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Yesterday, a movement born out of concern and dissatisfaction with the fate 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 SLCC, 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 secure 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 one administrator. Again, (continued second page)

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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 discolored 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 incur the active attempts of the leaders of the SLCC 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.

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SPORTS

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 very stiff opposition, but this should prove to be a very interesting game. Not in the interest of the final score perhaps but probably much more important is if the essence of the team play will appear once more. This something which made Marian's winning teams 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 Cleon 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 Irahe 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
- Berger's Boozers 89, Poop Troopers 13
- Globetrotters , Screwdrivers
- Irish 43, Seagram's Seven Plus One 34
- C. Sharks 82, Dirty Old Men 22
- Big Eight , AM/FM Solid State
- Phenomenal Intramural Esoterics 46, 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
- 2 C. 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 Berger's Boozers (1-0) vs. The Irish (1-0) North
- 4 Globetrotters (1-0) vs. Lost Souls (0-1) North
- 5 WCCF'S vs. Poop Troopers (0-1) North

Marian's intercollegiate chess team makes its first-ever tournament appearance this weekend in

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the Ball State Invitational. Participating for Marian will be Zanfe, Goldsmith, Roder, and Phung. Steve Swerchek 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 in! A league is going to be started soon. Anyone wishing to participate contact either Harry Groton or Don 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MC OR THE VAST WASTELAND

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

Tomorrow-- Sr. Francesca and her friends are presenting "Sleeping Beauty". (S.B. forgot her no-don! Sunday the performances are at 2 and 8 p.m. Admission .50 for children, \$1.00 for adults and .75 for anyone else. 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.E.I. is sponsoring a Black Snowball in the Old Mixed Lounge featuring the Assenders. Admission is .80. 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 Santamas 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 homilies 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 with Fr. Kahle, a senior skit, and free refreshments. All are invited and it starts at 7 in the Perc.

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

Wednesday is the Doyle Hall Film Casino Royale. Since the D.H. boys aren't on the ball we know nothing else of it. Check the flyers later this week. It'll be at 8 (maybe) for .75 (maybe). Jg

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 veritas. Neither those 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 totally so. Therefore, let us all seek to understand, not to condemn. Let us treat everybody with proper regards. In short, let us follow the point of the same 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. 12. 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 apathy and lack of interest, when in fact the student "leaders" were obviously ignorant of the services rendered far 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 page of the Statement of Concerns, "the Student Leadership Coordinating Committee, composed of over 90 students, was born..." And we further quote, "We intend at the very least to make it

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known that we, the student body..." Is it not a false presupposition 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 presupposition to assume that failure to attend the meetings of the Student Leadership Committee is an expression of apathy. From the logic displayed by this SLCC, does this mean that if people do not attend an organizational meeting that they are behind the organization, but yet apathetic? 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? How 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 University and even Berkeley.

We feel that the students of many colleges and universities would be most fortunate to receive the services of these "stupid, apathetic, 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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Usually the frustrations (fantasy or otherwise) are relieved by complaining, and from thence 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 a 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 task of criticizing. My 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 save his own personal gratification at relieving his inner frustrations.

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. Fleetwood

N.B. I seek to know what per cent 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 SAC aud. "The Magician" will be shown, after which there will be a panel on "The Outcome of the Paris Negotiations 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. Jg

Random Thoughts:

1: "America, Love It or Leave It." If my wife (strictly hypothetical: I'm not married) whom I deeply love nicks her nose in public, I will try to make her stop. If she then tries to nick my nose, I will skin out. I will not, however, love her less.

2: Concerning the police riot in Chicago: If ten thousand people had really wanted to "kill the Pigs!", 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 'Rex Lewallen say.

Yours at the barricades,
Phil McLane

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Dear Editor:

Probably the best Inter-Club meeting I've ever attended was held last Thursday, Dec. 4. Most of the meeting time was spent discussing the value of ICC 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 -- two 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 Young Republicans Club and hope the students will support these groups once Student Board has approved them.

It was also announced that ICC has acquired the use of the SAC rooms 4 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

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Dear Editor:

I am deeply annoyed with remarks contained in Student Body public statement. Specifically, one comment read 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. McArnarney's use of any and all costume and scenic materials at the Department's disposal. Further, Sister Francesca began rehearsals for Sleeping 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

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Dear Editor:

The events of yesterday have brought to a head an ever-present condition that exists on this
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campus--day in, day out. Hopefully, the tempest 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 apathetic. It is time for us to get off our fat cans.

Yesterday a statement was presented to the administration purporting to be the voice of the students. The statement was in very bad taste, to put it mildly. By the way, the statement was worded, as the President so aptly pointed out, it seemed aimed solely at bringing about a confrontation. The proposal statedly was aimed at better communication, but it seems the wording would have brought about anything but that. The statement complained about an unresponsive administration, but I challenge the writers of this proposal to find anywhere, among the 5,000 colleges in this country, 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. Put it is us, the apathetic majority, who are really to blame. We have too long let the enlightened few speak 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 Buessem

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Dear Editor: THE STUDENT REVOLT MYSTIQUE

It is a significant phenomenon of our society that conformity is not only exhibited, but deemed vitally necessary by a great majority of our citizenry. Granted, that this need to feel wanted in a group 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 merely 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 rebel 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 revolutioners, find issues to embroil 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 mutually exclusive terms such as: "a general malaise or apathy seems to be present in our student body" or on the other hand --"we now feel united 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 that be too shattering an experience? On MARIAN campus, this author's experience has been that most criticisms of school policy have been based on misinformation or scanty evidence and rumors.

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