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Yesterday, a movement born out of concern and dissatisfaction with the state of Marian College degenerated into a session of misunderstanding and "name calling". The attempt to deal with this apparent unrest has lead to increased gaps between administration-student, student-faculty, and student-student relations. What were the precipitating facts and factors behind the action that culminated in yesterday's melee?

On Wednesday, December 4, a small group of student leaders (four or five) informally gathered to talk about dissatisfaction and frustration they had encountered in performing their leadership roles on campus. The main purpose of this group felt that this dissatisfaction was wide enough to solicit the opinions and comments of other campus leaders.

On Thursday, December 5, a group of around ninety students assembled in the SAC lounge. Seventy of these people had been personally contacted by the students of the December 4 meeting and singled out for their roles as active campus leaders. Almost every major leader and corresponding organization on campus was contacted and asked to be present. At this meeting, those few students of the December 4 meeting stated the reason for calling this meeting and asked for a tangible expression of the feeling of unrest that seemed to permeate the campus. A lengthy discussion followed which confirmed the unrest that seemed to be so nebulous before. From this base the Student Leadership Coordinating Committee was formed.

The Committee represented an ad hoc organization of campus leaders and, at that time, concerned students, with the purpose of conveying to the college administration, their frustration and dissatisfaction. The leaders organized because they were the ones who had felt and dealt with this frustration and dissatisfaction in the pursuit of their delegated tasks. At the Thursday night meeting it was decided that this committee would prepare a statement of concern to be presented to the administration. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 10, to be open to all concerned, to hear and criticize the statement.

Over the weekend, the steering committee of the SLCG, together with a small member of interested students drew up the first draft of this statement of concern. It was agreed that the statement would include a preamble, a list of grievances and a list of proposals. After several storming sessions, still with little written a few students assumed the task of actually writing the proposal. It was decided that only a few major grievances would be listed as concrete instances of the unrest, since a long list was presented which raised many of the same basic issues included in the basic grievances.

The statement, in its first stages, was completed and presented to an open meeting of all concerned on Tuesday evening, December 10. Realizing the scope of the statement, that of involving the entire student body, an attempt was made to assure as many people as possible at the meeting to voice their opinions on the statement. Over 150 people were present. The statement was read and discussed. Objections were urged to be brought up, so that the leaders could be sure that the statement was agreeable and acceptable, at least in its basic content, to a majority. Objections and criticisms were raised, along with the basic agreement of submitting the proposal to the administration. Final revisions were left up to the steering committee.

The whole movement culminated in the presenting of this statement to the college administration in an open meeting, Thursday, December 12. At the December 10 meeting, those students present agreed that the meeting Thursday should be open to attest to the support behind the movement, since that support was contested by the administration. The results of that meeting are very well-known and need no explication here. Several points, however, must be raised.

One, the movement was organized by campus leaders out of frustration and dissatisfaction that they felt with the administration. They felt the obligation of representing the students and felt that many of the students did not have this first-hand experience. Furthermore, the movement was founded and followed through out of concern for the future of Marian College and of the Marian College student. The movement's attempts were meant to be purposeful and constructive.

The confusion that resulted from the movement seems to be centered around the statement of concern which, to the student leaders and those students actively backing the movement seemed honest and fair. Instead, the statement was taken or used, whether from its construction or from its derived meaning, as a personal attack on the administration. As a student involved in the movement, I can honestly state that this interpretation was not intended at all by those that I know to be connected with the movement, as a personal attack on the administration or upon any of the administrators. Again, (continued second page)
the fact that the statement was taken as a personal attack may lie in the formulation of that statement or in the people who interpreted in that way.

Several points were raised during the discussion of the proposal which in no way dealt with the matter at hand. Heightened by emotionality, these points were pursued to extremes discrediting the effort to communicate between groups.

Needless to say, the movement and the statement have created a dangerous split on campus that must be overcome. To overcome this split will require the active attempts of the leaders of the SLC to communicate the constructive purpose and goals of the statement of concern; the understanding, concern, and sincerity of the administration to mend this split; and the understanding and concern of those students who have misinterpreted the intentions of this movement. Perhaps, more than ever, this event has pointed out the importance of student-faculty-administration relations in the college community.

PORTS

Three games are on tap for the following week as the Marian varsity tries to get back in the win column. Bellarmine, tonight, should present more stiff competition, but this should move to a very interesting game. Not in the interest of a final score perhaps but probably much more important is if the essence of the team play will be apparent once more. This something which made Mari-an's winning team of the past two seasons seems to be lacking this year. After rough practices all week, following a loss to Urbana, tonight will tell if Clean can pull the Marian chargers together and get victory number four. The Booster Club is sponsoring a bus ride to this game. The fare is $1.50.

