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# INTERIM

February 4, 1971

## Dominican College

FUTILE, FUTILE, FUTILE... STUDENT GOVERNMENT

My dear friends and enemies of my soon to become enemies and friends. Today I wish to ask all ASDC's some profane El Pinko questions on that foots-asleep subject of student government.

What is Student Government? (please be brief)

Does it exist at D.C.? (If your answer is yes, please answer the following)

1. How would you feel if Student Government (SG) opened an ROTC at Edgehill?
2. Would you attend a SG sponsored bra burning on the library lawn?
3. Do you feel it would be profitable for SG to buy stock in Red Mountain??? (Hic)
4. Would you participate in an SG penny pitching contest for the purpose of buying a new ASDC typewriter? (if so, are you willing to donate your time to a typewriter buying committee)
5. I have heard that SG is thinking about building a bicyclepath between San Rafael and Zack's? How do you feel. (Zack's has already contacted the SG about the possibility of starting a turtle racing farm)
6. Should SG sponsor an AA chapter on campus?
7. Are SG officers masochists?
8. Do SG officers have guilt complexes?

After answering these questions please choose one of the following

1. Throw this thing in the trash bucket
2. Submit to Prue Silger, Fanjeaux 209 for pulp recycling
3. Send to your local Reagan for President in 1974

Committee.

-Chesca Piuma, a Dominican

Student...I mean, I think a Dominican College Student...Possibly soon to become an ex-Dominican College student. Next Week "Sub-culture...Dominican College!"

I had not intended to write an editorial, but several things have happened to change that; I'll list a few. First, I'd hoped this Interim would be full of articles, but as it happened people were unable to write, and one even left school. Another thing, I'd really wanted to see included in the paper a comparison between the Junior and Senior classes--no one knew how to do it, though, or wanted to be put on the line. Then, Sue's article turned out different than I'd expected--and this reinforced my wondering at my motives. Lastly, last week's editorial.

As to the comparison between the Juniors and Seniors, I guess it was inspired by anger, combined with a desire to vindicate myself--and maybe misguidedly--the class too, and sorrow that people misunderstand so much. All the reasons seemed inter-related. I was disappointed, too, and needed to rationalize the slowless of the year. Then, the Juniors--they "thank" us for putting on Shield Day. To some, this seemed as much as saying that it was unexpected of us, and therefore "nice of us" to do it for the school. All this after the idiotic rumors that we, the Seniors, were going to boycott the Shield Day ceremonies. Then, people expected us not to put on the St. George play or put out a Firebrand and behold St. George is presented twice. And

2 Firebrand is very much in the process of meeting its deadlines. I saw the seniors as persecuted, misunderstood, self-conceived radicals (much generalized) who were out to change things if possible for the better. The Juniors I saw as traditionalists, unrealistic accepting things as they are amicable to stagnation therefore. (Here is where I truly miss Jean deFazio's non-existent article on the necessity of change.) Yet whether all this is romantizing in the long run or rationalizing, or a martyr complex--whatever things are not quite what they should be. Seniors are getting that tired syndrome, and looking only toward May 15th, and generally people, couldn't care less. That's where I think we're looking in the wrong direction. We don't need, or shouldn't need, acceptance as long as we're satisfied with ourselves. Only when we're insecure should we need other people to encourage us. Also, a major thing we're missing is open-minded people. At this point some people are afraid to get involved, or enthusiastic about things aside from educational matters for fear it will jeopardize their ultimate graduation. For instance, I wanted to organize a drum class, and did by getting enough people who would be willing to take it--and now the class really excites me. But I do things because I try not to let it affect me, what people think, and do what I'm interest

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in. Also, this was a safe area for me to be concerned in - academics whereas some people won't act because of counter-reaction. We should be able to let people take any independent action they feel they can handle, and have other people open enough to accept it for what they're doing, not castrate them.

Returning to Seniors--what we need now seems to be a shot in the arm, a willingness to act. But one thing stops us, and here--if nowhere else, we are very traditional. I'll explain it with a quote from Suzanne Stella, class of '69. "Seniors are too tired to fight too old to care...just as long as they graduate."

-Prue Silger

#### SIGMA SOCIETY MEETS

Tuesday evening, February 2, in Pennafort Hall Sigma held a discussion with Mr. Ed. Ryken of the Marin Senior Coordinating Council. Now, you're probably asking, "What's Sigma Society?" That's a good question

At the end of last year, the Marin Soroptimist Club, a woman's service organization established a junior auxiliary branch of its club here at Dominican: Sigma. Sigma, with a proposed membership of thirty, started out this Fall with twenty members and since then the count has dropped to eleven. The purpose of Sigma is basically set up as one of service to the community. And after a

3 long, slow start, it looks as if this purpose may finally be realized. During the Tuesday Meeting a group of students with Mr. Ryken discussed various ways the club could be of help to Marin's senior citizens.

