Generous Aid Plan
To Benefit Students

“Everyone of ability can now go to college regardless of financial standing.” This is how Father Paul Connery summarized the recently passed National Defense Education Act, after attending a national meeting called by the U. S. Office of Education at the University of Chicago, Dec. 4.

This new legislation has made it possible for Marian College to increase and enlarge loans to students and prospective students.

The act provides that for every dollar which the college puts into a loan fund for its students, the national government will match with nine dollars.

No institution may receive more than a quarter of a million dollars. The amount appropriated by the federal government for this purpose is approximately six million dollars, up to date.

If in good scholastic standing, a student in need may borrow up to $1,000 a year, with $5,000 the over-all maximum. He does not need to begin paying back until one year after leaving the last institution of higher learning.

The three per cent interest rate is figured only on the unpaid balance. Special consideration, for instance in public school teaching, will be made.

Marian has applied for its first appropriation, which is expected about Feb. 15.

It is considered likely that the college will preserve generous loans until the appropriation comes.

Fr. O’Hara Conducts Retreat on Campus

Father Frank J. O’Hara, pastor of St. Denis Church, Shippman, Ill., will conduct the annual all-school retreat Jan. 26-29. The conferences will revolve around the theme “Birds and Bees of Catholic Living.”

Men and women students will attend separate retreats; first two days for men, last two days for women. Students who have made closed-retreats attend separate retreats; first two days for men, last two days for women. Students who have made closed-retreats on campus will be given the opportunity to attend the retreat on Campau.

Showboat Jan. 9

“Captain of the Showboat” to freshmen.

Dave Zeyen introduces “Captain of the Showboat” to freshmen committee members hard at work with decorations for annual freshman formal. Others left to right are Tom Bublik, Viisti Westen, front row Carolyn Stark, Mary Lou Westerhamp and Becky Yarber.

Drama, Music Set Holiday Mood

Highlighting the annual Christmas assembly Dec. 18 was the traditional Marian Madonna. Miriam Gannon, Marist teacher, was the vision of the Nativity. Vocal and instrumental groups were selected to represent the various Catholic churches throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

The Indianapolis Symphony String Ensemble will perform before a student assembly in the college auditorium, Jan. 8, 1950 at 10:30 a.m.

The group is composed of 12 of the best Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra personnel, according to conductor Mr. Robert Pacini. Conductor since 1938.

Mr. Pacini, who was recently appointed conductor of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, has been associate conductor of the Indianapolis Symphony since 1938.

A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, he has been master conductor of the Conservatory Orchestra and the State Symphony Orchestra in Houston. He has taught at Purdue University and the Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis.

Composer Seward Henson, who has composed music for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the symphony during Christmas vacation.

Family Day Talks

“Family and Business,” a talk on “Economic Life as Related to the Family,” was given by Dr. Norben Schaefer, president of the National Christian Family Movement.

Dr. Schaefer will present a five-point program for the improvement of the economic life of families.

Each family in the archdiocese is invited to attend.

Dean’s Message

“While all things were in quiet silence, . . . thy almighty Word, O Lord, came down from thy royal throne.”—Wisdom Xvii, 15-16

This text, so often applied to the mystery of the Incarnation, seems to demand that we emphasize the calm that accompanies God’s presence with men. To say “all things were in silence” would seem sufficient, but the Blessed Virgin, or at least the translator, would impress us doubly with the importance of this message. With radiant simplicity, she says all things were in “quiet silence”, or, more literally, “in the midst of silence.” Perhaps this is a special message of the Incarnate God to us on this new Christmas season.

The God of the New Covenant is not the God of manifest wonders and earthshaking commands; He is a silent God, seeking His kingdom on earth. But each kingdom to which He comes must give its own peace; a heart and a mind that are not afraid of silence—even “quiet silence.” It was well for us when, planning the Christmas gift-giving, the partying and the card-sending, to plan also for each of the twelve days of Christmas, a short period of “quiet silence.” It was a chance to look into the Eyes of God, then to face ourselves. God grant we may find time to put ourselves into the midst of silence during these Christmas days—that we may not be afraid of it—even of the “quiet silence.”