After the loss to Urbana, in which Steve Irhe poured in 26 points on the strength of thirteen field goals, there seemed to be a little dissension among the Marian knights. This surely will be ironed out by the master of coaches and if a victory does not appear tonight against Bellarmine, certainly the Sunday game, with Saint Francis providing the opposition, will produce one. Incidentally, that game is being played in the afternoon in Reynolds Fieldhouse. Admission is free for students so come and give the knights a helping hand.

Also Tuesday night in another home contest a much improved Franklin team provides the opposition. This is the finale before the long Christmas holidays. Let's see if Marian can get their third victory in a row to go two games over .500 in preparation for the Indiana Central Classic, held December 27 and 28.

Intramural basketball games will be played Saturday this week because of Sunday's varsity game with St. Francis. Scores of last week's games are as follows: WCCF'S 29, Lost Souls 23

BERGERS' BOOZERS 89, POON TROOPERS 13

GLOBETROTTERS 12, SCREWDRIVERS 8

Irish 13, Seagram's Seven Plus One 3

C. Sharks 82, Dirty Old Men 22

Big Eight, AM/FM Solid State

Phenomenal Intramural Esoterics L6, Prof. Stud. 26

Schedule for this Saturday's games (records in parenthesis) are as follows:

BYE-DIRTY OLD MEN (0-1) South

Big 8 (1-0) vs. Prof. Students (0-1) South

1. Sharks (1-0) vs. Phen. Intra. Esoterics (1-0)

1. Bruins (0-0) vs. AM/FM Solid State (0-1) South

2. Screwdrivers (0-1) vs. Seagram's (0-1) North

3. Bergers' Boscoers (1-0) vs. The Irish (1-0) North

4. Globetrotters (1-0) vs. Lost Souls (1-0) North

5. WCCF'S vs. Prof. Poons (0-1) North

Marian's intercollegiate chess team makes its first-ever tournament appearance this weekend at the Bell State Invitational. Participating for Marian will be Zanfe, Goldsmith, Roder, and Phung. Steve Scovitch is the coordinator and hopes that Marian will make a respectable showing and get this new intercollegiate sport off on the foot.

Note: Juggernaut is it! Juggleball is going to be started soon. Anyone wishing to participate contact either Harry Green or Bob Merrill. The rules concern a combination of several sports which could provide for a very interesting game. Rules will be printed in next week's issue along with a probable time schedule.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MC OR THE FAST WASTELAND

Today: There's a reminder that the bus leaving for Bellarmine will depart from Clare Hall at 4:30 this afternoon.

Tomorrow: Sr. Francesca and her friends are presenting "Gleaming Beauty." (O.B. forgot her me-oh!: Sunday the performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. Admission: $1.00 for children, $1.00 for adults and 75c for anyone el-oh. Tomorrow night. Elaine and the freshmen are having a bonfire rally in the parking lot behind the gym at 7:00. Following the rally will be Christmas caroling and a marshmallow toast (bring your own marsh). At 8:00 U.F.I. is sponsoring a Black Snowball in the Old Mixed Lounge featuring the Assenders. Admission is $.50. Sunday is Clare Hall open house.

The Sunday mass schedule has been changed slightly. There will be no 10:00 mass: it will be at 10:30 instead. At all three masses at the offertory there will be a collection of canned goods, etc., for Santanas baskets for the poor (not on campus). The four o'clock mass will be a peace mass. The chorus is going to sing. Literature will be available and peace honors will be presented by Andrew Lewallen, David Ebbinghouse, and Steve Miller. Also Sunday is the home ballgame at 2:30 with St. Francis. The Pages will perform at half-time.

Monday the Student Board will have their annual Christmas party. It will feature Christmas carols fr. Fr. Kahle, a senior skit, and free refreshments. All are invited and it starts at 7 in the Pec.

Tuesday is another home ballgame (do you believe it?) with Franklin at 8:00 p.m. (Feb the Clare Hall party—but that is a closed party).

Wednesday is the Doyle Hall Film Casino Royale. Since the O.H. boys aren't in the hall we know nothing else of it. Check the flyers later this week. It'll be at 8 (maybe) for .75 (maybe).
Dear Editor:

In reporting on the Student Leadership Committee, I found it impossible to remain silent on many of the matters. I support the basic aims of the committee, yet I believe in media honesty. Nor, if the students present, nor the administrators should think that either side is totally correct. I feel emotional elements ruined, to an extent, the purpose of the meeting. Due to these factors the meeting is somewhat of a failure because the administration failed to grasp what the students were saying. Perhaps some of the wording was not pleasing, but I feel the total meaning of the statement still remains. We, as the students are aware of the rules before we enter college; we follow the rules, we should help make the rules, but most important the administration must also follow the same standards.

