

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last, week a petition was presented to me by the boarding students request: $n$ g the return of meat to the Friday menu to afford the opportunity of freely choosing between meat and fish on the Fridays of the Lenten Season. Because of the great amount of confusion and the variety of opinions on this issue, the netition is being granted.

This petition, however, was merely that-with no supnorting reasons for it other than the plea for the freedom of choice. I wonder if as much thought went into it by the signers as went into the initial decision to remove meat from the Lenten Friday menu.

In their pastoral statement the American Bishons said "we preserve for our dioceses the tradition of abstinence from meat on each of th Fridays of Lent, confident that no Catholic Christian will lightly hold himself excused from this nenitential nractice." While admitting that failure to abstain from meat on such days does not involve sin, it seems to me that the intent of the Bishons' statement is that normally we shall abstain on these days but may excuse ourselves for a reason of some weight.

As to the matter of freedom of choice, we should remember that freedom is not an absolute. In a great variety of ways our freedom is often limited by other considerations. In the marticular instance at hand I believe most of us would choose to abstain, feeling that we should not lightly excuse ourselves. The offering of meat simply to give the onnortunity of choice seems to me an empty gesture not warranting the inconvenience and waste involved.

A great deal of thought preceded the indtial decision and entered into its reversal. It would be gratifying to know that similar consideration preceded the drawing up of the petition.

## Monsignor Reine

WHAT 'S THE STORY HERE?
Last week in this column the idea of attaching a name to the presently anonymous aDartment complex on the South Campus was set forth. Since that article the thoughts of many people have been probing for an annronriate title and many feel that they have come up with one---Doyle Hall.

Yes, Doyle Hall, named after our own Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Doyle, better known on campi as just, the "Mons". Monsignor Doyle has watched Marian grow from its embryonic stages in 1937 to present. This thirty year presence makes the Monsignor somewhat of an institution on campus, for any graduate of Marian, or any of those students now attending the college, can hardly forget the image of the forever smiling and coughing nadre.

Furthermore, the Mons has devoted more in the spirit of sacrifice and of dedication than could any benefactor or philanthropist begin to approach. Paying tribute to an educator and a server of humanity is much more in vogue than paying tribute to impersonal, donated money. Besides no greater tribute could be maid to (cont. at the ton of the next column)
this man than for him to be present at his own dedication ceremony, breaking a bottle of chamnagne only with the wild swing so typical to his exhuberant personality. Yet one realizes that the tribute of a building is only temporary but even so one hopes that it can stand as a pyramid shouting the name of its patron to all who pass.

Yes, the Mons should be able to rest in the laurels of victory in this life, where he so much deserves it.

## jo'k

FACULTY SALUTE
Well, here we are again back on the funny farm, where, as you'll remember we last left Little Annie Fan---, uhr...that's Dr. Kristy of Frump outside the Perkarea surrounded by photogenic felines. A sizable crowd of four or ten has gathered around Dr. Kristy, endeavoring to obtain the knowhow to go camp on campus.

It has been spread, within the crowd, by word of mouth, that Dr. Kristy's husband, Stun, will shortly arrive with the family celebrity Finkagain. Anticipation prevails, for this will be Finkagain's first public appearance after his most recent convalescence--he ate an earring which Dr. Kristy found while cleaning out her side attic.

Meanwhile, Dr. Kristy is about to make a statement concerning camp canine-capers this spring. The Kristys' obtained valuable informatimon in this area recently at the MLA (Milktoast Lovers of Animals) Convention in New York. She will attempt to arouse some enthusiasm for an all-campus doggy bathe-in, which in Finkagain's case certainly smells like a good idea.

Also to be suggested, off the ton of Dr. Kristy'S hairpiece, will be to bring a noted Miltonic scholar to the Univ. of Marian for readings to the town strays. Maybe Dr. Kristy is interested in education.
Next week: Finkagain's interview with Ted Mack!

## KNIGHT TOPPLE ENGINE FRS

Pressing defense and tough rebounding brought Marian back from the brink of defeat Wed. evening as the Knights droned Rose Poly, 85-71. Down by a 41-39 count at halftime, the home team surged ahead in the last ten minutes to record their 16th victory of the season. Jean Ancelet led the scoring rampage with 21 pt., followed by Larry Schmaltz with 17, John "Beaver" Hendricks and Larry Brodnik with 15, and Joe Bittlemeyer with 12. The Knights won the contest at the free throw line, hitting 25 of 28 attempts.

Anderson and St. Joseph remain to be played during the regular season. The Knights are away for both games--Szt. and Tues., respectively. Both opponents have losing season records tut are dangerous on their home courts. Two more wins would put the season record for M.C. at 18-7.

INTRAMURAL CHANGE AGAIN
The three latest games for Sun., Feb. 26, have been moved back one week because of a freshman game scheduled for that afternoon. The nostnoned games are rescheduled for March 5.