Sister Mary Olivia, O.S.F., Dean
Holly Wreath and Bomb May Mix

In the midst of weapon stacking, bomb planting, and propagation, the world pauses to celebrate Christmas. Sounds horrible, doesn't it? The joyous, holy season doesn't seem to fit into our war, or nearly-war, age.

But, think back to another time, when the world was likewise in a fluid state of fear and tension, perhaps 2000 years ago, for instance. That's when Christmas came.

Actually, the world then and now is a perfect setting for the occasion of the birth of the infant Christ. Because He did not come to us to "frost the cake of human joy, but to redeem men from the misery into which they had plunged themselves."

Christmas then belongs especially to our age because amid the uncertainty, the fear, "the misery into which we have plunged ourselves," in Christmas is our one last hope.

While on the subject of cuts, confusion seems to be queen at present — confusion on all sides.

The committee rules on just what constitutes unexcused cuts seem to be quite clear as far as they go. Just what does an "unexplained funeral" is, remains a mystery.

Several students have really found themselves dropped from courses, either because they count, can't read, maybe didn't understand the rules, or had a streak of very black luck.

Then, on the other side, the policy of some faculty members raises questions. What is the purpose of unexcused cuts? Does a student have the right to take them?

It seems that if a student wishes to take an unexcused cut, he may do so without the professor demanding a reason. If he misses work, that is his problem. If he hasn't sense enough to make good use of cuts, that's his problem, too, even if the only way he learns is the hard way.

With the coming of a new semester, it would benefit all students to really understand not only what constitutes an excused absence but what is the whole idea behind unexcused absences.

Honors Committee Studies 1959-60 Special Program; Answers Student Set-up, Eligibility Questions

Many universities and colleges in recent years have introduced honors programs either to their schools, which, it might be said, help solve the problem of "utilizing the potential of superior students."

Such a program is now in the planning stages at Marian. A committee of faculty members have studied the possibilities and believe the tentative plan discussed below would be most ideal.

There are many aspects unsolved as yet, and those interested may wish to inquire about advancement on the program within their own department.

What type of program would best suit our college?

It would be of more interest and would be covered in a semester-long seminar.

The seminar

Campus Possession Might Prove To Be Cheering Reminder

Mistletoe, a crackling fire, greeting cards, window displays, Santa Clauses or street corners — familiar? Of course! Christmas is only seven days away.

The family together for the holidays, rest, peace, Holy Mass — what more could you want? Chimes.

To celebrate, carols are usually played on our carillon before Christmas dismissed. We also get to hear them on special occasions and when visitors come. But those occasions are few and far between. It's a pity we can't hear them more often.

Just as our spirits are raised by Christmas carols, perhaps weekly playing would draw more people to Benediction attendance. Also, those Friday afternoons would end with the week on a happy note!

Editor's Notebook

Another year is ending. Looking back over 1958 as a whole, I think we can all agree that we've had some thrilling accomplishments. But we'd like to mention especially the progress we've been making in the spiritual realm.

High on the list, of course, is the return of the yearbook. Though not out yet, it has financial assurance, and an able staff hard at work. We feel quite confident an annual is here for keeps. Congratulations to all those who made it possible.

Another "best yet," and we're proud of them, is this year's basketball team. The guys are real team playing, the wins, the cheering section, too, have been real thrillers so far. We've only a season or two from a winning season, so "Go, Knights."

We must mention the dramatic tradition being established by talent and enthusiasm of the Players. The scenes from "Madame Butterfly" staged in the recent Cecilian Musicals and produced entirely by students, were really something to see.

Besides these extracurriculars, a less tangible but real increase in intellectual inter-

interests, noticeable since Sep-

tember, is still apparent.

It's hard to pinpoint, but the organized and thriving of several departmental clubs, discussion groups, and widespread interest in speakers and seminars, contribute to this.

We might add, too, on the spiritual side, the Marian College, that last month was the largest, and one of the quaintest, in the history of the retreat house.

A girl feeling to look back on progress, but of course the way to look is forward. Recollection of the past few months should encourage weary workers in all fields to return from vacation to make 1959 the most successful year in Marian College history.

Until then, the Phoenix staff wishes all a very joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Norberta Mack

Has Education Yielded to Government?

