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Thanks

for our

Gift!

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DEAR EDITORS:

In last week's CARBON, an urgent request for "better 'required' assembly programs" was made. I am deeply puzzled as to the meaning in which the word "better" was used. It seems to me -- and to many of the students, I dare say -- that the required assemblies have almost always been of a superior quality. Let us take the ones of last semester as an example. For intellectual stimulation and pertinent information, there were the talks given by Dr. Fleege and Mrs. McVitty. For musical entertainment, there was the celebrated Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Ensemble. Perhaps the Christmas Assembly was not extremely dynamic, but is it not only fair that if some students were generous enough to offer their precious time and effort to entertain the rest of the student body (and the faculty too, of course) we should at least show our appreciation by our attendance?

Judging from the variety of performances of last semester, one must admit without prejudice that an effort had obviously been made to suit the varied tastes of the audience. But the fact that not everyone was satisfied was expected because it would need a superhuman power to please over 500 persons when taste is such a relative thing. Yet, to classify them as inferior simply because not ALL were satisfied would seem to be an injustice.

However, if the request for "better programs" was made in the sense that a still greater variety and more "exalted" programs be scheduled, then permit me to venture a list of them: the Arthur Godfrey group performance, Harry Belafonte with the Calypso, a Western scene with Maverick in person, a "Satch" from New Orleans singing the Blues or a talk by Mr. "Koolhaas" on "Hep cats dig assemblies -- so shovel man!" Perhaps these would fit better the Contestants' criteria for qualitative excellence??

P.S.C.

The CARBON is happy to receive your unsolicited letter of congratulations to the Assembly Programs Committee. Certainly a group that has done its job and has done it well, should be publicly commended. This last statement is always true, even though one may not agree that the Assembly Committee has satisfactorily fulfilled such a criteria.

The Student members of the committee represent the voice of 500 people, but their opinions are too often overlooked or misjudged to be inferior. Shouldn't our assemblies strike the cultural medium of the majority of Marianites?

Let's have a bigger and better Assembly Programs next year, but it

need not be brought about by present-day popular radical personalities of the entertainment field as has been suggested. Better assemblies would be a direct result of a bigger and better Marian. That's up to you!

If you don't appreciate or enjoy your daily reading, why not try your hand at writing something that would be inspiring to others and/or enjoyed by your contemporaries. The FIORETTI contest gives you a chance to see your work: poetry, essay or short story in print. Follow the directions on the bulletin board and remember this is the final week. So write, write, write.

DEAR EDITORS:

I am sure that the authors of the letter on the back page of last week's Carbon have heard of the expression, "You can't squeeze blood from a turnip." Then why are they advocating increased expenditures on the part of the administration? Here I am speaking in reference to "pressure" for a "Men's dorm, gym for seating crowds, better 'required' assembly programs, and clean campus around lake and hillside area." I wonder if they realize that each of the above mentioned requires a great deal of that good old green stuff called "money" and not only the ingredients of "working together."

I can suggest ways of obtaining some of this money. There could be a larger increase in the tuition. This, I am sure, would cause even greater excitement among the student body. All one has to do now is stand by the main bulletin board and watch the expressions and listen to the comments made by different students after reading about the present increase! Maybe the school could "do-away" with scholastic scholarships given to many of the students, but then, think of how many gifted students would be deprived of further education. A final suggestion for increasing the spending power of the administration is that you suggest to your father to will his millions to Marian College and forget about "little old you." What do you think?

All of these desired improvements are nice and good but let's give the school a chance to grow naturally. This is a college and it cannot afford nor should it be expected to give the facilities of a big university. In time it will -- but please give it time.

(Back-page editor wishes the author to remain anonymous)

It would have been more appealing if the author of the above had left out the second paragraph. In regards to the first paragraph, TRUE, there is no money. Plans have been made regarding new building facilities, but until a Government loan is realized or some such funds made available, then nothing will be done. All can rest assured that the Administration is acting in this regard....Now for the second paragraph. Is the author trying to be funny... trying to make Messrs Kyle and Dever look ridiculous...or are these the best that the author can think of for raising money. If the last is true, then it would be better to keep your mouth shut. Your second paragraph could repress anyone who might have been stimulated by last week's letter. We would like a better school (and I'm sure the author would too!). If you don't want to go along with our what some might call radicalism, (at least radical thinking if not radical doing) then please let us alone to try. We may be wrong, but show me a man who's never made a mistake and I will show you a man who's done nothing. In regard to "letting the school grow naturally," it wouldn't hurt if some of us would help it grow naturally.... B.M.

Outerspace prediction! Vets defeat Colts in Championship game at Marian College. The game to be played Sunday at 1:30 should be classed among the outerspace basketball "great events." satellite and attend this championship Intramural contest.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Fr. C. J. Crowley, S.S.J.
Saint Lucy's Church
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This Saturday will find the Knights playing their last home game of the season. The game against Earlham has been designated Parent-Senior Night. This will give the student body an opportunity to pay tribute to George Waning, leading scorer and only senior member of the squad, as well as the rest of the team. There will be a special halftime presentation..Let's get out and back the team like we should, but since before Christmas have not done.