I would not want to see the administration use the 3 or 4 controversial words to side step the real issue present. Truly, the statement was negative, but not really so. Therefore, let us all seek to understand, not to condemn. Let us treat everybody with proper regard. In short, let us follow the point of the statement.

Communication is now most crucial. Let the students act in respect. Equally important, let the administration listen. Many of our problems can more easily be settled if people cared. Unfortunately, too large of a group of students are apathetic, or unaware of the problems the leaders and involved people are having.

I suggest several avenues for improving the situation.

I propose that such important meetings as the Presidents' Advisory Board report to the students, faculty and administration.

I propose that everybody read the campus publications so awareness of problems is known.

I propose that people who have any grievances against others, go directly to the source of the problem and openly, with respect, confront the individuals involved.

Sincerely,

Michael Izzo

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Dear Editor:

As most Marian College students know a confrontation between student "leaders" and five administrative officials occurred on Thursday, Dec. 15. It is the purpose of this article to state the views expressed by the "leaders" are not representative of the student body as a whole.

First, the total atmosphere of the "leadership" movement was one of immaturity. It is the hope that the majority of the students do not possess this immaturity. A very evident expression of the immaturity of this movement was the manner in which the issues were presented. Is it not immature and irresponsible to accuse the president of this college; of being dishonest without any apparent actual evidence? Is it not immature and irresponsible to accuse the Dean of Student Services of nayth and lack of interest, when in fact the student "leaders" are obviously ignorant of the services rendered for and above the range of his office? These are but two of the many examples of immaturity abounding in this movement.

It is further held that the views voiced by these "leaders" were not representative of the entire student body. We quote from the first age of the Statement of Concerns, "the Student leadership Coordinating Committee, composed of 90 students, was born..." And we further quote, "we intend at the very least to make it known that we, the student body..." Is it not a false assumption to assume that since 90 students attend a meeting that the hundreds of remaining students are behind the movement? Further, it would be a greater false assumption to assume that failure to attend meetings of the Student Leadership Committee is an expression of anarchy. From the logic dislocated by this SLCC, does this mean that if people do not attend an organizational meeting that they are behind the organization, but yet aesthetic? Perhaps the SLCC should be reminded that their views are not necessarily those of the entire student body.

Granted, the administrative officials of Marian College have room for improvement, but don't we all many of us would appear before the administration to answer their demands? It is a fact that the administrative officials appeared before the SLCC and were rudely attacked. It should be noted here that at many colleges and universities, students as well as faculty members, are not even considered for consultation: namely, Purdue University, Ball State "niversity and even Berkeley.

We feel that the students of many colleges and universities would be most fortunate to receive the services of these "stuck, aesthetic, and dishonest" administrative personnel. It is hoped that in the future, a more constructive, intelligent atmosphere will prevail between the students and the administration.

Mike Deal, Rick Entrikin, Jim Revalee, Tom Molique

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"The Student Revolt Mystery"

Usually the frustrations (Fantasy or otherwise) are relieved by complaining, and from hence all protestations of loyalty to a cause or action seem to water themselves down into a state of constant complaining. Those who have had the courage to ask questions directly have received answers to their questions. Such right to ask is acknowledged by most administrators as suitable to those endeavoring to develop their potentialities in the educational system. I only hope that the primary goal of receiving an education is not sublimated to the less difficult of criticizing. Support and time will gladly be donated to the first individual who being interested in his educational progress genuinely seeks answers of the administration's structure and methods. But unless one has the courage to confront the right sources, seek correct information, and offer constructive advice, he is nothing but a leech on the college community and is seeking nothing but his own personal gratification at relieving his inner frustrations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Fleetwood

N.B. I seek to know what percent supports my feeling! Write me c/o this paper. Your comments appreciated.

ACTIVITIES, ACT II

Thursday is an important day. Starting off at 9:30 in rm. 157 Mr. Goebel invites all faculty and students to a color slide trip to England. The Christmas Convocation is at 12:30 in the auditorium. It will feature the Marian College Concert Band and Chorus. At 7:30 p.m. in the DAC auditorium, "The Magician" will be shown, after which there will be a panel on "The Outcome of the Paris Accords on the War in Vietnam" featuring Dave Allison, Don Steed, Rick Congress and others.

