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The Telegraph-Herald headlines of November 18 were exasperating to many Loras students. "Driscoll hints: 'Will resign if I fail'." What irony. Monsignor should not be giving hints when he seems unable to take a few hints himself. If the faculty, through its proposals, and the students, through the referendum, didn't give Msgr. Driscoll a clear indication that he had already failed them, I doubt that anything short of an outright demand for his resignation would get that message across.

But now it seems he is giving himself a second chance, even though the faculty reprimanded him 72 to 29, and the students expressed their disapproval of his administration by a vote of 708 to 171, 80 per cent of the two-thirds of the student body who voted. Obviously a great majority is discontented with the present administration. Why? Because of the atmosphere of stagnancy that hangs like a pall of smog over the Loras campus. To say that the present administration is progressive, innovative, and dynamic would trigger a round of hysterical laughter among Loras students. It is apparent to most of us that the Loras hierarchy and the people of Dubuque (as evidenced by their reactions to campus events) seem to fear change. Loras College has become encapsulated, completely enveloped in its own little community, unaware that this is 1969, not 1959 or 1949, and that it is high time for re-evaluations and renovations.

Now, I am anticipating that readers are now saying, "Aha! If the students want changes, why are there sharp divisions on the campus (as reported in the article of November 18?)" It is true that the student body was split over the referendum. But as anyone who attended the Student Senate meeting on November 17 will tell you, the major rift in the student body was between on-campus and city students.

The rallying cry of the city students seems to be, for most of them, "Don't make waves!" As products of the Dubuque culture they are skeptical of changes. More than likely, if they were untied from their mothers' apron strings and given rooms on campus, they would soon become as fed up with the outdated administration as we dorm residents are already.

So much for the campus split. The basic problem remains, that of initiating changes. Students at Loras are asking for changes, and let's face it—no matter how many dikes Dubuque builds, the flood of change will eventually overflow them.

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