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Those who will be representing I.H.M. at the semi-finals of the speech tournament early next year are: (seated, l. to r.) Joe Adams, Chris Diaz, Bob Borstelmann, Bill Lambe; (standing, l. to r.) George Boisse, Bill Hanlon, Ed Kilianski, Brian Stolte, Gerry Hefner, Craig McKee, and Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., moderator.

Ten Qualify In Speech

The preliminary rounds of the Diocesan Speech Festival were held at St. Joseph's High School, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on November 20, 1971. Bellefontaine was represented in the preliminaries by thirteen enthusiastic orators.

The contestants were judged and rated in several speech categories ranging from boys' extemporaneous to radio broadcasting. Bob Borstelmann entered "Boys' extemporaneous"; Joe Adams and Bill Hanlon entered "Group Discussion"; Chris Diaz, George Boisse, and Bill Vassilopoulos entered "Poetry Reading"; Dan Fyffe and Craig McKee entered "Prose Reading"; Ed Killanski and Gerard Hefner entered "Original Oration"; and Orlando Feliciano, Bill Lambe and Brian Stolte entered "Radio Broadcasting". For many of the students it was their third or fourth year in Speech competition, and for the others it was

only their first or second encounter in the area of public speaking.

The coach of the Seminary Speech Team is Father Walter Nabity S.C.J., who is also the speech teacher at Immaculate Heart. When Father was asked why these speech festivals were held, he said, "because they help encourage High School students to become better speakers. The student does this while watching his own peers perform. In reading prose or poetry he himself is encouraged to cultivate his ability in speaking or reading."

The semi-finals will be hosted by Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts on February 5, 1972. The qualifying requirements of attaining three ratings of excellent or better in the festival were achieved by ten of the thirteen contestants from Bellefontaine.

Debaters Optimistic

Bellefontaine's Dehon Debating Society got off to a good start in the Berkshire League this year on November 4. In the first two rounds of debate held at Pittsfield High School both the varsity and the novice debaters achieved a 3-1 won-lost record.

In the first two rounds of Diocesan debate, held at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass. on November 17, the varsity achieved a record of 2-1-1, and the novices finished with a 2-2 tally for the day.

The varsity team is led by Seniors Doug Watson and Bill Vassilopoulos, president and vice-president respectively, and Juniors Craig McKee and Gerard Hefner. The novice team consists of Sophomores Bob Borstelmann and Mike

Capazzoli along with Freshmen Chris Diaz and Andrew O'Neill. Immaculate Heart's coach and faculty moderator is Father Walter Nabity S.C.J.

The topic for all of the debates this season is a rather broad one, but one which is a very prevalent problem in our present day society, and one upon which our debaters have been gathering quotes and other evidence since the beginning of September. This year's topic is: "resolved: That the Jury System of the United States should be significantly changed."

This is how things have shaped up to date. There are still many more debates to follow including one here on January 13. We hope that by the end of the year we can report a first place victory for all our teams.

New Approach In Guidance

Since the beginning of the 1971-72 school year Father Robert Hess has taken over the position of Guidance Counselor here at Bellefontaine. It has been his job to continue and expand the counseling and academic guidance services offered through the recently established Guidance Program. Included in these services are the planning and selection of courses, the administration of standardized tests, group discussions of academic problems and individual counseling concerning study methods and college planning.

Father Bob came to Bellefontaine in September from Indiana. For the past three years he worked at Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson where he taught typing, religion and Latin, while at the same time serving as the moderator for the class of '71. While at Divine Heart, he began studying for a master's degree in Counseling at Indiana University at South Bend. Since coming to Bellefontaine,



New guidance counselor
Father Bob Hess, S.C.J.

he has continued his studies at North Adams State, from which he hopes to receive his master's degree in Education in the summer of '72.

Bob Hess has always shown a genuine interest in young people, their concerns and their problems. During the four years he spent in Europe prior to his ordination in Rome in 1967, he took advantage of every opportunity to work with disadvantaged teenagers. These experiences included a summer as a staff member at a reform school in Liverpool, and several months working at an orphanage in a poverty region in southern Italy.

