

THE QUESTION OF COMMUNITY

Community is defined as a unified body of individuals; the people with common interests living in a particular area; an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location; or, a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society.

Community is often linked with religious, to refer to the monastic or convent life of various religious orders.

Community, too, as Mayor Lugar stated in his convocation address yesterday, is attributed to the city---the community of Indianapolis.

But beyond this, and perhaps more immediate to this issue, the term community is often attributed to Marian College. THE MARIAN COLLEGE COMMUNITY---it looks good in print. I've said the words myself. I've even printed them. But what do they mean? Is the word community applicable to the Marian College situation at all?

We are currently at a time when communities--other communities, if you will--are looking at themselves and asking questions. This is true of the religious communities. And, perhaps not in exactly the same sense, the civic communities are doing the same thing. Referring to Mayor Lugar again, the citizens of the Indianapolis community are involved in a kind of questioning. "Do people really want to live together?" Or, are we in the middle of a fragmented society that seeks to live and be alone. According to the Mayor, the latter seems to be in vogue. This response is seen in the flocking to the suburbs, the fenced in forty acres--all in an armed, defensive posture.

And, likewise, the question of the meaning of community is also relevant for Marian. Is there a reason the people of Marian are together on this campus, do we have common goals and ideals, are we one in anything?

It appears that this campus is one of conflicting factions that are at all times engaged in warfare. Dialogue is often attempted--but is there any sincerity? on either side? Beyond this, the prevailing attitudes and spirits are even a mystery.

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TODAY'S THOUGHT ...

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ACTIVITIES

**FRIDAY, Sept. 25:** The Gala Premier of Cinema III and IV located opposite the Glendale Shopping Center -- 7:30 p.m. The first flick chosen for Cinema IV will feature "biggies" like Candice Bergen and Peter Strauss in Soldier Blue rated R, so I guess there wasn't much sense mentioning one of that caliber. If after 15 minutes you decide you don't like subjecting yourself to low moral or amoral films you can walk next door to Cinema III and see Sophia Loren and Marcello Mastroianni in Victoria De Sica's Sunflower rated G. This way you won't have to present your new ID cards at the box office.

**SAT., Sept. 26:** M.H. Aud will set the stage for a theatre rehearsal of Celebration at 2 pm. Don't think that all the dances will be as swinging as last Sat's. Come and find out what the Doyle Hall Manuah Mixer has in store for you in their intramural gym.

**SUNDAY, Sept. 27:** Celebration Rehearsal in MH aud at 7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, Sept. 28:** For all those who think they have a flair for "acting" attend the technique class in the SAC aud and have your admit slip signed by Shari Rath at 2:30. Because of all the "academic" affairs on campus this year, a meeting will commence in the Board room at 3:30-4:20 p.m. Imminent matters only will be up for discussion. Celebration Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

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Indiana Theatre will host the premiere of Oh! Calcutta for all those who didn't get their kicks over the weekend. One restriction--you must be over 21 and have proof of age, so already you see your ID cards are a must for all big activities.

**TUESDAY, Sept. 29:** Cantor's Chanters Chant at the Cantor in MH aud at 12:30 p.m. A new program initiated this year is the Xerox Listening Program held in the MH aud at 11:30. Nobody knows what it's all about but think what you might, think what you might, think what you might, think what you might. Celebration Rehearsal in MH aud at 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30:** Don't miss the Manasa Legislation given by John Day in the Sac aud. If you're in the dark about John Day, just ask Nan. Take a break from hittin the books and attend the Doyle Film series featuring "The Great Race," at 8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, Oct. 1:** Frosh, after two weeks, they've finally got an orientation program planned for you in the SAC aud at 12:30. At 11:30, Part II of Xerox Listening Program. At 7:00 p.m. Celebration Rehearsal.

Get your pennies and nickles out because MCAA Fund Drive begins and like everything else the more you have the more you have to leave - Information Session - Room 207, 8:00 p.m.

*Tonite: Oedipus the King 8:30pm  
- Mae We - (East's helper) M.H.*

### CLARIFICATIONS

I have found that there have been various reactions to my letter of last week, even though few of these have been addressed directly to me. However, I feel that there are certain clarifications that must be made, for as I expected, I was misinterpreted by many people.

