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Verrico, Heffernan, Flynn Honored

Hats in the Ring

by William Driscoll

The recent New Hampshire primary encouraged a lot of pleasant American dreams and cast doubts on some of the most cherished illusions in modern American politics.

Barry Goldwater, with his rugged individualism, expecting to win a handsome victory, repelled his supporters through crass and reckless politics. Nelson Rockefeller, moreover, although he did represent a stand for moderation, especially in contrast to Senator Goldwater, also repelled voters both because of his obvious deficiencies and because of his divorce and remarriage.

The outstanding victory of Henry Cabot Lodge must be looked at more closely before false conclusions are drawn. What better way for voters to voice protest at the two obviously deficient candidates than to cooly back another New Englander, several thousand miles away. With the small number of votes cast, it is all too easy to over stress the importance of this victory. However, far from belittling the formidable ambassador, Mr. Lodge should be a real threat in the bid for republican nomination next July.

This primary cast doubt on the old political idiom that the barnstorming, baby kissing politician always has the best chance. Perhaps this is the start of a return to the All-American dream of our forefathers that we always elect the most efficient into office--I hope so.

In contrast to this rather chaotic republican showing, the Democratic nomination is practically assured for Lyndon Johnson. At the moment the position of his Vice-Presidential running-mate appears to be in the hands of the sentimental favorite Robert Kennedy--but anything can happen here.

According to this writer, the democrats seem to have the edge over the republicans at the present time. The

Federal Aid

by James Hennessy

I support foreign aid because of its long-term, strategic significance. Each carefully-spent foreign aid dollar will repay itself many times over in national security.

But should we limit our aid to "friendly" nations? TAKE Latin America, for instance. No region is more vital to our security, yet none is more vulnerable to communist subversion. The Latin American masses, caught between extremes of poverty and wealth, are ripe for upheaval.

The cancer of communism in this hemisphere has to be excised, but we have all seen how hard it is to make some governments grasp the surgeon's knife. This makes the Alliance for Progress program more urgent. We must strengthen these vulnerable nations.

Misery arouses our sympathy, but as a nation we have to think first of our national security. To achieve this goal, we are diverting a small percentage of our enormous gross national product into prudent, well-managed foreign aid. The object is not to buy new friends or to keep old, but to create the conditions of equality under which genuine friendship can take root. Our prosperity will be worth nothing unless the underdeveloped countries get the chance to develop their own national institutions on a basis of cultural and political independence.

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first 100 days of Johnson's administration, have had their troubles it is true, but Johnson has handled himself well. The war on poverty and ignorance, his determination to provide equal rights for all Americans, his determination to achieve a peaceful world, his goal of a home, a decent job, and a good education for all Americans, deserves the support he has received from virtually all Americans. He certainly deserves the vigorous support of all Democrats.

In a pentit manner so becoming of all, three individuals of no slight stature, received plaques naming each as a "Man of the Year" and emphatically marking their interest and service for Marist College as invaluable. Active in an extensive realm of college functions, these three were chosen by the administration as the outstanding Junior, Sophomore and Freshman for the school year 1962-63.

In Daniel Verrico, Marist had the most jovial and most serious contributor to college events. He declared:

"I'd like to thank my mother, my father, my family, my friends and all those who have believed in me and helped to make this award possible."

The Sophomore of the Year, Thomas Heffernan, whose attributes mark him as an outstanding individual, hoped:

"that the future will show that I have been worthy of this award and that others will strive to profer their greatest service to the College."

From hard-working and well-liked Theodore Flynn, the Freshman of the Year plaque brought the reflection that:

"Possibly my greatest source of satisfaction has been to be a member of Marist College and its student body. Thank"

To this, Brother Paul Stokes added his thanks as he presented the plaques to Dan, Tom, and Ted on Friday afternoon, March the twentieth in a short but spirited ceremony.

As last year's late-arriving plaques were awarded, the signs of a quickly-arriving May denote that the second "Undergraduate Day" is near to Kenneth Galbraith, its chairman, and his committeemen, it is almost a reality. A varied list of awards from the academic and the athletic departments will be presented to deserving students, most possibly, on the Fifth of May. Last year saw the initiation of this day of praise fo the underclassmen of Marist. The day was warmly received and immediately branded to become traditional.

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Courage is a term which, in this writer's opinion, is too strictly reserved for the battle field bravery of the past. Our modern world calls for a different connotation of the word, a different brand of bravery, a new breed of courage; and that is the courage of conviction. Now, by conviction I do not mean mere ignorant stubbornness, but rather a principle or belief intelligently, existentially, and often intuitively derived by the individual. It is convictions of this nature which characterize the modern individualist and which differentiate him from the rugged, rough-necked individualist of the American past. The courage necessary for embracing convictions such as these is a "lonely", purely personal courage; but nevertheless, such was the courage recently demonstrated by certain members of the Marist College faculty.

