



ACTIVITIES

Friday 20 Feb.: Don't miss Doyle Hall's film "The Sand Pebbles" starring Steve McQueen (pant pant) and Candance Bergen (hiss). This flick starts at 8:00 p.m. in the MH Auditorium. As a member of the Film Society I would like to recommend the Fine Film Series, whose next movie is on March 13. (Who? Me? Payola?)

Saturday, 21 Feb.: Cheer our tremendous Knights on to victory against Anderson at the Coliseum at 8:00 p.m. Public Announcement from 4 out of 5 leading doctors: Save our frogs--take the pill! And remember, fellow Catholics, this is the season of Lent, but don't give up your Right Guard.

Sunday, 22 Feb: Today we celebrate the birthday of America's original long-hair, George Washington. Contrary to popular opinion, lonesome George was not so wonderful, according to noted historian Gladys Oumphsby. Not only did George destroy vegetation (e.g. Cherry Trees), he didn't know enough not to stand up in a moving boat. Happy Birthday, George. (Love, Martha.)

Monday, 23 Feb: Women Sports--see Gym at 7:00 p.m. Today is the feast day of Saint Parmalee, patron of debutantes, who suffered social martyrdom at an obscure Orange Julius stand in New York City while doing an imitation of Dr. Joyce Brothers sucking her thumb to the tune of "You Flushed Me Out of the Bathroom of Your Heart".

Tuesday, 24 Feb: Seniors, order your graduation announcements in the bookstore from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Academic Affairs Committee meets at noon in the Board Room. The Music Club presents a film in Rm. 157 at 12:30 p.m., and Ecumenical Round Table meets in Rm. 315 at 2:30 p.m. Support your local Knights in the Indiana Central gym at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 25 Feb: From 8:00 a.m. to noon Seniors will be measured for caps and gowns in the Faculty & Visitors Lounge. At 2:00 p.m. is the decisive Board of Trustees Meeting. Women Sports at 7 in the gym. A Drug Seminar will be held in the SAC Lounge at 8:00 p.m. At 8:15 is the lecture series on Black Culture in room 251. Tonight's topic is "Black Music."

Thursday, 26 Feb: At noon there's a faculty meeting in room 251. Also, from noon to 1:30 in room 157 is a meeting for those interested in Medical Technology. mtk has joined the circus, so I shall try to bring sunshine into your dull lives as she did so well. Personally, I'd rather bring in moonshine, but what can you expect from a jaded Polish walnetto?

lotsa matzoh,
Jewish Redbird

A REPORT FROM THE STUDENTS BORED...

We regret wholeheartedly that the community at large has misinterpreted our actions.

The purpose we proposed Thursday at the student forum was of a religious nature. We proposed action by us in the form of a vigil to be held until this community redirected itself toward Christian tolerance, justice and trust.

We do not intend to oppose authority to the point of martyring our intentions and principles.

We invite "authority", whomever, to join us in our religious petition.

Pray as or wherever you care to but please join us--as did Colonel Wagner and many muns last night.

Mike Miller
and
John Mahoney

The recent developments at our institution concerning the possible denial of tenure to Mr. Pedtke has become an area of grave concern to the members of our academic community. For many of us, it is a time of trial, whether we should actively support Mr. Pedtke or complacently resolve to remain a member of the "silent majority" which will in effect support those who are opposed to granting Mr. Pedtke tenure. Already [REDACTED] our most highly respected professors have announced their resignations, while many others have chosen to withhold signing their contracts in hope of a favorable decision by the Board of Trustees.

After meeting with Dr. Guzzetta on Tuesday I have arrived at the conclusion that we, the students of Marian College, can no longer remain passive in this situation and allow the president of this institution to follow his present policy of keeping the faculty and students from becoming involved by withholding information.

The student board, after an open meeting
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Dear Editors:

When I first came to Marian College, I encountered an environment much like the one Mr. White found two years ago and has described so adequately in his letter to the Phoenix. Marian became my world and I found it easy to be devoted to Marian. Physically, Marian College is beautiful; intellectually, it was stimulating and rewarding. During my first years, I considered it a very distinct possibility that I would want to stay here the rest of my life. I still love Marian College; I still find the students to be the most stimulating I've encountered and I still love teaching here.

At the beginning of February, I received a contract for next year; but I find now that I do not want to sign it due to circumstances other than those described above. I still want to teach at Marian but find that I may not be able to do so; for if I sign that contract, I may have to compromise my moral principles.