In the first place, it is a loan, not a gift, which must be repaid with interest, as a normal business deal. Secondly, this loan helps the individual student, not the college. The student is free to accept or turn down the offer at any time, and his field of interest is not altered by the fact that he has the loan.

It is vital to our national integrity that we use this governmental loan for higher learning, and to make sure those who have the ability get the opportunity. This was the aim of the Act.

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joyment of the evening as the curtain rose . . . We had heard exuber-

ant remarks after the Tamborines’ appearance last year, but were unprepared for the really joyous occasion it turned out to be. The cos-

tumes were enchanting, the students better perfect in rhythmic songs and intricate dances.

The Dauphines students were so versatile and happy throughout the program that the evening passed all too soon.

Mrs. Charlotte Perrin

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

To senior Donald Gobena on his marriage to Miss Kathleen Tosto, Thanksgiving Day at St. Matthew’s Church.

To senior Richard Brown and wife on the birth of a daughter, Karen Ann, Nov. 11.

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Point of View

Mailings Include Cops, Robbers
by Jan Herts

After what seems like only a year, we find Christmas is here once again. We find that it is a time for gaiety, shopping, yuletide "spirits", and good will. And lastly, the time to recover yester-year’s Christmas card list, scrub the jerks who forget you on their lists, then allow the broken-down postman to deliver your 14-tons of good cheer.

Everyone has a Christmas list, and everybody’s list, so in keeping with the spirit of the hour and democratic way of life, I too have one. And at this time, I’ll take space to mention those on my mailing list.

A Very Merry to Gov. Harold who does not go to Wash­ington to Günther. For one, German, to Peter Gunn and Jim Hardy, to the non-sup­porters of the yearbook par­ticipation drive, to Joe Stanisic, who would advocate 51-minute class peri­ods, to the three in Park School, and to the Madison Avenue Expressway8 extra who worked so hard for the better­ment of greater Indianapolis (and got caught).

Am I forgetting, a for­tunate’s resemblance to those immortal characters of "Tom Sweeney, "Hog Callin’ Time in the Polish Village, "See the USA in your Chev­erolte," and the theme from "See It Now."

And any list will not be complete, without wishing a glorious New Year to him who hangs up in the middle of the night, to he who writes the Christmas letter, to he who sends the radar screen for your cycle, to ye deemates in the mixed lounge, and to all eagle-eyed referees everywhere.

First sound that the cover bears is a serve shattering, clamoring, clanging bell that in­trudes a ringing day. If she is an old time, she will jump quickly into her slippers, race for her washcloth and towel, and pride herself on being the first in the bathroom.

Clara, Dinner, A.S.A.’s
Finally off to class goes the next set of expectations, and things WILL come! Our adorning Miss has for­tunate that tonight is the monthly pre-up dinner sponsored by her class and she is in charge of entertainment. She also forgot to ask housemother Miss Osmum for A.S.A.’s to curb the house­mates required from studying the night before with a flashlight, in order to avoid a light flan.

With a half second to spare she plies in her first raw seat and hurriedly collects her thoughts.

Pixie Week
This particular week is of great importance to our Miss; for this is Pixie Week. So, she isn’t ex­tra daffish during this time; on the contrary she is extra nice to the girl whose name she had drawn. In this way, each girl is a plate and at the same time is be­ing "piced." She smokes about unassisted making beds, leaving 10c for a coke, or maybe a candy bar. After days of anticipation, all plates are made known through the Pixie Party gift ex­change.

"Pork Up" Time
Toward the end of the week, with all last minute papers being typed, long clothes lists being made for an active Christmas va­cation, and absolutely no home­work due-bored students, it drops everything when she hears the melodious strains of Marian College products dur­ing dinner. They can’t wait to see what strange cycle she has chosen for them to compete with.

After what seems like only 5 a.m. New Year’s Day will also be displayed.

Marian College art exhibits are being featured this month. We find that Guerite Branda, Patricia Gropp, Knarzer, serigraphy by Paul Page, Guadalupe Berrios, Lois "The Hungry Fire" (watercolor); Gertrude Montag ‘55, "The Son of Mary" and "The Mex­ican Worker" (oil). A stabile of string and wires in the art display is also being featured.

