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(Editor's note: Mr. Bowman was 1959-60 editor of the Carbon and we happily welcome his pen on these pages.)

## LIBERALISM

Liberalism is not a cantankerous, radical intellectual movement but rather, liberalism has furnished the dominant political and intellectual climate of America. The truth of this statement is rather apparent when one considers the time of great liberal statesmen-thinkers from Jefferson, Madison and Lincoln to Wilson and the two Roosevelts.

To further emphasize the dominate role of liberalism in American Society, history shows us that liberalism fought against the "octopus" of the big corporations, for free public education, for land conservation, for trade-union organization, and for women's rights and for social security.

The liberal does not think of Government as an evil and something to fear. There was a time when government could seal itself up behind the walls of a castle away from the people but today's complex society demands the interest and regulation of government. It seems to the liberal, that those who advocate a return to those "good old days" of rugged "individualism," are living two or three hundred years behind the times.

On the question of Constitutional interpretations, the liberal does not "adore" the Constitution as something too sacred to be used and manipulated. The liberal believes that as it was set up by the founding fathers, the Constitution is a living symbol and instrument which can and should be adaptable to changing conditions.

The Constitution as an instrument is a fundamental supreme and binding law that both grants and limits powers. It is a positive instrument of government enabling the governors to control the governed. It is also a restraint on government, a device by which ruled checks the rulers. But within this framework the liberal uses the Constitution and makes it work.

For example: Without a liberal "loose" interpretation of the Constitution, President Jefferson could not have made the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 and thus would the United States be limited to the area east of the Mississippi.

Today there is much talk about a wave of conservatism sweeping the campuses of the nation...there is no wave...perhaps a ripple...but this ripple roars and thunders like great pounding waves upon the rocks and gives the illusion of strength and power. There is little doubt that the liberal element is by far in a great majority but this majority is suffering from a false security and because of their numbers, apathy. The time has come when the liberals should wake up and flex their muscles and show where the true political feeling of college students lie, between center and left.

L.M.B.

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Are you interested? The Student Board is looking for suggestions to improve Field Day. With the Board, the Carbon Editors feel that some change must be made in the annual campus event. So, the Board and Carbon ask you to submit suggestions for field day activities.

Yesterday's intermural results  
Lions over Chorists

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Congratulations -- Dan Brown and group

### Open Letter to Marian Students and Faculty

Within two weeks a notice announcing plans for an organizational meeting for a proposed World Affairs Club will be posted throughout the school. I would like to give you the background on the inception of this club.

This may come as a surprise to some, but Marian's student body has been variously complimented of late on its discerning attitude toward current events. The "Coffee Hour" discussion groups are serving this student awareness admirably, and we feel that complementing this service alternately would not tax, but sustain these interested students.

A number of faculty members have expressed interest in this project, indeed, some have advocated it in no hush words. I would like to make it clear that ALL students, and faculty members, are welcome and invited to participate.

It is said that the exchange of ideas—especially in an organized fashion—is an integral part of a liberal education. This is the theme of the World Affairs Club backers are promoting, so be on the lookout for an organizational meeting announcement, come, and state your views on this timely endeavor.

Frank W. Hogan

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On February 28, 29, and March 3rd the Drama Department and Players of Marian College present "Pygmalion and Galatea". Sister Mary Jane will direct the comedy in which Mr. Robert Moran, noted Irish humorist on campus, will appear as Pygmalion.

One of the most striking moments in the play should be the scene in which Mr. Moran tells Miss Mastruserio, noted Italian actress on campus exactly what a man is "What is a man?"

A being strongly formed, to wait on woman, and protect her from all ills that strength and courage can avert; to work and toil for her, that she may rest; to weep and mourn for her, that she may laugh to fight and die for her, that she may live..."

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Any discriminating students interested enough in peace and progress to do something concrete to achieve it, see Anne Marie Holloran TODAY for United World Federalist's Student Movement Information.

With the annual retreat at Marian College, also comes the annual time of hypocrisy and infamy. Something good is turned into a disgusting and disgraceful thing.

To be thrown together in one smoke filled lounge with a hundred or so other dissatisfied people milling around, because there are no seats, is not exactly the most conducive atmosphere in which to make a retreat. Sure, we were told we could go up to the classrooms, but what happens when the smokers of the pious mob want to light up, and of course the chairs in the classrooms lend much to relaxation and meditation.

The main elements at a retreat have changed, they are no longer prayer, meditation, and reflection but are now card playing, joke telling, and discussions on the last basketball game.

The entire matter revolves around the fact that Marian just does not have the facilities for a men's retreat. I am sorry that I have no positive or constructive suggestions to offer, but I do know that something must be done so that in the future the same spectacle will not be repeated. The retreat is PLANNED so miserably that if it cannot be altered it should be ABOLISHED.

D. Zahn

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Ping Pong Tournament

Begins Feb. 15 at 10:30. It is open to all students with a 25¢ entry fee. It is elimination type tourney. Deadline for entrance is Tues. Feb. 13, beginning pairing will be posted on Wed.

You can sign up with D. Phillips, P. Sabelhaus, J. Kempf or A. Leighton.

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Marian lost to Huntington 91-86 in last Saturday's game away. Mike Noone hit 32 with Pete D. coming up 2nd with 20 points.

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"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

A. Lincoln