mark Henninger said. "I think they understand that regardless of who is the coach, it is up to them to play hard and practice hard. The best teams are the teams that love each other and play the game for each other." This is Henninger's first season of coaching the Knights. Henninger has sent the past five seasons coaching NCAA Division III North Carolina Wesleyan College.

"The team consist of 130 players. There truly is a sense of brotherhood that needs to exist on a football team," Henninger said, "With 130 players, it takes a lot of work to build that sense of 'family' and 'we'. Thus far, like I said, our leadership has done a good job."

This season the team plans to work hard to defend their title as National champions.

"I have always believed each year is a new year and each team is a new team," Henninger said, "The 2013 team is different than the 2012 team and the 2012 team is different than the 2011 team, and so on. However, our goals as a team remain the same as in years past. That is to be a competitive team every week working to meet the very high expectations we've set for ourselves."

The team and staff plan to work stress the importance of fundamentals and strategies.

"Offensively, we want to run the football. We have a talented corps of running backs, led by All American Tevin Lake, and an experienced group of offensive linemen with three returners," Henninger said, "At the same time, we want to be multiple and

capable of throwing the football effectively in order to force teams to defend the whole field and take advantage of the athleticism at the skill positions."

Defensively the team plans to stop the run by being fast, aggressive and attacking style of defense capable of bringing pressures from everywhere.

The football team holds the record of 1-2 right now.

"Our toughest opponent every week is ourselves. If we control what we can control and play to the best of our abilities for 60 minutes, we are as good as any team in the country," Henninger said. The schedule the team is playing is the toughest in the country. Marian is playing nine teams ranked in the top 25.

"We've had spurts this year where we have shown that. The challenge is to do it for 60 minutes a game. When we execute, we're really good," Henninger said. "This weekend will be our third game in a row against a top ten football team. Even with all that, if Marian does not allow Marian to beat itself, we are capable of beating everyone on our schedule."

Even though Marian has had a few fallouts the beginning of this season, the team is working strong together to make a comeback.

"Like I said earlier, we have to control what we can control and focus on ourselves. If we execute and focus on the details and fundamentals of the game, success will come," Henninger said, "It's football. We have a good group of guys. A group of guys full of potential. Now we have to see that potential prove what they are capable of on Saturday afternoons."

Last year the football team traveled to Rome, Georgia for the 57th annual Russell Athletic- NAIA National Championship. The Marian Knights won in overtime, 30-27, claiming them their first national football championship.

Catch the Knights at their next home game on October 26 at 1:05 PM against St. Francis (Ill.).

The Phoenix

Mission Statement

The Phoenix is Marian University's student newspaper. Our goal is to inform the community about campus, local, and global issues. We strive to report the stories that matter and take student comments and opinions into consideration. We want you to read, comment, and enjoy!

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