Cousin Blates First 'Town Hall'

What is the purpose of Our Lady of Cincinnati College?
This will be the topic of the first Townsend Hall Meeting, announced Cindy Mason, Student Council president, at the Nov. 8 Council meeting.

Under the moderation of Cheryl Gancosta, junior, a panel of three students will open the assembly with a general discussion of the goals of a Catholic woman's liberal arts college like Edgecliff. After these brief introductions, the meeting will be thrown open for statements of opinion from the audience.

To Seek Student Opinions: According to Cindy, "the whole idea behind the Town Hall meetings is to help Student Council discover the opinions of the students. Particularly, we want their views at this first meeting so that the committees which will be appointed and elected to study the college's purposes will have some clear notions of what the student body at large thinks."

For the sake of convenience, the meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Garden Room. Student Council will sponsor other 'Town Hall' sessions to discover student opinions on a variety of campus topics.

'Speak Up' Cindy adds that "all are welcome and encouraged" to use this opportunity to "speak up." She would appreciate receiving ideas for topics for future Town Hall meetings: "After all," she said, "these meetings are for the expression of opinion so that the Student Council can better fulfill the student's wants and truly represent the whole group."

(Editors' Note: For more background on this topic, see the October issue of The Edgecliff, pp. 3-4.)

Will they ever grow up?

'Dresden Dozen' Stages Fairy Tale

by Peggy Francis

Sentility, Senescence, Second childhood. The downward slide of the Sigmoid curve.

How many people can enjoy these during their college years? Approximately one-third of Our Lady of Cincinnati College. Eleven Edgecliff students will celebrate their "second childhoods" Nov. 21 as they present "Princesses and Power." A fairy tale produced for the stage of St. Mary's Grade School, "Princesses and Power" is not beyond the ken of children.

Sister Joan O'Leary, who doubles as stage manager, says it is young enough to enjoy it. And the eleven members of the Dresden Dozen have enjoyed it despite the work involved.

'It's company like this that "luck" will make it an even dozen Nov. 21."

What Reactions?

"Of course," Barbara LaBam, director, points out, "we don't know definitely what the reactions to the play will be. You never do, until you're in front of the audience. We're trying to gear it to children and I must say the cast certainly has been acting like children during rehearsals. I mean this in the best possible way."

Although members of the technical crew manage to maintain a more mature air, they too have developed an insight into the child's mind.

Costuming Problem

Costuming posed a problem to wardrobe mistress Paulette Wemmer. Children are not sophisticated theatergoers who demand authenticity, she feels. However, they do demand imagination, exciting color and a certain amount of glamour. They expect a princess to be dressed in lace, frills and a crown and will be disappointed if she's not.

As with props, costumes can be more than slightly exaggerated in this comical fairy tale. Fortunately for Judy Lynch, who doubles as stage manager, sets are very simple. Going through second childhood can be a rewarding experience if one

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Twenty-two Edgecliff seniors have been nominated and accepted to the ranks of Who's Who Among American College and University Students. Standing, left to right, Pat Humbert, JoAnn Fransen, Peggy Beelar, Mary deSantis, Carolyn Kast, Sandy Bollinger, Jane Hughes. Seated, first row, left to right, Beth Asturias, Sheila Winters, Mary Ellen Littleman; second row, Collette Brehm, Karen Wullenweber, Mary Lynne Yancey; third row, Melanie Adams, Cindy Mason, Irene Bishop; fourth row, Peggy Moran, Jane Smith, Marie Schnelle; fifth row, Paula Lubke, Barbara Jo Lyden, Kay Kowalski.
There Has to Be a Better Way to Go

People tell us—and many of them are our friends—that we have just two alternatives: (1) remain within the structures (social or ecclesiastical) and be dehumanized, depersonalized, deprived of what it really means to live; (2) drop out and be a “free spirit,” find the time for personal encounters and flower picking, be a real person and learn to really live.