In the past, the Marist College Lecture Series has not always met with success. We have listened to speakers read monotonous reams of notes not used in their doctoral thesis. We watched bored students yawn, felt the general disappointment, and heard the false applause. Fortunately, lectures like this have been few, and if one is to judge from the recent past, will be even more limited in the future. We are referring specifically to those lectures which follow in the tradition of a Mundy and Mackenzie, the Peyre lecture and the L.S.D. lecture; lectures which stimulated the mind and excited the imagination. Now, Peyre, Metzner and O'Leary were scholarly individualists of this calibre who spoke frankly on controversial topics, and we would like to take this opportunity not only to express our gratitude but also to indicate our admiration for Brother Joseph Belanger and Brother Daniel Kirk for inviting these speakers in the first place. They demonstrated this 'new breed' of courage. We appreciate the trust you have in the Marist College student, and salute you for it.

Now, just before the paper went to press, we were informed of another instance of this new courage among our faculty members. We were informed that Mr. Swetz, together with Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have been accepted by the Peace Corps. It is with a proud sorrow that we receive this news. One has only to leave home for a short period of time to imagine what it is like to sever one's roots completely. To embark upon a national enterprise such as the Peace Corps, requires this new kind of courage; and it is this kind of courage young America must learn if the America of tomorrow is to prevail.

The Record staff offers its sympathy to Brother William Murphy and Mr. Joseph Sullivan on the loss of their loved ones.

Editor's Note: At this time, we would like to invite the members of the Re-Record to join the staff of the Record. We recognize that your talents could be most useful to this staff. It might be better to work together for the betterment of Marist College and its college newspaper. Thank you.

"The Pill" at Vassar

by Tom Troland

Through the giggles of an anticipating Vassar audience, Dr. John Rock of the Harvard School of Medical Research discussed the controversial topic of the now famous "pill". The following is a summary of that discussion, as objective as possible.

The "pill" is a contraceptive (or a non-conceptive, according to one's views on such things). Technically, it is a "progesterone steroid". That is, it prevents the possibility of conception by maintaining a sufficient level of progesterone in a woman so as to simulate pregnancy and both ovulation. The womb is built up, as in natural pregnancy, so as to provide a stable and nourishing environment for the growing fetus. The sole difference is that no fetus develops because the ovulation process has been arrested. The progesterone level can be maintained indefinitely by frequent ingestion of the "pill".

One of the basic uses of the progesterone steroid tablet (and, I add, a theologically accepted use) has been in cases involving women incapable of giving birth, either due to womb size or womb defects. When it is physically impossible for a woman to give birth because delivery is impossible, the use of progesterone steroids have been made, and theologically upheld as medicinal treatment. In a number of cases, womb defects have been corrected by raising the progesterone level of the body, thus making pregnancy possible. The "pill" is also used to correct very irregular, and sometimes harmful menstrual cycles.

Dr. Rock, after he had finished the biological aspects of oral contraception, then approached the problems of moral implications. He showed the male and female roles in reproduction; the male as aggressor, the female as receiver seeking protection and affection. This seems to imply that oral contraception would further immorality by removing the sole limitation to promiscuity: the possibility of pregnancy. However, he continued, speaking of the "universality" in mankind, of monogamous long-term mating. It is prevalent in all societies, probably because man has an urge toward long-term mating, devotion to one spouse, and love for children. "It is the most complete expression of sexuality; and as such may be considered a strong moral guide for sexual actions. How then do you judge actions which violate the monogamous code?" Dr. Rock showed that it is necessary that children being raised be showed that monogamy is the best means for the

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F.B.I. at Marist

By Bob Cloonan

Today the initials F.B.I. occupy a definite place in the vocabulary of nearly every American. On Thursday evening, March 12, the Marist College Pre-legal Society presented Mr. Heins Eisele, Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who spoke on the activities and functions of this distinguished law enforcement agency. Because this lecture was the culmination of an event-filled day -- Student Council elections, a lecture on L.S.D., a movie sponsored by the Y. A. F. entitled "Brainwashing," and a competing lecture at I.B.M., entitled "Drugs and Their Effects on Psychology" -- enhanced by the already predominant student disinterest, the attendance was extremely poor. However, from the lively discussion period which followed the lecture, and the general opinion of those in attendance, the talk proved to be both interesting and somewhat humorous.