First of all, I would like to say that the letter was strictly a personal opinion. I am not retracting any of my statements because as far as I'm concerned they still hold true. But let me state now that I was not criticizing Marian College as such, because, as such, Marian College is a composite of buildings which are serving their purpose very well. I was speaking of the people - students, faculty, and administration which make Marian College what people believe it to be. I was essentially saying that it's not what it's cracked up to be. There are things going on here about which many of you know little if anything at all about which greatly helped me to form the opinion of this place that I hold now and have held for a long time.

As a freshman, I found a very unreceptive student body which didn't give less about me or my brothers and sisters attending at that time. I found virtually the same situation when I returned sophomore year but fortunately the newly formed UBI helped somewhat. But what was unbelievable about that was that we actually had to defend our purpose for forming the club when the reasons were perfectly obvious. I could go on and on but I think you can see my point on this part of the matter.

Let me give you another example. Since the publication of my letter, I have been informed that one of my recommendations for graduate school will have to be altered to include information about my feelings concerning this school. What my opinion of this school has to do with my qualifications for graduate school I still don't understand. But what I understand about the whole thing is expressly that I cannot voice my opinion about this institution without jeopardizing my career. This is clearly a concrete example of one of the things I so bitterly talked about in my letter last week. We are supposed to be living in a democracy where freedom of speech and freedom of the press are two of the most important foundations of this country. I thought these were some of the reasons it was called a democracy. But as I said in the article and has been proven sufficiently to me - this is a farce.

Each student attending this institution has different experiences and I assure you I have had several experiences that the majority of you never will encounter these experiences, which range from open prejudice to out and out discrimination, are just some of the reasons I feel the way I do. But, may I repeat, this is my own personal opinion, nothing more, which I feel I am justified in expressing.

I was criticizing the students who proved to me to be most unconcerned with how this place is run even though they will be the ones affected. Those who let others set their values for them, those who just don't think about themselves and what's going on around them. And there are many more of these than you might think. These are the people who need to be educated with the kind of education that's not offered at Marian now. You see  
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many of these faculty members who believed in this type of education are no longer here.

I was criticizing those faculty members who let what a student does, what he wears, what he thinks, or just what he represents in their eyes, affect how that faculty member feels about the student and what kind of grades he gets because of these feelings. (I have been here for 3 years and one letter has made these people have a completely different opinion of me as a person because of what I think.)

I was criticizing the administration for allowing these things to exist on this campus to the extent that they do and for putting so many trivial things before student opinion and grievances. We as students have a right to be heard no matter what it is we have to say be it directly concerning the way this school is run or any other facet of the education we are paying for.

I hope this is sufficient justification of my letter and that if it wasn't clear to you what I was talking about, this will help somewhat. I could have written much more but space doesn't permit at this time. I want to end by saying that there are many members of the student body, faculty, and administration who are exceptions to these statements and I thank you for your efforts. But I hope those others of you who I have mentioned, see yourselves and think about what I've said. Some things have to be changed and this school is one of them.

Elaine Ransom

### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors:

Yes Frosh, your initiation is consummated. With last week's sparkling editorial in the publication, you witnessed one person's total frustration with existence. But don't get uptight just yet, because as the academic year progresses, you will notice repeat performances in this and other publications. Word usage may take a different form, but the general mood will persist until an itching pain will find its home in your neck and you will use this publication to scratch that itch rather than for reading material. But don't scratch incessantly, because the filth that the authors find necessary to use in order to get their point across might produce an unwelcomed rash.

When we have the privilege to transfer, the one reason that comes to my mind for being "stuck" here for four years is that the chained individual doesn't possess the personal abilities to climb out of a self-constructed psychological gutter. Rather than turning your back on that forsaken individual, lend him or her your assistance or your sympathy, whichever you prefer.