Once you put it that way, what kind of choice do we have? After all, who wants to be inhuman, impersonal and only half alive? And why—us? “Drop out,” and many others who they could. Those of us who for one reason or another decide to remain within the structures are usually made to feel by the “more fortunate” drop-outs (whether they be hippies or members of the extra-structural underground Church) that the world and life are Simply passing us by. Well, maybe life is passing us by to some extent; but it’s not because we refuse to drop out. If we are made to feel out of the swing of things, it is because we have assessed too narrowly the alternatives open to us in the beginning: drop out, not just an either/or situation (excuse us, Kierkegaard), at least not in this case. A third alternative is possible.

Such an alternative course of action would result from an assessment of the relation of individuals persons to structural systems according to the following principles:

- We must not absolutize social and ecclesiastical structures. It is human activity alone which creates structures and keeps them in existence.
- We must discover the real meanings which already exist in structures before we drop out or try to destroy them. Keeping these meanings as part of our general awareness of others is what sociologists term “good structural visibility.”
- We must examine the role which we play in forming patterns for the emergence of new structures for the future.
- Here and now these guidelines indicate the following:
  - We must analyze the social and ecclesiastical structures that we are part of so as to accept correctly what relationships exist and what our role within that structure really is. An adequate decision to drop out or to remain should be Based on such a correct assessment.
  - Once we have discovered what meanings exist in the structures, we should take advantage of them in our lives. Maybe, within non-structural existential encounters are the most fulfilling, but the functional relationships fostered by the “system” (picture the dependency relationship between the rider and the bus driver) provide for a wide range of human contacts which would be impossible if every meeting was an “I-Thou” encounter.
  - We must actively engage in our activity as structure builders and remodelers. Here at school this means becoming involved in the present re-evaluation of college purposes, for what our purposes are determines in large part what our structures will be. In the Church this means we must keep ourselves in touch with the institutional Church and resist the temptation to go underground. The “underground church” has little chance of influencing what ecclesiastical structures will emerge in the future.
  - Finally, we must learn to live within the structures and not let them. We can’t always win. If we don’t take the structures too seriously, if we learn when and how to laugh.

Letters to the Editor

“Rumor-control” has it that the constitution is of limited value because it does not give the House Council complete and unquestioned power. In order to clarify our position, we submit that the Resident House Council is, in our terms, a “free spirit,” deprived of what it really means to live, and also not an either/or situation, but a real person and an edgecliffr.

The Edgecliff Platform

A. Promotion of Academic Concerns
1. More honors courses: Initiation of directed research, seminars, etc.
2. Invitation of new and challenging speakers to campus.
3. Intercollegiate cooperation through sharing of courses, lectures, social events.
4. More efficient registration procedure.
B. Promotion of cross-disciplinary cooperation between faculty, students and administration.
1. Joint effort by faculty, students and administration to break down interdisciplinary barriers.
2. More student-faculty coffee hours and discussions.
3. Improvement of College Government.
4. Open Student Council meetings.
5. Reexamining of Council representation and open election campaigns.
1967 AD

Hope Seen For Future Of Catholic Schools

Mr. Kenneth Robinson, first lay business manager of Edgecliff, is featured in today's 1967 AD column.

From your point of view as a business administrator, do you think that Catholic education, specifically at the college level, can survive?

I definitely feel that Catholic education can and will survive. Private education can satisfy individual needs and interests that socialized education cannot. For this reason, I see a distinct advantage in Catholic education. We are on the threshold of a change, but not a change to socialized education. Competition is good in education as well as other fields; it helps people to achieve a set goal. I think the people will spend the price for better education.

Why do you say that the Federal government cannot control education and do it well? The country is too vast. Education can and will survive.

What is your opinion of the use of automation, such as closed-circuit T.V., as a teaching device?

I feel you can reach more people in less time by using the visual and other teaching aids available today. Automation is less personal than teacher contact, which is still needed in some classes, but with the amount of learning you have to assimilate today, automation makes it faster and easier, and in some instances may be a necessity.

What will be given top priority in the distribution of funds at OLC this year?

The expansion of the library will receive priority in the budget.

Guesting

Student Reflects on Hong Kong Riots

Mary Wong Edgecliff junior, returned to her native Hong Kong last summer after a two-year absence. She summed up her impressions of that British colony, so much in the news, for The Edgecliff.