By the institution of the Guidance Counseling service, and with Father Robert Hess as its Director, it is expected that the students will derive better comprehension of their courses and the responsibilities involved.



Brother To Assist Treasurer

Among the new members of the religious community here at Immaculate Heart this year is Brother Longinus Gerecht, S.C.J., and his is probably one of the most interesting lives of the community.

Brother was born on April 23, 1901, in Moenchengladbach, Germany. He entered our religious congregation about twenty eight years later on April 9, 1929, at Sittard, Holland, where the German province had built a house because of the persecution of religious communities in Germany under Bismarck. During these early years, he worked in Sacred Heart houses throughout Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany.

In answer to a call for volunteers to work in the American Province for five years, Brother Longinus came to the United States on July 15, 1936.

His first assignment in the United States was at Donaldson, Indiana, where the American Province had just opened a new house. There he worked at many and varied tasks.

After five years, Brother Longinus was unable to return

to Germany due to the outbreak of World War II. On the recommendation of his superiors, he became an American citizen. This greatly reduced the difficulty that he had as an alien, especially since he was, at this time, traveling throughout the United States to raise funds for the province.

He worked at Donaldson for sixteen years and during this time he managed to return to Germany in 1948 for a six week visit with his relatives. In 1952, Brother was transferred to Honesdale, Pa., where he was put in charge of the seminary farm until his health failed and he once again returned to office work.

With the closing of Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale last spring, Brother Longinus came to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Both the students and the faculty wish Brother success in the post he holds here as the Assistant Treasurer to Father Charles Kelly, S.C.J.

VACATION TIME

The first half of the school year has gone by, and the students have been able to go home to visit their families during both the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

During these vacations, the student has a chance to relax and get away from the mounting pressures of work and study at the seminary. The time home is used according to what the student himself wishes to do, whether it be visiting friends or relatives, or just catching up on some lost sleep.

The first opportunity for the students to journey home was on November 24, for the annual Thanksgiving holidays. Although this vacation lasted only four days, it was greatly appreciated since for many it was their first time home in three months.

The Christmas vacation will be a bit longer. The students will leave for their homes along the eastern seaboard on December 22 and will return to the seminary on January 3. The Christmas break offers the seminarians an ideal opportunity to relax and prepare themselves for the start of the second semester.

Christmas Makes The Scene

Each holiday season at Bellefontaine, the efforts of a group of students go unnoticed, until, suddenly, the final result: the spirit of Christmas is spread throughout the building. These efforts were conducted by the Decorating Committee. Headed by Senior chairman Ed Kilianski and Junior Keith Renaldi the crew worked diligently to prepare the school for the Christmas season, before the students departed for the annual vacation.

The materials used by the committee for the decorations were supplied largely by the faculty and some of the students. The rooms that were decorated by the committee were the Student's Chapel, the Dining Room, Lower library, Reading room, and the Promised Land. They plan to have outside decorations as well.

The staff of the Bellefontaine would like to thank the Decorating Committee for their services rendered to the school during the holiday seasons.

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! For most of us, Christmas brings fond memories to mind; Good will to all men, reunions of families, feelings of renewed closeness, warmth from the physical cold and a feeling of warmth in our hearts. We are filled with good food, good intentions and enough leisure (except for mothers) to enjoy loved ones.

We wish all of you that and more. We wish you that Peace of Christ which fills our hearts even when we have no family to rejoice in; when we feel overworked and distressed perhaps wondering where or whom to turn to. We wish you the Peace of Christ which lifts us up when depressed, strengthens us when we feel too weak to carry on and gives us a sure inner joy in the face of sadness.

We wish you that Peace which two tired and burdened travelers Joseph and Mary received two thousand years ago, the Peace of the new-born Christ.

We wish Him to be born anew in all our hearts this Christmas Day.

May God bless your Christmas and every day of the New Year.

In the new-born Christ,

Father Potocnak S.C.J.
Father Joseph Potocnak S.C.J.



The explorers taking a breather on a campout.