Religious Christmas in Java Contrasts

Aside from Christmas, Daphne Magerman and Iris Huy­recht, both freshmen.

"Great Issues"
Stimulate, Challenge Student Teachers

Plato, John Dewey, and Jacques Maritain are among the "greats" of 12 senior education majors each Tuesday morning.

The occasion education seminar, the "gurus" appear by way of their original writings, edited by the Great Books Foundation.

"Great Issues" provides material for group discussions of such essays. Each session is devoted to a particular essay written by a different "great" for the Great Books club.

Future teachers in the group felt that "Great Issues" was desig­ned for men, when they think of a woman’s place being in the home.

"Home Away-From-Home Dorm Life of 112 Entails Hectic, Nostalgic Seasonal Activities

by Nancy Heiskell

Residents freshen Margaret Cook and Donna Battista (front) put finishing touches on door decor­ations, while junior Jan Durmert, left, and Nancy Heiskell feed a place under the tree for a "Plaque" gift.

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Tamburitzans’ Artistry, Teamwork Delights Capacity Audience

by Ann Marie Hagg

Duquesne University has 27 un­costumed cast of folk with a tour­ing of all the words to their folk songs.

Dancing vacations, the dance­men make long hours of the suit­cases are made each season.

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Hawks Cop Second; Celtic Dick McNeil League High Scorer

Led by veterans Bob O’Rim and Jim Jenks, the Vets have used a commando method in the early standings of the new intramural basketball season. They topped the Celts in the first games, 37-20, then whupped the Trotters, 40-35, and demolished the Lakers 51-15. O’Rim and Jenks stand among the scoring leaders at the end of the three games with 22 and 24 points respectively.

The Hawks with a 2-0 record are only a half-game behind after a devastating 71-54 triumph over the Trotters. The Celts, led by Dick McNeil, the league’s leading scorer, are a full game behind the leaders at 3-1.

Despite the red-hot shooting of Dave Field, the Knocks running in fifth with a 1-2 standing, trailing the Royals who have split two games thus far.

In the individual scoring race, Dick Michael has gone off and left the rest of the league for behind. Michael has scored 44 points in three games for a 22-1 average. Dave Field has 46 points for the Knocks; Dick Simko has tallied 49 points in two games for the Celts. As for the Celts, they have been with 32 for the Vets round out the first five.

The standings of the teams:

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Action will resume in the intramural season on Sunday, Jan. 11.

M-Club Officers

Recently-elected officers of the M-Club are Larry Kyte, president, Bill Murphy, vice president, Dave Field, treasurer, and Bob Rhine- smith, secretary.

The committee is currently discussing the proposed athletic homecoming. Whether or not it will be a successful season is not yet known, but a committee is studying ways and means of sponsoring the event for next season.

Any organization or individual interested is requested to contact club officers.

Knights Average 75.7 Points

In Five Won-Five Lost Season

by Ford Koller

The lack of height and some very heartbreaking losses have been the headache of the impressive Marian basketball team for their first ten ball games this season. At the end of these games, the Knights average 75.7 points per game, as compared to a 74.0 defensive average. The team is running 6 points ahead of themselves offensively and 2 defensively over the season last year.

Four Boost Field Goals

In field goals, the Knights, behind the .489 shooting of Bill Murphy, the .465 of Bill Swatts, the .491 of George Waning, and George Waning’s .491, are averaging 44.4, hitting 50 of 112 shots last year they averaged 41.5.

Three throw line, Walt Fields last season. George Waning and George Waning’s .419, are averaging 44.4, hitting 50 of 112 shots last year they averaged 41.5.

From the free throw line, Walt Fields has been a prolific scorer and a bruising force around the campus. The一年 season will be played each week. Games and pep rallies, and the team and coach are to be congratulated on their spirit, desire, and will to win.

With Christmas drawing near, we decided to consult old Santa to see what he had in store for some of the athletic personalities scattered around the campus.

For Jim Roberts, he has a couple of comedy co-eds to help him around the campus. Bob Kaiser is to receive a two-sided coin for the duration of the season, since he was seen getting a permanent 5’2” defensive man for the rest of the season. For deciding any tie baseball games next season, George Waning is getting a can of chewing gum.

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