On the causes of the political disturbances in Hong Kong:

"Although I did not see any rioting, there was a definite tension in the city. The Communist-incited riots were increased by propaganda and bribery. Attempts were made to arouse the dissatisfaction of laborers and left-wing students with promises of better government and living conditions."

On the dry summer and the water shortage:

"Because the Red Chinese refused to negotiate a contract to pipe the needed water into Hong Kong, the citizens were limited to four hours of water supply every four days for the first six weeks of the summer. This heightened the already tense situation a great deal."

On the effects of the rioting on Hong Kong citizens:

"Even though the rioting has been a blow to the economy, especially in areas such as touristic trade, the situation has forced the people to unite. Many of the citizens have come to a realization of the real thrust Communism poses. One instance of this unity is that 920 organizations within the city submitted written testimony of their support to the Hong Kong government."

On the hope for the future of Hong Kong:

"Only when the citizens of Hong Kong realize that they themselves must be involved through a conscious effort in the government, can life in the colony go on as before. This attitude of concern was adopted by many university students who volunteered their services on transportation lines during periods of strikes."

Leaping through a recent Hong Kong magazine, Mary Wong reads about the riots that occurred when she visited there this summer.

The Arts

'Gentleman' Stirs Sympathy

by Kathy Geaslen

When, during the course of Part I of The Bourgeois Gentleman, the action occurs at the intersection of two Paris boulevards, the street sign used as the only prop for the scene indicates "Rue de Joie" and "Rue d'Amour".

The sign reminds me, as audience, that what I am watching is fun and games — the play's strongest social criticism is aimed at stuffed shirts who can't laugh at themselves.

Directed by David Barrie, The Bourgeois Gentleman begins Edgecliff Theatre's 14th season, and is indeed a showcase for the Theatre's new Equity company.

The plot pretends to concern itself with the struggle of one Monseigneur Jourdain (Robert O'Neill), a nouveau-riche gentleman, in his embarrassing, basically sincere attempts to be "a real aristocrat". His honest buffoonery arouses sympathetic understanding.

Jourdain's acquisition of several surgical-phony friends, one of whom is a count who "actually talks to the king every day", places the emphasis of action squarely on the shoulders of the characters, right where the actors can best elaborate on them.

Barbara Kay's costumes, and Jay Depenbrock's set, give the audience excellent textural sights with which to share in the mood of overwhelming elegance, a mood pleasantly intoxicating to all who view this production.
Sister Jane Joins 'Sensitivity Seminar' Staff

Sister Mary Jane, professor of English at OLC, has recently become part of a growing Christian community at Communications Center No. 9. Located in the Upper Room on the fourth floor of the Holy Cross Monastery, Mt. Adams, the center sponsors a series of weekend seminars in Christian community.

Attuned to young adults and women, the program offers participants an opportunity to foster and develop a Christian community among themselves.

"The program attempts to do this," Sister Jane commented, "through interaction and communication."

Sister Jane sees the staff of laity and clergy, of which she is now a member, "as a nucleus similar to the family nucleus, really showing the incoming group what a community is.

Sister Jane was first introduced to this program when asked to join the staff by Father Hugh Bates, C.P., director of the Communications Center.

Personally Enriched

"I had no clear idea of what I was getting involved in. I went with the thought that I could give and come back at least with a better insight into the people I work with. I left, though, wanting to return—finding it a personally enriching experience. It still is a continually new and unfolding situation."

On the "situation" itself Sister Jane commented that, "It is not a retreat as such, but a sensitivity seminar to turn on to the Christian community, not in."

"Through discussion, activity and liturgy," Sister Jane pointed out, "these young people actively establish a Christian community. They are together constantly for the entire weekend. All social masks and shields come down. It really is surprising how these young people open up and how anxious to learn from one another they become in such a short time."

Utopian Communications

With a look towards the practical implications of such a program, Sister Jane admitted that the "atmosphere reaches a Utopian level towards the end of the seminar, where communication between individuals is almost complete. Rather idealistic—yet, the seminars will only be as effective as the lives of the people who leave the Upper Room on Sunday and go out with their appetites whetted for Christian community, actively searching for personal relationships in the impersonal world."