Explorers On The Move

Bellefontaine's Explorer Post 101, one of the major clubs here at the seminary, got off to a slow start due to a few setbacks. First on the agenda was the election of new officers to replace those who had not returned to the seminary in September. The results of the election found Wally Lukasik, President; Bob Piernock, Vice-President; Mike Perry, Secretary-Treasurer; and Ed Prybylski, the new Quartermaster.

The second order of business that had to be accomplished was to find a new Advisor to replace Father Bob Kurilec S.C.J., who was transferred to Donaldson, Indiana at the end of May. This however, proved to be quite easy since Mr. Charles Mindle was more than happy to return to the post after an absence of a year from the seminary Exploring program. Mr. Mindle will be assisted this year by Father Leo Kraus S.C.J., and Brother Jeremiah Magrath M.I.C., Father Kraus served as the Post Advisor three years ago here at the seminary.

Considering the setbacks, the Post was soon underway with its annual training campout in Bear-town State Forest on October 24. Attending the campout were Father Kraus and Brother Jerry along with 40 explorers, 27 of which were new members. Then on October 29, the new offices attended an Officers Training Seminar conducted by Post 198 of North Adams. An

all day affair, it taught the officers the best and most efficient way to run the Post. In November another campout was planned for the 19, and a workday was also held. In December, the Post traveled to the Springfield Armory and the Basketball Hall of Fame and held its annual Christmas party.

For the future, the officers, members, and Advisors are planning many and varied activities consisting of campouts, outings and meetings, as well as making plans for the super activity at the end of the school year.

Students Spike Faculty

On November 14th, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the student body began to file into the school gymnasium to watch the Student-Faculty Volleyball Game.

The students watched with joy and excitement as their team defeated the surprisingly skillful faculty team two games out of three.

The faculty team, featuring the S.C.J. and Marian fathers and brothers upset the students in the first match, 15-8. However, the favored (and more experienced) student team took the next two games to cap the series.

'Any Guy' Wins Talent Cup

On Sunday evening, November 21, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary held its first annual Talent Show of the 1971-1972 school year. With Leo Mahoney and Doug Watson as the Masters of Ceremonies for the event, the audience was presented with delightful entertainment throughout the evening.

Preparation for the Talent Night had begun on October 21 with the announcement from the Student Council that a silver talent Cup would be awarded to the class or group that presented the best performance. The show, in all, consisted of fourteen different acts, ranging from musical groups to humorous skits and one-act plays presented by the four classes, the Marians, and the Faculty.

Among the fourteen acts presented by the students and faculty, the following were the more outstanding performances: George Boisse and Bill Vassilopolous' guitar playing; "If Men Played Cards as Women Do", a one-act play presented by the seniors; a rendition of Rowan & Martin's "Dirty Old Man", and the "drafting of Christ" by the juniors; a Telethon, which consisted more of commercials than anything else, by the Sophomores; the Marians, "Any Guy"; Craig McKee's playing of "Love Story" on the piano; the "Daily Activities of the Students" as presented by members of the faculty; and "Prism" the school's newest musical group.

As the Talent Show concluded, the three judges, Fathers Kelly and Donlan, S.C.J. and Brother Arthur, M.I.C., chose the Marians' play "Any Guy" as most deserving of the talent cup. "Any Guy" was a takeoff of the medieval play, "Everyman", in which an average everyday man meets his judgment day.

A special note of thanks should go to Leo and Doug for their hard work in making sure that everything went smoothly and, also, to everyone else who helped make the Talent Night successful.

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Sister Margarita working in the laundry.

OUR SISTERS

Every seminary should have nuns, for they perform many tasks such as cooking, baking, laundry, and above all, showing their religious dedication to the seminary. The sisters here are of the order of the Oblates of Divine Love. They give their wholehearted effort to help the seminary in every way possible.