Mr. Eisele described the role of the F.B.I. as mainly that of a fact-finding agency which investigates violations of Federal laws, and presents its findings to the Attorney General who then is responsible for prosecution. The secondary purpose of this organization is that of a service agency, whose function is to assist local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of crimes. The F.B.I. was first established in 1924 as the investigative arm of the Department of Justice, and J. Edgar Hoover was the appointed director. At the present time, the Bureau has jurisdiction in one-hundred and sixty fields, among which are responsibility for national security, investigation of sabotage, and government personnel security. It also has power in such cases as unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, Federal trainwreck cases, interstate transportation of stolen automobiles, and local draft board enrollment.

In presenting statistics on the rate of crime in the United States, Mr. Eisele stated that between 1950 and 1960 the crime rate grew five times faster than the population. There is one homicide every fifty-eight minutes, an assault every four minutes, and a burglary every thirty four seconds in the U.S. To cope with this situation the F.B.I. has established the largest crime detection laboratory in the world.

In conclusion, Mr. Eisele reviewed the qualifications for the position of Special Agent. In general these include citizenship, a minimum age of twenty-three, a Bachelors degree, and also either a Law degree, or three years employment in a supervisory position. The initial salary is slightly under

Alumni Support

Kenneth France-Keily

The lay alumni of Marist College have promised to help support the building fund drive for Champagnat Hall. Their aim is to help defray, in their own way, a fraction of the total sum of Marist's burden.

In the March 4th Officers of the Alumni Organization meeting, the Alumni Loyalty Fund was the main topic of discussion. Class Chairmen were chosen to direct the campaign in their respective classes: Phil Burno-Class of 1963, Tom Connolly-Class of 1962, Don Lozier-Class of 1961, and Bob Spunt and Dave Boss are in charge of the Evening Division's support.

The Organization proposed and agreed upon a Five Point Plan to help raise funds. In it 100% participation is to be their main goal. Also a time period for soliciting was reached: March 15-June 30 and an extended pledge period until December 31. A concrete goal was established. A special group for non-alumni gifts was created - Alumni Friends' gifts. Lastly full usage of any "company matching fund program"

was stressed as an additional means to increase funds.

Next to the aim of total, 100%, participation, the need for a tangible goal for all donations was necessary. The Chairmen believed that a goal based on reducing the \$4.5 million cost of the building would seem unattainable to the alumni. With this in mind, the "Square Foot Plan" was devised. The cost per square foot for Champagnat Hall is about twenty-five dollars. This, then, is a most realistic goal.

The faculty and students, both present and future, will be deeply indebted to the loyalty of the alumni to their Alma Mater. A great opportunity for precedent setting and tradition founding has befallen our alumni, and they have responded. In supporting this fund drive they have placed the future of a liberal education above the imminence of daily needs. The least we, as Men of Marist, can do to show appreciation for their benevolence is to stand and salute our gracious Alumni as a token of payment for their generosity.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Marmion:

At the direction of our president, following a unanimous vote of the members in attendance at our March 7th meeting, I take great pleasure in expressing to you and your staff our encouragement and hopes for your success in revitalizing your publication.

Recent issues have been characterized by an honest, straightforward, unfettered editorial style that is going to arouse some controversy, to be sure, but at least it will be read.

The Evening Division Student Council hereby pledges its support to your efforts in providing our campus with a serious (but not staid) forum for informed opinions on subjects of real significance to the young men of the student body.

Sincerely,
J. E. Robillard, Secretary
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eight thousand dollars.

Mr. Eisele, himself, is a graduate of Ithaca College. He received his M. A. from Columbia University, and before coming to Poughkeepsie, was stationed in Chicago, and Cleveland.

Campus Corner

I must congratulate my fellow columnist for his ever-so-accurate prediction of the New Hampshire primaries. If I may suggest a suggestion, for obtaining even more accurate results, why not begin writing your article at least a half-hour, instead of the usual 10 minutes, before deadline time.

I know it's not the most interesting column in our beloved newspaper fellows but why did you "misplace" last week's article.

Just how many newspapers does this college have. Three weeks ago there wasn't any, and now, at last count, there are three.

As much as we dislike it, we must congratulate our counterparts of the Re-Record. However, we were wondering what school they are planning to attend next year. Can't you just see it on their application blank: Former Occupation -- "Roach." It looks as if the Re-Record suffers from the same plight that the Record often does, namely, failure to hand in articles. Either that or it was an extremely poor job of stretching out and padding of their first issue.

Since the Record is still in the process of undergoing renovations, we would appreciate any suggestion for a more attractive newspaper. This, of course, quite naturally excludes all those originating from the staff of the Re-Record. We have already received a few "suggestions" from them.

I May Be Wrong But

by Bill Treanor

New Hampshire:

Well it finally happened, I not only might have been wrong when I wrote last week's article - I was. However, I do think that the primary has shown one point that I was trying to convey and that is that the rank and file of the Republican Party do not want either Governor Nelson Rockefeller or Senator Barry Goldwater.