Communication Center No. 9 opens the doors of its Coffee House every Friday evening that seminars are scheduled. A full participation Folk Mass is offered on these evenings at 10 p.m. Regina Hirt, third floor, Sullivan Hall, has further information on the seminars.

First Coffee Hour Goes 'Horizontal'  

Did you notice that the first Student-Faculty Coffee Hour of the year gave you a horizontal impression? Moved from the more formal Alumnae Lounge (where students and faculty usually stood vertically in past years) to the Garden Room (where seats and tables are in abundance), the Coffee Hour Nov. 8 had a well-earned informality about it. Perhaps it was the horizontality, or perhaps the milk-tanked coffee urn, or maybe even the presence of ashtrays that made it.

See the horizontal picture of Sister Jane and friends at the coffee hour (below).

Sister Jane and students chat about Nov. 8 Coffee Hour at the after-weekend seminars in Mt. Adams.

After Graduation?

A recruiter from the Hospital Care Corporation will interview seniors for job replacement Nov. 29. The insurance company is interested in hiring English and math major graduates.

Library Expansion Tagged Top Priority

Enlargement of the Edgeciff library has top priority in the development program of Our Lady of Cincinnati College.

Sister Mary Roderic

Future plans for the physical expansion include a new building with a revised and enlarged first floor and a foyer, which will accommodate 200 seated. The periodical room on the lower level, plus numerous seminar rooms, lecture rooms, and carrels will provide for an overall seating capacity of 400.

The floor space would be just about quadrupled, with the increase from the now 8,800 square feet to 35,804 square feet. When that point is reached, the Brennan Memorial Library will have come a long way, at least spacially, from the small book collection that was the initial college library housed in Emery in 1835.

Goal In Four Years

The number of volumes in the library is being gradually increased. Sister Mary Roderic, librarian, estimates that in about four years, with the steady acquisition of 375 books per month, the library will have reached its goal of 60,000 volumes, suitable for a college the size of OLC. The present volume number is 30,365.

Adding records, periodicals, and material in the curriculum library, there are 46,000 library materials.

In the Bicentennial year, 2,975 volumes were catalogued. In 1966-67, 4,142 were added. The concentration of the increase has been in the humanities, e.g. literature, education, government. The increase in volumes is necessitating the shelving of many books in the stacks. Micro-filming will also be used as periodicals pile up.

As Sister Roderic pointed out, "We have one of the finest periodical libraries in relation to the number of students and the type of college. The library allows nearly 400 different publications to be checked out. Very few libraries permit this."

Many Projects

Expansion of the library has been the target of fund-raising projects undertaken by the alumnae, the Mothers' Club and the Fathers' Club. Approximately 200 books were obtained from the Give-a-Book drive last year. These organizations have raised about $200,000 towards a goal of $400,000. With this sum, Edgeciff can qualify for a federal loan or attract the support of a private foundation in order to reach the total cost of expansion—$600,000.

To better evaluate the use of the library, the staff has been keeping daily records to show the number of students in the library at each hour, day and week of the school year. According to these records, approximately 18.4% of the student body made use of the library (excluding the periodical room) during the week of Sept. 24. Daily attendance was about 177 out of an enrollment of 1,045 students. Regarding these figures, Sister Roderic commented, "More students must be studying in the Garden Room and lounge."
Walnut Hills' Progress, Problems Cited

OLC's budding sociologists were treated to an analysis of their own back yard Nov. 9, when Dr. Frank Foster, chairman of the Walnut Hills Area Council, spoke to the Minority Relations Class on the Walnut Hills community.

Dr. Foster, whose work in the field of social action and education has taken him on jobs from Shanghai to Germany to Asheville to Siberia, came to Cincinnati last year as professor emeritus at the University of Maine.

After giving a brief historical sketch of Cincinnati, in which he noted that the Queen City was once the "center of the struggle for freedom from slavery," Dr. Foster summarized some of the progress that is being made to build a community in Walnut Hills now.

He described the Victory Neighborhood Services, which set up block teams to do some of the struggle for freedom from poverty, and described some of the problem areas which Walnut Hills residents have to face, Dr. Foster mentioned that a survey of local grocery chain stores reveals that higher prices are charged in Walnut Hills than in Hyde Park, on many of the same items, in the same chain.