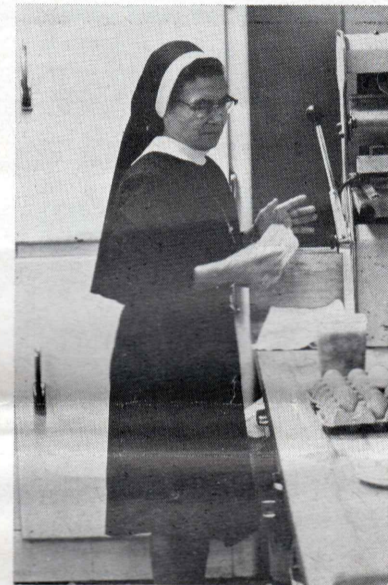
The seven sisters here at Immaculate Heart of Mary are: Sister Superior, Mother Soledad who came to us from Costa Rica in 1965; Sisters Theresa, Dorothy, and Margarita who came to Bellefontaine from El Salvador in 1948 and 1949, when the Mercy Fathers owned and ran the school as a minor seminary; Sister Stella arrived in 1962, Sister Ada Lia in 1966, and Sister Flora, in 1967, all three came to the states from Costa Rica.

The Oblates of Divine Love were founded in Morial, Italy by Margarita Dia Mira Chrispi. Their

works are the education of youth, the staffing of orphanages, and parochial work such as catechism. Their main spirit is love, immolation, and reparation, especially for priests. Wherever possible, the sisters have daily adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and from time to time have all night adoration in which the laity participate at times. This is especially true in Central America.

The first work to be done by the Oblates of Divine Love in the United States was the household care of a seminary in Lowell, Mass. This was in 1946. In 1947, Mother Anna Fasulo was called from her work in Costa Rica to Lenox. Soon, more sisters came and assumed the duties they have today.

Besides their work at the seminary, the sisters, on their day off, travel to Springfield, Massachusetts, where they do such Apostolic activities as teaching C.C.D., visit the aged and sick and in general, just make themselves available to the needy of the area.



Sister Theresa preparing the students' dessert.

Vocation Director Writes

Some time ago the editor of *Bellefontaine* asked me to write a column for the paper. Many of you fellows who read this paper know me as the vocation director for Immaculate Heart Seminary. The editor of the paper decided therefore that it might be a good idea to have me jot down a few thoughts every now and then about my work as a vocation director.

During the course of the school year I have a chance to visit many boys and their families throughout the northeast. In talking with these 8th grade boys I find that many of them are really interested in the priesthood or brotherhood. They feel, however, that by coming to the seminary for high school they will be forced to make a decision about their vocation before they are ready to make such a decision.

Nothing could be further from the truth. No one at the age of twelve or thirteen is able to make a definite decision about what he wants to do with his life. Let's face it—he is just too young! A boy at this age is still a boy. He can, however, have some ideas as to what vocation in life he may want to try. One of these ideas may involve the priesthood or brotherhood but he cannot be sure this is for him.

Here is where the high school seminary or minor seminary comes in. The high school seminary is not the place where a young man goes to become a priest or brother. He goes there to *find out* if he wants to become a priest or brother. He has to see priests and brothers in their everyday life and work closely with them before he knows if this type of life is for him or not. In other words one cannot just talk about priests or brothers to young fellows because this means very little to them. They have to see and experience priests and brothers in their everyday life.

In future issues of *Bellefontaine* I hope to come back to this topic. It's important that we all have a clear idea of just what is the purpose of the high school seminary. A lot of confusion about this point exists today because many people think of the seminary in terms of the past. Perhaps in the next issue it might be good to discuss the changing role of the seminary in today's world as well as the type of young man who is willing to give the seminary a try.

—Fr. Bob Donlan, S.C.J.



The newly-formed musical group, "Prism", consists of (l. to r.): Orlando Feliciano, Ken Pilla, Joe Adams, and Rick Pfeiffer.

ARE YOU READY?

These are the words that start "Prism" into action.

"Prism" is a new student rock group, that has shaken classroom walls for months now. The group is composed of four underclassmen, three freshmen and one sophomore, who believe very strongly that "feeling should be heard, not felt."

Orlando Feliciano plays lead guitar and is the vocalist for the new group. Orlando's unusual approach to rock adds to the uniqueness of the new sound. The drummer of the group is freshman Ken Pilla, whose quickness and ability adds to the style and grace of "Prism." Joe Adams, another freshman plays bass guitar. Joe offers that often unnoticed sound

that adds to the importance of the total production. Rich Pfeiffer, the only sophomore in the group plays the rhythm guitar. When his sound joins the bass and lead guitars and the drums, the harmony of rock is formed.