Herb Boehm

### STUDENT BOARD BULLETIN:

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS:

Treasurer

Student Faculty Committee: Library,  
Religious Affairs, Teacher Education,  
Building & Grounds

Anyone interested, please see student board member by Sunday.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY  
7:00 PM



### TRILOGY

Once upon a time there was a place, hidden deep within the dark and foreboding Middle West, where young neophytes, ardent and quick, did journey somber and of serious face. There they hoped to quench a thirst, to satiate a hunger, quell a fire. There they sought to find the potion that ravenously drunk would wet that dry ocean of barren thoughts and error-laden notions.

Scholars and shamans met them there wrapped in diplomas and pompous airs. Gifts and promises they did parcel to those that could be innocently bought. To those that hesitated fawn-like and frozen, before they flee the warders smote; armed with shackles of sophist thought.

A blood slaughter they wreaked indeed. The shaman with his apocryphal ritual, the philosopher with his corrupt reason, did poison youth. To truth, they treasoned. Cold silence rains on that barren ground where slaughter razed. And ominous thunder drowns the shrill of few, and dying, whimpers.

SAHR

#### TO THE STUDENTS OF MARIAN COLLEGE:

Thank you for the patience and cooperation you showed during the tiring and sometimes frustrating aspects of registration. Believe me when I say that it was equally as tiring for those of us on the other end of the process.

It is my sincere hope that this spirit of friendliness and consideration for others will continue to grow during the coming months.

Sincerely yours,  
P. Jeffers  
Financial Aid Officer

SENIOR CLASS PICTURES TO BE TAKEN  
OCTOBER 8, 9, & 10.  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY - 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
SATURDAY - 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SIGN UP FOR APPOINTMENTS SEPT. 28 & 29,  
MONDAY & TUESDAY IN FRONT OF AUDITORIUM  
WITH \$3.06 FOR SITTING FEE.

CLOTHING SALE - HOLY ANGELS AUDITORIUM  
12 - 6 p.m. SATURDAY & SUNDAY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP SELL THE  
CLOTHES; HELP NEEDED FRIDAY NITE, TOO.

CONTACT LINDA GABONAY 786-9531  
CAROL SCHWAB 926-3997

#### CARBON HISSES:

- beating children with billy clubs.
- bands that don't show up.
- ugly ID card pictures.

#### CARBON APPLAUDS:

- moustaches...on girls and guys, too.
- Spiro Agnew...for leaving Indianapolis.

### COMMUNITY (cont. from page 1)

At gathering places, the various groups continue...the perc crowd vs the caf...the various cliques in basement study hall...the dormies vs the day hops... Further, the big groups break down even more. There are those involved in student board...the athletes...the sister students...the publications gang...the administration help...the list goes on, ad infinitum.

But what does all this mean? At this point even I'm not sure. All I know is that the community aspect is lacking in Marian College. And being a small college, this should not be the case. In fact, if the community spirit is to exist anywhere, a small liberal arts college such as Marian should be a most opportune place.

At a time when the cry is for peace and tranquility in the world--a calling for a world community, in fact, it seems that a local peace and tranquility would be in order. The problems, the differences, and the injustices are still there and must not be forgotten, nor can they be. Yet there can be no hope of resolving problems successfully unless there is a climate conducive to dialogue. And right now, the climate is poor; the atmosphere is over-powering.

To clear the air---to try: Talk to someone you don't like...ask yourself why you don't like them...look and think through another's eyes...be reasonable...be fair...smile at Dr. Guzzetta...write to the Carbon...say what's on your mind...listen...talk to the Board members...give everyone a chance...try...to clear the air...to try.

Dave Soots

### MOVEMENT FOR A NEW CONGRESS

Do you feel the U.S. Congress has adequately represented you? What can you do about it if you can't vote? Students across the nation are organizing to form the MOVEMENT FOR A NEW CONGRESS -- an all-out campaign for a Peace Congress. They need your help -- canvassing, telephoning, the list is endless. It is your last chance to end the war peacefully. Sign up MONDAY, SEPT. 28 -- in front of the auditorium in the Ad building, or from 11:30 - 1:30 in the Perc.

Or for further information call or see:

John Costerisan  
Joe Geiman  
Gene Bourke  
Ed McCord

QUESTION: what do the Phoenix and the Dodo bird have in common? ANSWER: the Dodo isn't extinct.

### ROWDY BUTCH



WANTS YOU!