He also criticized landlords who "are concerned more with their own income than with reconditioning the property on which tenants must live."

The "revolution" in civil rights has its roots in a 300-year-old history of frustrated hopes never realized, according to Dr. Foster. Concretely speaking, he asked the audience to compare the number of hours of work it takes for a maid to earn the money to buy a car with the number of hours it takes for a doctor to earn the same money.

As for the Poverty Program, he said it came "too late," has "too few resources and too few people to work on it."

Interest Sparks

Because of an interest in theology discussions outside of classes, a new theology club called "Seminar" is being organized. The club will be moderated by Mr. Karl Fischer, theology instructor. All interested students are eligible for membership.

The twofold purpose of the club is to provide an outlet for discussions begun in theology classes and to enable the students to study beyond what is taken in class. The club members will be able to pick topics for discussion which will be supplemented by reading and discussing books related to the topic. Guest speakers also will be invited.

Mr. Fischer hopes that "Seminar" will make the students realize that "theology is not only studying the Old Testament, but what is learned has relevance to current times.

Theology Club

Most important, that there is a dynamic element in religion — religion grows and develops. You must be personally involved in it. God has something to say to man and the only way man can find out what it is, is through action — not just in class. I hope this theology club begins to bring about good discussion and thought."

Mr. Fischer is also available in the Garden Room every Thursday at 1 p.m. for any of the students in his freshman or junior theology classes who want an opportunity to discuss theology and faith informally.

Art Show To Open

Donald P. Sowell

Familiar Italian landmarks and scenes from several other European countries set the theme for the art exhibition to open at the E m e r y Gallery Nov. 26. Donald P. Sowell, supervisor of Art Education for the Cincinnati Public Schools, will be exhibiting drawings and paintings which he completed during his past two summers of study and painting abroad.

Mr. Sowell's show will run through Dec. 14. The gallery is open daily from 1 to 9 p.m.

Senior Nominees Hope for Fellowships

Four Edgecliff seniors have been nominated for nationwide graduate fellowships:

JoAnn Franzen and Barbara Jo Lyden, sociology majors, have been nominated for Woodrow Wilson and Danforth fellowships by Sister Margaret Ann, R.S.M., chairman of the sociology department. JoAnn and B. J. plan to continue study in the field of sociology. JoAnn names University of Michigan as her first choice; B. J. prefers University of Chicago.

Karen Wollenweber, a philosophy major, was nominated by Dr. Siegmund A. E. Betz, professor of English and classics, for both Woodrow Wilson and Danforth awards. Sister Mary Nerl, R.S.M., of the theology department, nominated Sister Victoria, R.S.M., an English major, for the Woodrow Wilson. Both Karen and Sister Victoria intend to continue their studies in the field of theology. (University of Chicago, Fordham, St. Michael's in Toronto were cited as possibilities by her.)

Last year, for the first time, a Woodrow Wilson was awarded to an OLC graduate, Sister Mary Kristin, R.S.M., who is now using this fellowship to study philosophy at Notre Dame.

Junior Reigns As XU Queen

Barbara Fry, Edgecliff Junior, was elected Xavier University's Homecoming Queen this year. She was crowned at the XU-Villanova football game Oct. 27.

This is the first year that non-Xavier students were permitted to compete in the Homecoming Queen contest. Nominees were selected from OLC, the Mount and Xavier Evening College. Of the 15 semi-finalists at least half were from OLC.

According to Barb, campaigning consisted of seven days spent at XU, meeting and talking to the students. Nominated by the junior class at Xavier, Barb reported that "the whole experience was hectic, exciting and well worthwhile."
Spotlight on Social Action

Love: CSMC Builds, Staffs Assumption Library

by Betty Lang

"If you've never experienced love before, you really can't love others, let alone God"; this is the rationale behind the CSMC's library project at Assumption School, a mission school of the Sisters of Mercy.

According to senior Irene Bishop, president of the campus Catholic Students' Mission Crusade, this apostolic activity, centered "in our own backyard" (Gilbert Avenue), gives Edgecliff students a very real opportunity to work as true missionaries at the local level.

