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Dick Elgin, Editor
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Dear Mr. Elgin,

I received the January issue of the MORNINGSIDER today, and, as usual, read it immediately. Since there are a number of students from Denison and from the Denison United Methodist Church there, my interest in Morningside is high. Thank you for including me on the mailing list.

However, I was disappointed by the rather perfunctory treatment on page 3 of the group called TOMORROW'S SUNSHINE.

This group has been in the Denison church. In my estimation, they are a great credit to the college. The type of witness they made for the college, as its representatives, either official or unofficial, is exactly the kind of thing needed to enhance the relationship of college and church in a day when many church members are wondering about the place of the church related college. More important, however, than being good witnesses to Morningside College, the nine members of TOMORROW'S SUNSHINE proved to be effective and vibrant witnesses to Jesus Christ. I cannot commend the group too highly to you, to the rest of the college community, and to the churches of the area.

I believe that if you had looked into the matter you would not have added the rather insulting comment about the group's use of Mary Poppins. They do not use material from Mary Poppins.

Also I believe you, perhaps inadvertently, leave the impression that the TOMORROW'S SUNSHINE group charges for its services, and that it has refused to perform in the absence of being paid. That is not the case. The group does not charge.

I am certain that the MASTER'S MELODIERS, WINTER HILL, and other groups are important PR agents of the college and that they render an authentic witness in their performances, and I have no reason to detract from them at all. I just feel that TOMORROW'S SUNSHINE was short circuited and rather patronizingly dealt with in the January MORNINGSIDER.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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c: Pres. Thompson