I wish to announce at this time, that unless two conditions are met, I cannot sign that contract. Unless Mr. William Peditke receives tenure as he justly deserves and unless Dr. John Kraus leaves or is removed from Marian College, I will not sign my contract. Unless the former receives a just judgment and unless the latter, as a divisive factor in the philosophy department and in our college community, goes, then indeed I know that I cannot stay here and my resignation will be given February 26, 1970, after the board of trustees meeting.

If this college wants a man of the calibre of Dr. Kraus, then so be it. I truly hope, then, that Marian College will endure with its contract with a Christian, Academic and

Russell Hargus
Asst. Prof. of Philosophy

Ed. Note - sorry, we are plagued w/typists.
To whom it may concern:

I, as well as many other men enrolled in this institution, are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Upon our discharge we greeted the freedom which was a part of being detached from the military structure. The key is military structure. As we all know the military has a rather strict chain of command, which is to say those having a higher rank are permitted to order about their subordinates.

This campus is suppose to be a private institution of higher learning which implies student financial support for the daily function of it. It is my estimation that there is very little freedom of expression for students and faculty. Which is rather evident in these troubled times.

The guidelines in the military provide for a rigid class structure under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The guidelines for Marian College are based on the premises of a free society, in which the addressing of a student as "you" is highly degrading. To the best of my knowledge there is nothing in the Student Handbook which states a student must address any administrator as Mr., Doctor, Professor, Sister, Father or (Colonel). This is just the accepted mannerism which an individual expresses his ability, or willingness to communicate. Some people it seems, have personal hang-ups with strong biased attitudes towards either other races or the younger students or perhaps just professional politeness toward all students. In short, we respect our members

of the Administration is not governed by an Act of Congress. It is governed rather by the mutual respect of one human being for another, inherent to the traditions of an academic community

Joe Smith

Dear Editor:

Marian is known for its close relationships between students and faculty--just one happy community. I would like to know what has happened to the spirit. Why isn't students opinion an important determinant in Mr. Peditke's case? Students are the ones in class who have observed what a fine teacher he is. Students are the ones who have discussed and joked about issues in the Perk. Students are the ones who have worked on the Up-Beat program which has been commended by community leaders. Students are the ones who have initiated along with him such organizations as UBI and programs as the black studies.

All year students had been unaware of accusations against Mr. Peditke until Mr. Hargus presented a few facts. When students ask why Mr. Peditke is charged with professional incompetence, the same answer is always given, "for personal reasons." What are these sounds of silence? I would like to know.

The majority of faculty and students support Mr. Peditke. Student Board has been meeting all week concerning this crisis. Many teachers, dissatisfied with the hypocrisy of this institution, are publicly resigning. Because of one department head of philosophy, Marian is losing many prominent teachers. How can one man be telling the truth, when so many teachers are risking their reputations for Mr. Peditke?

What are the ethics of this college? Are we guided by true Christian values or the almighty dollar. I am in doubt.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Brown
(cb)

P.S. I love my school. Help! Please!

To the Editors:

We seniors have only a few months left before we leave the college nest and enter the graduate school or career of our choice. In case some of my peers are experiencing some difficulty, as I did, in deciding upon employment or graduate school and/or course of study, I strongly recommend a visit with Marian's counseling department in Student Services.

Not only do we have access to a large number of catalogues from a variety of graduate schools, we also have access to counseling from Mr. Walter Fields and two intern counselors, who are available on Wednesdays. All three of these people are very cordial and receptive to any problem a student might have.

As a result of consultation with Mr. Fields, I am now working on entrance to I.U.'s graduate school of Journalism and a possible assistantship. Prior to this counseling, I had very little knowledge of what graduate schools entails or graduate minors. Yet these questions are rather common for many undergraduates, and they can be answered if the student will only ask them.

We students are fortunate to have competent counselors to help us decide upon a future in graduate school or employment.

I encourage my fellow seniors to take advantage of this assistance is they are still undecided. There is not much time left.

Sincerely,
Carole Williams

Dear Editor:

"Marian College is masochistic", I was once told by an editorial writer of the News. My debate with him began two years ago when I was working for the same newspaper. What occasioned this confrontation was the arrival of a controversial convocation speaker at Marian and an editorial of the speech in the News. My opponent stated that Marian was killing itself financially in the community by allowing this speaker audience.