The history of what "love" has done in CSMC reveals the practical working out of what one senior (not in the CSMC) called "the most thorough, purposeful and well-organized social action project at OLC."

- Last year, in searching for a relevant apostolate in its area, Edgecliff CSMC discovered that Assumption school was without a library. Sparked by Sister Mary Annrita, former moderator and Edgecliff librarian, the colegians began working with members of the parish to establish some kind of facility.
- They secured books through government programs. Mothers in the parish conducted a parish book drive.
- With the aid of Miss Helen Knecht, a parish member and librarian at the Walnut Hills Branch, Edgecliff girls are training the women to run the library through standard procedures, such as cataloguing and using reference materials. Eventually, it is hoped that the parish will staff the library itself, and OLC assistance will no longer be required.
- To Mary Julie Calhoun, a senior active in the program since its inception, it is very important to the children's self-respect that "they see their parents as being capable of working in the education field on an equal basis with college students."
- The grubby classroom which served as a library last year has been transformed largely through the efforts of the new principal, Sister Mary Ann, and of Sister Alacoque, diocesan supervisor of schools who resides on campus. New curtains, furniture and plants in the windows have "renewed the children's interest in books and learning."
- Edgecliff's representatives now visit the school two or three times weekly to help the children use the library. While instructing in library use and tutoring one-to-one, CSMC members can build up personal relationships with the children, many of whom need someone "just to love them," in the words of Sister Mary Ann.

In addition to these services, the CSMC sponsors parties throughout the year at the school and will soon begin a cultural enrichment program for selected honor pupils on Saturdays. In these activities, junior Barb Wesserer noted the benefits "of learning to work with people of different educational and cultural levels; this leads to a more mature and realistic outlook on the world in which we have to be involved as Christians and citizens."

While the Assumption students continue to patronize the public library as well as various public school libraries, they tend to identify personally with the room staffed "by the ladies from Edgecliff."

Teachers and Taught Learn

By emphasizing the personal aspects of service, where "the tiniest things really excite them to appreciation," love and learning take on new meanings for both the teachers and the "taught." In fact, structured roles fade in developing human relations; as Irene says, "We learn a lot more than we teach; by giving of ourselves, we get so much." Irene knew this gift of self had been accepted when she was deluged with letters from concerned third and fourth grade friends during an illness last year.

"These activities are all part of CSMC's emphasis on prayer, study and sacrifice," according to Sister Mary Francelyn, new moderator. "In this project, the ideal is not the conventional almsgiving, but a true giving of one's time and personality to those who may desperately need human compassion to enable them to love God as well as neighbor."

CSMC meetings and activities are open to all students.

Colombian Collegians to Grace Edgecliff

Edgecliff will be host to six young women from Javeriana University, the Pontifical University in Colombia, beginning Dec. 1. The Bogota collegians are participating in the "Students for Understanding" program, instituted in 1965. The purpose of the program is to acquaint the girls with American family life and to show them, as much as possible, the American social structure.

Mr. W. Vincent Delaney, coordinator for the program at Edgecliff, is especially interested in finding homes for the girls during their stay in Cincinnati. He also hopes that student committees will conduct tours and involve the girls in leisure time activities typical of the United States.

Business Meet Draws Students

Local business leaders are sponsoring a College Business Symposium Nov. 28, to give Ohio college students an opportunity to understand the business world. Topics will include "The Value of College Education in Today's Economy" and "Big Cities, Big Business, and People."

The symposium is a first for Ohio and one of the first in the U.S. Ten Edgecliff students have received invitations to any student interested in spending a semester in Bogota. This year, a unique attraction to Bogota will be the Eucharistic Congress, which exchange students would attend.

Library

General chairman of the all-day session at the Carrousel Motel is Laurence L. Davis, president of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Stanley Malcuit, chief economist of the Aluminum Co. of America, will speak on "Inflation." Other participants include T. Spencer Shore, board chairman of Eagle Picher Industries Inc., and Reuben B. Hays, retired board chairman of Cincinnati's First National Bank.

Story hour with CSMC's Linda Hoeferl, left, and Susan White, holds the delighted attention of Assumption children.

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