One suggestion made by Mr. Ryken was to hold a book drive and from the new and used books collected, set up a rotating library which could be used for several of the convalescent hospitals and senior citizen clubs in the county. Among the other ideas brought out in the discussion was the possibility of establishing a swimming program, or of raising money for a much needed bus for transportation. Mr. Ryken stressed the fact that participation need not be limited to the group as a whole, but that members could donate their time and energy as individuals. The needs are there we need only interested students to make whatever project chosen a vital and effective one.

We need new members--How about you? Applications are available from Mary Pat Power Eileen Schiller, and all Sigma members.

## MEN AT DOMINICAN???

The ad hoc committee formed from the campus wide discussions Fall Semester has issued a two page report and invited the community to discuss the report on Tuesday February 9 at 10:15 in the Upper Lounge in the Library. The committee members are Dick Lumaghi, chairman, Dr. MaryBarrows, Barbara Nelson and Kitty Laubacher.

The committee approached the pros and cons from three points.

1. A comprehensive questionnaire was circulated among the faculty, administration and a representative segment of the student body.

2. Studies were made by the Committee of the experience of other women's colleges who have seriously considered and/or adopted a policy of coeducation. These colleges included: Mills, Notre Dame, Belmont, and Scripps in the West; Vassar and Smith in the East, Webster College, Fontbonne Maryville in the Middle West.

3. Discussions were held by the Committee in which the findings of our poll and our researches were evaluated in terms of Dominican's unique situation.

### CONCLUSIONS

The Committee found the following conclusions pertinent to academic life.

1. The unanimous opinion of students and teachers was that the intellectual life of the College would be more stimulating

2. The curriculum would require no immediate changes or

4 additions, assuming that male students would be screened on the same basis as present women students.

In relation to social life, it was found that students, faculty, and administration are overwhelmingly in favor of coeducation. The presence of even a few men students would, it was felt, help to obliterate the present artificial social situation and engender a healthier everyday relation between the sexes.

Considering our position as the only four year college in Marin County, the studies and comments on the questionnaires suggest that Dominican would better serve the community by extending our facilities to men students and that this new inter-relationship with our surroundings would add a new vitality to our College.

In terms of the financial aspects of such a change, varying concerns were voiced. The expense of an expanded Physical Education program was most often mentioned, however colleges studies indicated that no expansion was needed. Another major concern was the cost of a dormitory for men. The Committee feels that this is a matter of future study. The employment of a Dean of Men was considered advisable. To balance these concerns, it was generally agreed that following adoption of a policy of co education, increased enrollment would increase revenues.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COEDUCATION<sup>5</sup>

Since the Committee has found college opinion favorable to coeducation (and for good reasons) and has further found that women's colleges which have introduced coeducation are enthusiastic about the results, we present the following recommendation:

Dominican College accept a policy of coeducation in the undergraduate school, such policy to be implemented in 3 steps:

### Phase I, Fall 1971

Open the College to qualified male undergraduates on a non-resident basis.

### Phase II, Fall 1972

Open the College to qualified male undergraduates on a resident basis.

### Phase III

After evaluation of Phases I and II, establish a desired ratio between male and female students.

Papers will be due soon. Can you always find the necessary information at the library? Have you found that often times reference materials i.e. magazines, even books that are supposed to be in the reference section have "walked out"? Help the library staff as well as yourself. If you do have any reference materials out please return them! The book drop is open at night, use it. Or leave any magazines books, etc. with students working in the library.

This past weekend Bertrand Hall and Angelico were targets of what appear to be juvenile vandalism. Both Saturday and Sunday the Commons had sand, icecream bars and other dirt spread around. The clock was torn from the wall and mangled and other minor damage done.

### FIREBRAND NEEDS...

literary material for the 1971 publication. If you have any short stories, poetry essays, etc. that you would like to submit see Mary Weissenburger (F 216) or Doreen Isa (P 15)

Such brave men  
Painting a world  
Of dingy rain  
And oily seas  
Cutting the skies  
With squares  
Slabs of glass  
Molding structures  
That step on cities  
To crush life  
Building this  
Foul playground  
For our children.

-Joan Phillips

## PLEASE GIVE TO OTHERS

Only 3% of those eligible to donate blood provide the more than 6.5 million units of blood transfused annually in the U.S., and a majority of these donors give repeatedly. These are shockingly low statistics especially upon considering the increasing demands for blood.

None of us know if and when we may become injured or diseased to the extent of our needing blood to live. Blood reserve funds provide the insurance that when blood is needed, it will be ready and waiting with no \$25.00 replacement fee to the recipient. Penny Johnson brought this to the attention of SFA and as a result a Dominican College Blood Reserve Fund is being established. This means that all blood credited to the D.C. fund will be reserved for students, faculty, alumnae or any other community emergency in which Dominican wants to assist.

