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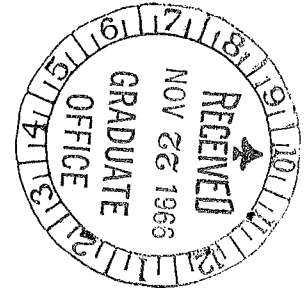


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Dear Professor Canfield:

In your letter of October 14, you suggested that I send you any information that I would like included in your December letter to Section members. You will recall that in my letter of September 7 I had suggested the possibility of a panel discussion on the topic "Problems in the first two years of college teaching."

Thus far my sixteen letters to two-year colleges concerning membership in MAA, the MAA Representative for their college and the suggested panel topic have brought five letters of response including four MAA Representatives. Three of these MAA Representatives made membership applications at the same time. The reactions to the suggested topic varied from "Sounds great to me" to no expressed reaction. Mr. David Q. Porter suggested that in view of the increasing percentage of students who will attend two-year colleges and eventually earn four-year degrees that "There must be more cooperative planning by representatives of two-year and four-year colleges to develop efficient curricula in mathematics." While he had not previously been a member of MAA, he offered his service for the future.

If you feel it appropriate, you might ask Section members to express a reaction to this proposed topic or to make suggestions for a panel discussion. Perhaps someone would volunteer to take part in a panel. I gave you my reaction to the possibility of using the CBMS-VSCMI pamphlet "The Role of Axiomatics and Problem Solving in Mathematics." I would not object to your inquiring about this possible panel topic if you were favorably impressed.

In view of our discussion on "What sort of topics would stimulate more interest in MAA?" at the Rutgers meeting, I would like to see you include a special appeal for expository papers in addition to the appeal for the research type of paper. I feel that the inclusion of

scholarly expository papers on topics of general interest might improve the nature of our section program. Often only a few really understand and are interested in the research papers which are presented.

Have you any suggestions for a special invited speaker? I feel that Dr. Blumenthal's lecture made a real contribution to our meeting last spring.

Sincerely,

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