With the enthusiasm of a pro-Marian College junior I had taken the position that far sighted forces were at work in my college exposing students to a variety of conflicting viewpoints, encouraging these students to think in a sophisticated manner afforded by the intellectual intimacy of a small liberal arts institution.

Naively, perhaps, I believed that Marian as college could provide Indianapolis the highest service by producing men and women capable of thinking for themselves and of transforming their ideas into humanistic activity in all phases of adult life.

This evening a faculty member of the philosophy department is engaging in debate with my former opponent. The associate professor of whom I write will represent Marian with the dignity and gentility customarily associated with him. At Marian he hopes to provoke students into dealing actively with the problems of their world. This evening he will be misunderstood by many. And at Marian--he must face the possibility that the institution for which he speaks may make his lesson a mockery, and itself a hideous puppet of the men it should be teaching.

A member of the philosophy department has been denied tenure although he has performed the required years of instruction, proved exceptional mastery of his subject, striven to improve Marian's image in communication with the city of Indianapolis, taken upon himself the seething frustrations underlying student unrest--and most importantly, he has championed Marian's ideals of honest and active pursuit of knowledge, coupled with reverence for fellow man in a manner that can only honor the college.

There are powerful members of the Marian community, however, who wish to transform the college into an efficient machine with little regard for the individual people who make up its works. They refuse to admit that human roles cannot be dealt out at will. They are blind to all but the immediate needs of the college, and because of their nearsightedness, they choose only to distort the efforts of their more futuristic colleagues.

In such a game Marian College itself is the pawn. If William Pedtke is dismissed for being "unprofessional," then how can any other teacher at Marian share a free and honest pursuit of knowledge with his students in any measure of confidence? Can the Marian College student of the future be any more capable of thinking than automata? Can anyone of the alumni who have witnessed the near genesis of a "Golden Age" at Marian give financial support to an institution that would even consider such an inversion of its noble purpose?

I, for one, can not. If William Pedtke leaves Marian College involuntarily, or is not granted his rightful tenure, I predict a steady "Brain Drain"--both faculty and student--away from "the expanding campus at Cold Spring Road" that will so stunt the academic potential of this college as to render myself and my classmates ashamed of our degrees. I will have to admit in a debate that began two years ago--Marian College will have proven masochistic.

Mary Rominger
Class of 1969

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on Monday evening, went to Dr. Guzzetta with the exclusive purpose of securing information pertaining to the case of Mr. Pedtke. Dr. Guzzetta refused to render any additional information and proceeded to refer to Mr. Hargus' letter as a statement of "half truths, lies, and misinterpretations." While many members of the board left the meeting after a short ride on Dr. Guzzetta's rhetorical merry-go-round, a few of us remained. Our stay was fruitless. After rendering every conceivable chance to Dr. Guzzetta to refute Mr. Hargus' letter, he stated only four possible "misinterpretations or lies": 1) Dr. Kraus is not receiving the highest salary increase on the faculty; 2) the fact that Sr. Adele returned Dr. Kraus' contract is to remain confidential; 3) accusations regarding intimidation of Mr. Pedtke are lies; 4) that Dr. Guzzetta has not charged Mr. Pedtke with anything. Obviously, these are statements which either do not concern the status of Mr. Pedtke or generalizations totally irrelevant to the future of this institution.

I wish to make it quite clear that the Student Board is united in its decision to act on the information available to us. We feel that the decision by certain board members to leave while others remained at the meeting was a matter of personal discretion. The fact is that all of us agree that nothing, absolutely nothing, was gained by this meeting.

Dr. Guzzetta and his scapegoat Dr. Kraus have decided to render this student body impotent by professional castration of anyone who holds opinions contrary to their own. Mr. Divita's accusation that Mr. Hargus was being professionally unethical by informing the students of this situation and criticizing his violation of "policy" is, in effect, supporting the shroud of secrecy which has surrounded this purge from the beginning. Our student board refuses to allow policy to be given priority over people and professional ethics priority over Christian ethics. We do not agree with the president of the alumni association that the alumni have "more at stake in Marian College than the students", and that we should allow Dr. Guzzetta the freedom to do whatever is necessary to secure financial support for Marian College. The students will not condone this transition from a Christian institution dedicated to the pursuit of truth into a business enterprise dedicated to the pursuit of the dollar. We shall not sign this certificate of death of academic freedom.--Tom Hanrahan

SOS FROM OPERATION UP BEAT:

Three drivers are needed to transport tutors. Gas and oil paid!! If you are able to help, please stop into the Up Beat office.