It is interesting to look back on this event with a sought of hindsight and say where each of the candidates went wrong. Yet there is another example of our "American" political structure in these results and that is the flexibility of our candidates before election. Recall how each of the major contenders said that this would be the determining race, that one claimed that he would garner at least 35% of the vote thus insuring his victory. What is the propaganda now? Do they not now claim the race to be unimportant or at least not as important as it once was? Well, maybe the voters will forget?

Education:

Ever since the Soviet Union put the first man-made satellite, Sputnik I, into space in 1957, there has been a continual scream about deficiencies of the American educational system. Immediately there arose such a clamor for new legislation that the Congress, in 1958, passed the National Defense Education Act. Even the name was to imply the impending disaster that awaited the American people if we did not act now.

It is not my intention, at this time, to either criticize the intent of the legislation or the succeeding attempts that are being made even today, such as our Governor having to cancel his speaking engagements in order to return to Albany to get his program through the legislature.

However, there is in the National Defense Education Act (NDEA) one particular section, Title V, which is sorely and quickly in need of review and more

stringent definition. Specifically, this Title is in reference to the fostering, with federal funds, the guidance programs in our high schools so that our youth may be better directed and counseled. Yet, after the investigation by Representative Ashbrook of Ohio, who revealed in the days of the last Congress the deplorable abuses of this section we, in conscience, have no other alternative but to press for a full investigation by the Congress.

What are these deplorable abuses? They are commonly referred to as the "brainpicking" tests. For Mr. Ashbrook and many other Americans, including myself, these are nothing more than an outright invasion of a man's personal life and the privacy of the family.

What is your opinion of the following questions which are taken from some of these tests: Which is worst, spitting on the American flag, spitting on the Bible? Are you ashamed of your father's job? Have you ever stolen hubcaps or other car materials, alone, with one other, with more than one other, never?

This is merely a sample of the questions that are asked and no field is left unquestioned, including the individual's sex life. Repeatedly questions are so worded as to imply the doubt to one's moral life, the reality of sin, the respect required of one's parents and fellow men.

Yet one might say that this is needed information in order to detect whether an individual is developing correctly. Well this is fine except, who is to determine what is developing correctly? Moreover, it is horrifying to learn that the same ones who are advocating these "tests" are the same ones who claim that man can be free only when morality is eliminated and the archaic system of national governments is replaced by a "World Government".

Now I realize that this is merely a quick look at a very serious question, so I ask that you reserve final judgement until next week when the second of this two part look at Title V of NDEA and its consequences is considered.

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fulfillment of human nature; and that these children be showed the importance of tolerance, which is sorely needed in our modern notions of marriage, divorce, remarriage...

In conclusion, Dr. Rock, in reply to questions of the use of oral contraceptives for immoral purposes said, "Morality is not a question of preventing pregnancy; it is something in the head."

BEST WISHES

The staff of the RECORD would like to offer its congratulations to the members of the 1964-65 Student Council and, at the same time, offer them our support during the coming year.

aid...

Because of the communist threat, we must redouble our efforts to give peoples around the world-"neutralist," "non-aligned," or even communist-controlled-an alternative to poverty and exploitation.

I believe, as the Senate voted last year, that "special attention and consideration" should be given those countries which share our view of the world situation. I also believe that aid to communist Poland and Yugoslavia has served the national interest under both the Kennedy and Eisenhower Administrations. Our aid to these countries has been primarily agricultural-in Yugoslavia's case, 52 percent; in Poland's case 99.99 percent. Our bushels of grain speak more eloquently to these proud peoples than propaganda.

The communists themselves give foreign aid to regimes which by no means share their view of the world situation. Why? Because their targets are the people, and through the people, the world. Without being cynical, we, too, must understand the use of this cold war tactic. We must not judge an aid recipient exclusively by his vote at the U.N. Our criterion is whether aid to a given country tends to promote national independence, political freedom, and a better life for the people. Does it weaken communist influence? Above all, does it help us display the fruits of freedom.

Let us fight the cold war-and the war for human dignity-with all the economic and diplomatic resources at our command.

men

It is on this day that the Man of the Year is elected to step forward into the privileged rays of congratulatory cheers. Comparable to the Senior "Cardinal Spellman" award, this honor is extended to the most active, most distinctive member of the three years. It is on this day that the History Department selects its historians as each department chooses their respective man of excellence. It is also on this day that our athletes are recompensed for their labors of the past year. Justifiably, this day is "the day" for Marist's undergraduates to applaud the students who have spiritedly striven to promote action and interest in Marist by rendering their services both academically and athletically.

The committee for Undergraduate Day would surely appreciate the support of the student body. It plans are great; its aspirations that all of Marist's undergradmen will guarantee the success of this year's Undergraduate Day are even greater.