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IT'S THE DEMOCRACY IN THE U.S.

In the presidential election of 1876, nominee Samuel Tilden polled 250,000 more popular votes than Rutherford Hayes but lost on the electoral count; likewise, in 1888 Grover Cleveland had a popular plurality of approximately 100,000 votes but lost to Benjamin Harrison by a margin of 233 to 168 in the electoral votes. Both Tilden and Cleveland were the choice of the majority, but due to the electoral provision in the Constitution were not elected to the presidency. In 1960, nominee John Kennedy could hypothetically have polled a majority of popular votes and still have lost to Richard Nixon by a minority of electoral votes.

To whom do we owe this flaw in our Constitution? Mainly to Alexander Hamilton who feared that the ignorance and emotionalism of the common man would preclude him from casting a dispassionate ballot, and would bring the country to "bucolic and disorder". Whether Hamilton was right, considering communications of his time, is a moot question. But today, when we in the U.S. have access to news media, etc., are we then incapable of electing our chief executive by popular vote alone?

Another problem than the unfortunate electoral law exists in our putatively Democratic Congress; the problem: committee chairmanships based on seniority. When committee chairmans such as "Judge" Smith, Wilbur Mills and Harry Byrd can by virtue of their old age hold up important legislation concerning civil rights or the taxp cut, is this democracy or petty despotism? When our representatives must wait month after month before legislation which warrants exigent action will be released from the autocratic hands of the committee chairmans, is this representative democracy?

It is not of any import whether you agree with the passage of these bills. What is important is that our representatives be given the opportunity to vote on pending legislation within a reasonable length of time. If committee chairmanships were put on a rotating basis, then surely democratic action could more readily be realized.

We have placed four petitions in the Post: one each for Senators Hartke and Bayh, one for the senate majority leader Mike Mansfield, and one for the house speaker John McCormack. If you believe in electing our president by popular vote alone, and favor putting committee chairmanships on a rotating basis, then this petition should be your petition. If you agree with the views expressed here, sign your name and address to the four petitions. Let the voice of Marian College be heard in Washington in a plea for democratic action. John Kennedy said in 1963, "According to the ancient Chinese proverb, 'A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.' My fellow Americans, let us take that first step!" Indeed, let history record that Marian College did take that humble first step for democratic action.

The Current Affairs Club

Gym Notice

The gymnasium will be open to students of Marian College and also the alumni on Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 and Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30. A slight fee of 10¢ per person will be charged. Anyone interested in making use of the gym at this time please contact Jim Kaelin, in advance if possible.

HAPPINESS IS GOING TO BERMUDA

Today is your last chance to buy your Bermuda Raffle Ticket. The prize is Easter Week in Bermuda or $225.00 cash, and the price for the tickets is 50¢ each. All proceeds of the N.F. raffle will help to support a PAVLA volunteer from our region working in Latin America.

For tickets see Jeanne Vigue, Evelyn Looney, or Jim Roth today.

WILD FOR KICKS

There will be a mixer in the Booster Lounge following the Bellarmine game, Monday Feb. 17. Records will be played until 11:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Booster Club.

SOCIAL COMMENTARY

BUT, WHAT A PERSONALITY!

CYNICS' CORNER

Many college students are under 21 and cannot vote in Indiana. Many of these students are working and paying their way through school. State sales tax, state and federal income tax may all three be levied on such students. This is taxation without representation and our forefathers called it tyranny.
A Social Desert

Marian College can be proud of the fact that it owns a large amount of property within the boundaries of a major midwestern city. However, most of the facilities remain largely unused. All too often is heard the complaint that Marian is a social desert.

The land adjacent to Tudor Hall serves as a bird sanctuary and a mosquito breeder except during the short baseball season. Perhaps the lake could be used for ice skating in the winter and boating during the spring. Definitely this land must be employed for a better reason than as the location for an annual field day.

Our Lounges could also be improved. The songs on the juke box have not been changed since September. The addition of pool tables and the replacement of our present train tables for regulation ping pong tables could add a slight impetus to student life.

A start is needed in Marian's search to find an oasis in its desert of boredom. An active program begun by the administration and the student board could provide the energy needed to overcome years of inertia. However, the success of Marian depends largely upon the willingness of the student body to help find the correct path out of the present wilderness.

Marty Liddy

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Student Board is planning its second Leadership Workshop under the direction of the freshman and sophomore class officers. This workshop is directed toward the leadership qualities each student needs to face the world we live in. If you have any suggestions for topics of discussion or would like to hear about anything specific, please help us out and drop your suggestions into the suggestion box outside the Perc. Watch for more on the Workshop!

Valentine's Day Party

Place: A well known Chicago garage
Open to all CARBON critics
Special guests: Alphonse "Scarface" Capone and "Bugs" Moran, with their violin orchestra.

Foul Ball

Patient: "I dream about baseball every night."

Doctor: "Don't you ever dream about anything else-girls, for example?"

Patient: "What and miss my turn at bat."

THE CARBON APPLAUDS:

--Coach Gleon Reynolds and his battling, boxing, B-Ball Boys.
--Mr. Divita and Mr. Tutungi for taking two hours of adoration during 40 Hours to complete the schedule.
--The Vets Club for volunteering an immense for 40 hours adoration.
--The individuals involved in cleaning the Perc.
--L.U. students and their fight against the kissing ban.
--Stephanie Tschida for plotting off-campus residences in the traffic survey.
--The Junior Girls' attempt to enlighten the Student Board and the Women's Lounge.

PEARLS OF WISDOM:

A deficit is what you've got when you haven't got as much as you had when you had nothing.

H umor is an antibiotic against hate.

Egotist: A conceited ass who thinks he knows as much as you do.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

"A door-to-door salesman stopped at a house one day. "I have something here, that will make you popular, make your life happier, and bring you a host of new friends."

"Good!" said the man of the house, "I'll take a fifth."

PLACEMENT OFFICE

Students are reminded that the Placement Office is open all day for their convenience. It consists of worlds of information all enclosed in file cabinets. It is located next to Mr. Field's office.

MONSIGNOR REINE ALL RIGHT (REV.)

Monsignor Francis Reine will receive the title of Domestic Prelate in ceremonies at Cathedral next Thursday at 6:30. Students are cordially invited to attend.

Congratulations to Msgr. Reine from the students of Marian College.

CARBON TOP TEN

1. "I wanna Old Your Hand" by Andy Wagner.
2. "Out of Limits" by Keaton's Bar.
3. "I Only Have One Eye For You" by Jean Sites.
4. "Crying in the Chapel" by Sr. Florence Marie.
5. "Dios Irae" Feb. 28 for The Senior Class.
6. "Y ou Cheated, You Lied" to the referees at H untington.
7. "Washington Square" by Jim Johnson.
9. "It's All in the Game" to the Marian Knights.
10. "Deep Purple" by Ash Wednesday and his fasting few.

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No. 16 BLOOD CELLS MAKE LOVE IN VENUS