TO MY CRITICS:

cc: Miss Pat Dangler<br>Miss Maureen Northcutt<br>Miss Janet Koch<br>Miss Kristin Ronzone

In your comments on my nronosed Honors curriculum (which seems, incidentally, to be quite similar to that recently enacted by the faculty), you respond, "This curriculum would have to be confined to one's major field as no student can be exnected to excel in every area, I see no reason whatsoever why such a curriculum would have to be confined to one's major area; I would consider it a tragedy if it were. I would propose several courses in several disciplines for Honors students, if a senarate curriculum could not be satisfactorily worked out. I also see no reason why you remark that such a curriculum would "...stifle the nurnose of the Honors Program by introducing an artificial classroom situation which would tend to limit the open discussion which is the essence of the Honors seminar." "Above-average" students should certainly be capabjo of carrying on nrolonged conversations and discussionoriented courses could be easily arranged. fact I understand that the snecial courses which are being planned for future Honors students will be of this nature.

You write, "The exclusiveness of the group is not...due to the requirements of the program, but rather to the attitude and nerserverence of the particinants." Perseverence I do not question. This is the main reason why neonle get "A"'s in courses (going to school in such an atmosohere, I too am often motivated by this factor, but I am ashamed of such motivation. What $I$ do question is the attitude, the reas on which motivates that nerseverence. There can be little doubt that the Honors Program provides a status symbol (what I refer to as a "token"). It seems to qualify one as an "official intellectual" (Brahman). Certainly many of you are, as you indicate, contributing to the program to further your education. But, in all sincerity, is this the main reason? I am not convinced of it.

You tell me that it is not a "nebulous ex-tra-credit club" but a "substantial directive to a liberal arts education." Theoretically you are again correct. But haring observed and spoken with several Honor students for five semesters now, I can only conclude that the entire program must be about as profound and intellectually stimulating as a Kool-Aid party.
cc: Miss Diana Herbe
You are correct in your observation that I overlooked the distinction between the National Honor Society and the Honors Program. I should have been more precise; thank you for calling my attention to this.

You comment,"Extra work undertaken by these students qualifies them as Honor students: whereas extra work for average students should be in their course area." Why? What do you have against a chemistry major reading T.S. Eliot or a history major reading a book on genetics? Have you lost sight of the purpose of a liberal arts college: to open a student's mind to as many fields of learning as is nrac-
tically possible in four years time? You state, "The teacher recommendation is a formality; it is not strictly required as Mr . Schwab states." Where do I make such a statement? Having reread my original letter sever21 times, I can $f$ ind no nlace where I mention the teacher recommendation or even vaguely imnly it. You sav, "Another of the unfounded generalizati ns which Mr. Schwab makes is that the only reason one joins the Honors Program is to graduate with an Honor's Degree." But, Miss Herbe, I spoke of the "main motivating factor...the main reason for attending classes." I think tat I qualified my statement considerably more than you are aware of. You write, Marian is too small to set up snecial Honors courses." Here I wolld suggest that you are simnly contradicted by the facts: tire faculty has recently made a move in this direction.

Thus, my comments for the present. Quid quid recipitur, ner modum recipientis recipitur (Whatever is received, is received through the mode of the recipient). -- Thomas Aquinas.

Steve Schwab

KNIGHTS GRT HALF TOURVEY BID:
Marian College will play Indiana Technical College March 3 to determine a fourth team in the District 21 N.A.I.A. oost-season tcurnament. At a meeting in Anderson yesterday, Tri-State, Indiana Central and Hanover were granted opening berths, with the fourth team coming from the M.C. -Indiana Tech game. The game will be nlayed at 8:00 P.M. on the Concordia College court at Fort Vayne.

The winner of th Priday clash will confront Hanover in the opening sessio $n$ of the tournament, to be Dlayed at Indiana Central, Monday, March 6. Indiana Central and TriState will play in the other contest. These two winners will play Tuesday evening for the District 21 renresentative.

Indiana Tech finished second to Tri-State in the Mid-Central Conference with a 16-? record. Their season is finished. Early indications are that Tech has had on uneren season, but they have topned several winning clubs.

Larry Brodnik was voted to a second-team position in All-Star bellotting for District 21 of the N.A.I.A. Brodnjik has led the Knights scoring game all season, consi.stent shotting fron any spot being his most valuable asset.
J.T.

## MATDS FTIISH SEASON

TheIma's Girls finish a winning season this week with two games. Saturday, Marian's Maids travel to Anderson for a clash with the female Ravens, orevious to the varsity clash in the evening. Next Vednesday, the annual season closer with Normel College will benlayed at the home court.

Best of luck to the fermes and congrats for a winning year.
J.T.