From 8-12 will be the Doyle Hall Christmas Party and Open House. Friday the Christmas recess begins after your last class. Merry Ho Ho. Je
Random Thoughts:
1: "Innoces. Love It or Leave It." If my wife (strictly hypothetical: I'm not married) whom I dearly love ticks her nose in public, I will try to make her stop. If she then tries to tick my nose, I will skin out. I will not, however, love her less.
2: Concerning the nolcic riot in Chicago: If ten thousand people had really wanted to "kill the president," there would have been dead policemen. There were not.
3: If one respects Robert and John Kennedy for dying for their ideals, and one respects an American soldier in Vietnam for dying for his ideals, then one must admire Che Guevara for dying for his ideals.
4: One must remember that the Declaration of Independence is a highly subversive document which states that unjust governments should be overthrown. The House Committee on Un-American activities would never approve of it.
5: If you understand what I say and do not say, you have a beautiful mind, despite what Frank Zappa and Joe Lewis say.

Your s at the barricades,
Phil Nolene

Our Editor:
Probably the best Inter-Club meeting I've ever attended was held last Thursday, Dec. 1. Most of the meeting time was spent discussing the value of CCO and if MARIAN'S campus organization should belong to such a Council. Surprisingly, the clubs were in favor of keeping Inter-Club with the idea of better attended meetings (Mental Health, Players, Booster Club, Pages and M Club weren't there -- 20 of the presidents saw me later about the meeting). Therefore, we've decided that any club who doesn't send a representative to the January meeting will be fined $5. If they don't wish to comply and attend, they can withdraw from Inter-Club and forfeit their money. The meetings are a waste of time without full representation.
We approved the formation of Chess Club and a youth Republicans Club and hope the students will support these groups once Student Board has approved them.
It was also announced that CCO has acquired the use of the SJC rooms I and 5 to make use of as we wish. Plans are to make it rooms for storage, meetings and club displays. It was an encouraging meeting.

Dot Mettel

Dear Editor:
I am deeply annoyed with remarks contained in Student Body public statement. Specifically, my comment reads as follows: "Its (Carnival's) organizers met with nothing but harassment, lack of understanding and lack of consideration." As chairman of the Theatre Department, I authorized Mr. McManamy's use of any and all costume and scenic materials at the Department's disposal. Further, Sister Francesca began rehearsals for The Haunting Beauty away from the main auditorium so as not to interfere with the "all-student production."
I expect an immediate and public clarification and/or explanation from the students responsible for the above distorted statement.
Robert E. Moran

Dear Editor:
The events of yesterday have brought to a head an ever-present condition that exists on this campus-day in, day out. Hopefully, the tensions that flared yesterday will catalyze a change.
One only has to look through last year's yearbook to see what a small minority of the student population participates in the life of this campus. Many students work or have other commitments which make it difficult, if not impossible, for them to take part in student affairs. Too many of us, however, have been too long anesthetized. It is time for us to wake up.

Yesterday a statement was presented to the administration purporting to be the voice of the students. The statement was in very bad taste, put it mildly. By the way, the statement was worded, as the President so astutely pointed out, it seemed aimed solely at bringing about a confrontation. The proposal stated was aimed at better communication, but it seems the wording would have brought about anything but that. The statement complained about an irresponsible administration, but I challenge the writers of this proposal to find anywhere, mean the 5,000 colleges in this county, a more responsive administration.

My argument is less with the writers of the proposal than with the silent majority. Certainly, because only a small minority of students get involved does not mean that their opinion does not count. But it is us, the aesthetic majority, who are really to blame. We have too long let the enlightened few sneak for us. It is time to stress that one need not be a student revolutionary to have a monopoly on truth. Even more, it is time for some of us to get involved.

George Bussem

Dear Editor:

THE STUDENT REVOLT MYSTERY

It is a significant phenomenon of our society that conformity is not only exhibited, but deemed vital necessity by a great majority of our citizens. Granted, that this need to feel wanted in a room is important to one's stability; yet I find many college students denouncing established conformity while they themselves exhibit a highly organized conformity. As one of the few wise members of our peer group put it: "One rarely decides which variety of our conformity one wishes to conform to." It is a denial of reality to state that, as a societal being, one does not conform to some code.

Today's revolts on campus—throughout the nation—demonstrate this phenomenon of conformity—to an image which ironically has been defined by the "establishment" as the typical revolt hero. The ethic now with some student leaders is that the campus is not an exciting one, nor their college life complete unless they, like their fellow revolutionists, find issues to revolt themselves in controversy with administrative officials.

This is not to say that all student revolts stem from ego-centered efforts to receive attention, but it certainly makes one wonder when students are unable to state definitively the causes for their dissent. The situation is usually defined in various exclusive terms such as: "a general malaise;" or another student: "We are present in our student body;" or on the other hand-"We are here to face the administration with our grievances."

It would be interesting if such volatile students would endeavor to discover just what percentage of the students they actually represent, or would they too he shattering an experience? On MARIAN's campus this author's experience has been that most activities of school policy have been based on misinformation or scanty evidence and rumors.

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