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The Uncensored --- CARBON

What fools we mortals be...

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Censorship

Bitter cries of anguish, charges of oppression and tyranny have been heard by the CARBON. Voices wailing in the wilderness complain of censorship and limitation of free speech. Several individuals cannot see a need for regulatory measures limiting the number and types of publications allowed to publish on this campus. It has been said that securing the approval of the Student Board to initiate a new publication is an unnecessary hinderance to individual freedom of expression. It has been stated that faculty advisors for publications are almost an insult to the integrity of the students. This and much more has been said in criticizing the present policy in regard to college publications. For the most part this criticism represents an unrealistic and uninformed viewpoint.

All phases of human endeavor are subject to limitations that are imposed by society for the protection of its individual parts. An individual may not exercise his personal freedom at the expense of someone else. All types of organizations possess certain regulations that prevent such an infringement and bring a degree of order to a given situation. In the United States, as a whole, we have laws against libel and slander and an injured party may sue in the courts for a wrong that might have been committed. At Marian College the situation is altered slightly. Articles printed on this campus reflect in a very important way on the reputation of the institution. It is very much within the rights of this college and student government to oversee publications. This does not mean that the press of this college is muzzled. The procedure keeps an orderly account of publications and protects the college and its students. After approval has been secured the editors and faculty advisor work to present a publication that is free from unfounded accusations and generally irresponsible journalism. This necessitates the cooperation of several points of view. It is impossible for a student or a faculty member, acting alone, to achieve the proper balance. If damage is done another's reputation, it is not feasible to bring action in the civil courts. Operating under the existing system we hope to prevent such occurrences, and correct mistakes through the officials of the publications and our student government.

The CARBON will publish any letter subject to the following stipulations:

- 1) it is not excessive in length, 400 words absolute maximum
- 2) it is not an attack upon the personal integrity, personality or appearance of another individual.....genuine criticism does not deal with such subjective matters.....it deals in facts about an existing condition
- 3) it is relevant to Marian College or of the least concern to a reasonable number of students
- 4) the submitted article is signed(the name does not have to be printed or in any way revealed to anyone but the editor.)

The CARBON suggests that everyone make frequent use of this vehicle for free expression. The CARBON's conditions are no more strict than those governing any publication in the country.

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STUDENT BOARD NOTES:

...the Board is investigating the purchase of additional chairs for the Women's Lounge.

...a long range redecoration plan for the Mixed Lounge is being completed by an interior decorator.

...a reconsideration and/or further explanation of the present publications policy will be presented at the next meeting.

...the pros and cons of required retreats were discussed as basis for a possible recommendation.

CARBON Misses:

J. Michael O'Neill, Sports Information Director, for directing no sports information to the CARBON.

CARBON Awards:

Another name to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Freedom of the Press: AHCFOTFP.

Due to Mike Hill's recent resignation from his office as Freshman Class Pres. Joe Cecil has assumed the role. We know "you all" will back him in his new office.

WHAT CAN COMPETE WITH THE CARBON?

It was because of "competition with the CARBON" that the Student Board on Jan. 13 cancelled at least temporarily MANUAH'S MIXER and the SOPH STUFF and re-affirmed the policy that any group not on the Inter-Club council must obtain permission from the board in order to publish a newspaper and (it is inferred by some) that they must obtain a faculty moderator. The object of the policy decision was to discourage students from printing separate newspapers and instead to funnel their ideas and writings into the CARBON which supposedly is suffering some loss because of its competitors.

It should be made clear that the competition to the CARBON was not felt to be in circulation, for the CARBON prints 550 copies a week where as the SOPH STUFF printed only 150 (some of which are left from the Christmas issue as of this writing) and the MANUAH'S MIXER, if it became a regular publication, probably would do no better. The real competition is said to lie in the drain of articles and news material from the CARBON by the "up-start" newspapers.

I myself, however, disagree with this argument, for I find that student newspapers other than the CARBON are rarities rather than general rules and I don't ever expect to see the stairways of the Administration Building gutted with student publications as soon as a more liberal policy is adopted.

But even granted that from time to time Birds Eye View of Vatican II and the SOPH STUFF did print an article that would have fitted well into the CARBON, I don't believe that rules discouraging separate papers and competition are really effective in bettering the CARBON. The editor and contributors of the SOPH STUFF or of MANUAH'S MIXER might indeed be discouraged from ever writing future articles for their papers, but that doesn't mean that they are any more likely to write for the CARBON.

Promising them a column each week might not be an adequate alternative either, for groups like the Jockeys and Manuah's Mixers take too much pride in themselves to have their articles appear on the same level as descriptions of the homecoming floats or announcements of new parking rules. The idea of a special newspaper of their own was to them an expression of their group spirit. They would not and perhaps could not give their spirit to the CARBON.

The competition argument is invalid and the publication policy it supports is clumsy and ineffective. A much more liberal newspaper policy should be passed by the board--one that would allow any paper to be published just so long as the responsible person or persons identified themselves. Nothing can compete with the CARBON.

Ed Arzman

SOCIAL SPOTLIGHT

Due to the over whelming amount of social and cultural events on campus the CARBON social staff finds it possible to mention but a few.

To begin the gala weekend be sure to attend the 3rd monthly meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Freedom of the Press, Friday at 4:30. It will be necessary to attend this meeting because

Mr. Arzman is allowing no press coverage. Friday night I hear the senior girls have a little activity planned...

Saturday evening Marian Knights will play Huntington in a thrill packed game in Marian's fieldhouse. Be sure to be there by 4:30 as Huntington has a large 2nd string and there may be a problem with the seating capacity.

Immediately following the game there will be a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Freedom of Speech with guest speaker Cleon Reynolds.

Besides these festivities there is continual ice-skating and snow-ball fights on campus.

There is a rumor that this Monday afternoon the Ad Hoc Committee for Free Style Ice Skating will be holding a meeting.

With such a thrill packed weekend it is a wonder we ever get any studying done!

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NOTICE:

There will be an Ad Hoc Meeting for Free Study at 11:30 in Room 421.

Retreat:retreat?

Marian College, for many years has taken upon itself the force feeding of religion in the form of the annually required retreat. A closed retreat is a great good for many individuals and it can be the source of spiritual solace and advancement but it is somewhat optimistic to suppose that this potential good can be inculcated at the razor sharp point of a healthy fine. It is up to every individual to decide what will be beneficial for his spiritual life. As children we were guided by our parents and the Catholic schools. The time for "indoctrination" is past.

Opportunities should be provided and every inducement should be tried to encourage attendance at retreats, but the choice should be an individual matter. Coersion does not foster a desirable attitude!

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Intramurals for Sun. Feb. 7
(These are the cancelled games from Dec. 20)

11:00	Vet's Club vs. Trashmen
12:00	Sugars vs. Chews
1:00	Finks vs. Passionate Few
2:00	Bombers vs. Hotshots
3:00	Jokers vs. Aces Full
4:00	Manuah's Mixers vs. Rogues
5:00	Whiz Kids vs. Old Dogs