

LETTERS

SMSO's 'Jingle Bells' concert was amazing

Editor,

Last Saturday night, we attended Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra's "Jingle Bells Forever" concert. What a delight! We heard some of our favorite Christmas songs, played using themes from many of the themes that we often hear. I had never heard "The Twelve Days of Christmas" played with more enthusiasm and variation!

Last year, we started purchasing four season tickets, instead of our normal two tickets, so we can take friends who may not be members. It has turned out to be a treat for both us and our friends! Another idea for giving at this time of year.

Jean Penwell
St. Joseph

A world-class treat at the Mendel Center

Editor,

Once again, little 'ol Benton Harbor/St. Joe was treated to a showcase event last evening (Dec. 22). The entertainment and quality of the Mannheim Steamroller Christmas concert tour performance at the Mendel Center was attested to by the double standing ovation of a packed house. Each of these musicians demonstrated a tremendous range of instrument talents, and the accompanying Mannheim Orchestra was comprised of members of our own Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra! How wonderful to have such professional talent here on a year-round basis.

Bravo, LMC Mendel Center, for a world-class production.

Mike Damschroder
St. Joseph