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ST. JOE - MARIAN Combined Choral

EDITORIAL

Almost everyone enjoys an evening of fine vocal entertainment - And that's exactly what's in store for you on Friday, March 25, at 8:00 p.m. Lively, sparkling vocal arrangements performed by the combined Marian and St. Joe's choral groups will provide an evening of enjoyable harmony. If you like to hum to popular, listenable selections, don't miss this! Tickets are \$1.00 and may be purchased from any of the members of the Marian vocal groups.

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Tuesday evening, March 15, at 7:30, the Vets will take on the Crossroads Wheeling Whizzes wheelchair basketball team, on Marian's home floor. We have seen these players from the Crossroads Rehabilitation Center in action, and take it from us, the word "whizzes" does not do them justice. The admission price is only 25¢, and at that price, how can you go wrong?

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The golf team is in need of any outstanding, good, average, or poor linksmen who may be wandering loose around the campus. If you are an actual or potential golfer, we request that you see Walt Fields in the gym and inform him of your ambitions and capabilities.

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The Faculty gave the Knicks a real run for their money, as Mr. Fields, Fr. Smith, and Fr. Frazee poured the ball through the hoop last Sunday. But thanks to some heads-up ball-playing on the part of Tony Benedict, Mike Deere, and Dave Zeyen, the Knicks closed hard and fast to clip the faculty 62-60 in a double overtime.

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Surely any student can find one week-end in the school year to make a good retreat. The cost, also, is small enough to permit anyone to take part in this spiritual exercise. And, after all, can the value of a good retreat be measured in time or money?

We suggest this as a topic for discussion by the Student Board.

During the recent semester break, a situation was brought more forcibly to light -- a situation which we feel could and should be remedied before it can repeat itself. We are speaking of the students' retreat. It is our opinion that a mandatory closed retreat once each school year would be more practical and effective than the present retreat at school.

In circumstances for a retreat, which are at best poor, there seems to be a lack of concern in the student body and a lack of foresight in planning. It is not our desire to blame or accuse anyone, but merely to point out some factors which might be borne in mind in future years.

The closed retreat is conducted in an atmosphere conducive to prayer by experienced retreat masters used to talking to older groups. The retreat at school is more like a holiday; the topics and attitudes generated in the past retreat were those one might expect to meet in an eighth grade graduating class. The closing of all but one lounge brought everyone together into one room, further weakening the spiritual atmosphere.

The general apathy and indifference of the student body was manifested as the retreat progressed. One student retired to the confessional to sleep, another listened to his transistor radio, while still another was deeply engrossed in his scatological book. Conditions like these would not be found at a retreat house. With the best retreat master in the world, it would still be difficult to conduct an effective retreat at the school. However, it should not be necessary for the administration to police the lounges and chapel for apathetic students who are breaking down the spirit of the retreat.

Because of the spontaneous enthusiasm shown by our animal-loving readers (especially Sister Adelaide and Sister Marie Bernard), and due also to the unqualified success enjoyed on our previous solutions to our readers' problems, it is our pleasure to once again solve a problem submitted by one of our loyal, intelligent, charming, and confused subscribers.

Dear Editor,

About a year ago, my friend and I bought a hamster which we named Saddy. For awhile we were afraid that we would have a hard time finding something for Saddy to eat, but after a week, it was obvious that she would eat anything. But our landlady detests pets and we were always worrying about poor Saddy. However after a month we knew that this was not our worst problem. Saddy found a boy friend and now we have hamsters all over the place. Believe me, it's very difficult to sleep with hamsters (46 of them) running all over. We would like to know what to do and if we should switch our hobby to raising turtles or something.

Worried,

Julie and Annie

P.S. If you have any food to spare, Saddy and her family would be most thankful.

Dear Worried,

We have three possible solutions to your problem:

1. Ten pounds of rat poison.
2. Sleep on the floor.
3. Cross your hamsters with chinchillas and go into the fur business.

Sincerely,

J&D

Having recently embarked on a new era, with the appointment of new editors, here are a few of the telegrams we have received after our first month of operation.

I find your paper exciting, vital, alive.

E. Hemingway

A splendid example of true American patriotism and devotion to duty. Ike

The inside of the outside of emptiness-- which is truth. J. Kerouac

Hopeless incompetence; not up to previous standards.

Bob Moran

Irving Berlin

You leave me grunch, but for that egg-plant there.

Your crazy Uncle Ed

Intellectual; superior; unique!

N. Y. Times.

It stinks, you lousy capitalists.

N. Kruschev.

Fr. Courtney

Outstanding contribution to the field of nuclear Physics.

Werner van Braun

Logical; philosophical; aesthetic.

W. Murphy

The neighbor lady red it too me an it souns reel smart.

Mother

Your writing hits home like a kick in the guts.

Hickey Spillane

Mild; Quaint; Provincial.

Grace Metalious

Brilliant! Best thing that ever happened to the school!

H. Manning

With Ted Williams, Stan Musial, and Warren Spahn still hold-outs on the Knights baseball squad, Coach Walt Fields has been giving his other returning regulars a thorough work-out every day. With these three hold-outs there may still be room for you on the squad. Why not give it a try?