IRWIN MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK representative, Barbara Vorhees talked with co-chairmen, Sister M. Colette and Jean Smith and our first major blood drive day has been set for Thursday, FEBRUARY 25. The mobile unit will set up in MEADOWLANDS ASSEMBLY HALL from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to handle the 40 to 50 donors expected. (sign-ups begin next week)

Donating a pint of blood is not at all agonizing, nor does it affect one's health as blood is constantly re-

6 placed in the body by normal processes.

"Blood is living tissue-it cannot be manufactured. Therefore, voluntary blood donors who share blood to help others are 'special people' performing a unique service for their community and their fellow man."

If you are not already a donor, here is YOUR invitation to be one of the SPECIAL PEOPLE.

### A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When asked to give my impressions of Dominican College as a transfer student, I thought to myself---Ah! Here is a chance to put down the non-existent social life. But that is not really "where it's at". Unlike the "Mission Impossible" advocate, I cannot truthfully write anything but a glowing account of what I personally have found at D.C. in my short time here. Coming from a junior college that numbers in the thousands, I knew relatively few people. At Dominican, fortunately or unfortunately, if one misses a class meeting, it is noticed! Another school's administration would not ask the students' feelings toward grading systems curriculum changes, or graduation requirements. Policy is decided behind closed doors---and few but the very radical on campus question it. As far as program planning, the student who is able to obtain an appointment with a counselor once in two years is fortunate. Here

(letter to editor, con't.)  
we have instant attention, instant registration, and instant acceptance into the classroom. Thus far, I have named some of the advantages of a small school. Of course, Dominican has something special, something unique, a charm of its own. This atmosphere is created in part by the setting, in part by the faculty, and to a large degree by the individuals that compose the student body. Their interaction with the surroundings, with the faculty members, and with one another gives the school its distinctive character. In other words, we---you and I---may make of this school what we will. We have the secure base to work from, thus giving us the opportunity to grow and enrich our lives. If, as one argument goes, we feel isolated here, then perhaps we have created an imaginary line between D.C. and the larger world---imaginary lines are easy to cross, for they never existed in the first place.  
-Sue Peterson

### THE CHESSMEN'S CREED UPON ADMISSION TO DOMINICAN COLLEGE

When the plastic men are all lined up in neat rows, the game may start. But first some directions. Be wise. Never let your thoughts go beyond the squares. Do make every move with caution. Beware of the important me. They may be your salvation or perhaps your end. Now you know where you stand--What path will you take?

## 7 COOKING CLASS TO MEET

Mrs. Nancy McInnes will present a cooking class in the Meadowlands kitchen from 10 to 12 (noon) Tuesday Feb. 9. See Mrs. Nancy Simor Dean's Office to make reservations for the class. Watch next week's INTERIM for a list of dates for the remaining 6 classes this semester.

### DRAMA PRODUCTION SUCCESS

Tuesday night, February 2 Dominican students and faculty as well as persons from the San Rafael community attended "Adaption" a one act drama production presented by the American Conservatory Theatre (ACT) in Angelico Hall. The performance moved quickly giving rise to many humorous expressions and lines. However, once the initial amusement faded into the background the tragedy of the characters--no of the Americans they portrayed--left little reason to laugh.

### REMEMBER:

- \*The Social Dance this Saturday. See Gail Landtbom for tickets.
- \*Paul Palmer, Pianist, Angelico 7:30 Sunday, Feb. 7
- \*Art Exhibit. San Marco
- \*Red Garter Feb 11 7:30

## ROOM ASSIGNMENTS 1971-72???????

The following has been proposed as the method for assigning rooms for 1971-72. If you have any suggestions for improving it talk to any member of the Executive Board soon.

1. Have the house chairmen designate which rooms in their house will be reserved for freshmen and transfer students.

2. Have all students come to the Dean of Students Office to draw a number and pay a \$50 deposit which will not be refunded until the student leaves the residence permanently. Next year's juniors would be given number 1 to 99, sophomores 100 to 199, and sophomores 200 to 299. The dates for drawing the numbers would be March 29 through April 2 (the week prior to spring vacation) and April 19 and 20, the two days after spring vacation.

3. During the noon hour from April 21 to April 23 the seniors would come to the Dean's office according to draw number to select their rooms. The juniors would come from April 26 to 28 and the sophomore's would come April 29, 30 and May 3.

Applications for Resident Assistants (House Mother's) and Administrative Assistants are now available in the Dean of Students Office. The deadline for applications is April 10. Seniors and graduate students are encouraged to apply.

In Germany they first came for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Trade Unionist, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me- and by that time no one was left to speak up.

-Pastor Niemoller  
(Victim of a Nazi concentration camp)

ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM ON  
ABORTION, FEBRUARY 10 from  
4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the  
Guzman Lecture Hall

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Prue Silger