"Prism" gets together to form that kind of sound that has upset music of the past. The four young artists aren't trying to impress anyone, nor do they seek praise. "Prism only wants to deliver thoughts and feelings that are being repeated in the world today."

So when you hear the sounds shaking the walls, and are asked "are you ready...?" answer yes, and listen to the hard sound of... "Prism".

Student Bowlers Help Handicapped

Each week a group of students from Bellefontaine engage themselves in a number of Apostolic Activities in the Pittsfield-Lenox area. Both with their work here at the seminary, or going out to various places, these students are trying to bring a little joy into the lives of those people much less fortunate than themselves.

On every Sunday throughout the school year, three students, along with Brother Lawrence, S.C.J. go bowling with a group of disabled people from the area. Some of the disabled cannot walk properly, some are confined to wheel chairs, and some are even blind. But it is amazing how, as the seminarians found out, with a little help from them, these people can actually attain high scores.

The handicapped bowling project, whose goal is to help the seminarian help others, is often quite an experience for both parties involved. The seminarian feels a sense of accomplishment when he sees the smiles on the faces of the disabled. Likewise, the disabled participant experiences the joy of knowing that everyone is not apathetic, that someone really cares and is concerned about their well-being.

The life of a seminarian at Bellefontaine is a very busy one, but if it means helping another person, he will always find the time to do what little he can.

Press Time

The Yearbook staff, "Counsels '72" met its first deadline on schedule, December 13.

The Juniors and Seniors have started plans for the decoration and remodeling of one of the rooms to be used by all the students as a "Student Lounge".

Four Seniors have undertaken a new Apostolic Activity in Great Barrington trying to teach Mentally Retarded Children basic religion.

The entire staff of the BELLEFONTAINE and the student body would like to wish you and yours a Blessed and Safe Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to one and All.

Christmas Glee Club

"And suddenly there was... a multitude of the heavenly host..." singing, "Joy to the World..."

Just as the angels sang with joy at the birth of Christ, so to, the Bellefontaine Glee Club prepared to bring the glad tidings to the Berkshire area in commemoration of the anniversary of that momentous occasion.

This year the Glee Club planned an extensive program of performances, which included trips to the two hospitals and to various nursing homes throughout the surrounding area. All of these activities were completed before the students departed for their Christmas vacation, on December 22.

Bellefontaine Yesterday

As each school year opens here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, and all become accustomed to their new surroundings, many of the Freshmen still find an air of home-life on the property. The reason for this is that Bellefontaine, as the estate was formerly called, was once the home of Girard Foster.

In 1896, after many years of business success, Girard Foster purchased 200 acres of land from a Probate judge in Lenox, Massachusetts. A mansion was built in the middle of the 200 acres in a period of three years. It was designed after the famous Petit Trianon at Versailles in France, by Carrere & Hastings, of New York.

There were formal gardens on the east and west sides of the house, with borders planted in the informal manner of English cottage gardens. The inner court was planted on either side with rare evergreens, and in the center was a large beautiful Roman Verona marble fountain; part of which still stands. A marble balustrade once bounded the lawn and the driveway on the south, and was ornamented by the statues of two goats and eight little cupids, four centuries old.

In 1943, eleven years after Mrs. Foster's death, Mr. Foster attempted to sell the house, but because of complications, was unable to. He died on September 24, 1945, at the age of 95, and left almost everything to his son.

On March 1, 1946, the estate was sold in four sections to the Louchar company; to a Doctor Hunter Cohen of New York; to Edward E. Jenkins; and to a Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook bought the main house, ninety-six acres of land, the gate-house, the stables, and a green-house for a summer estate.

In our next issue of BELLEFONTAINE, we will continue the story of the estate, and how once again the building exchanged hands.

(NEXT ISSUE: The Church and Bellefontaine)

Aus Dem Deutschen Lande . . .

Exchange student? Who? From where? This was the reaction from many of the students when they discovered that Herman Flacke had come to Bellefontaine from Germany.

Herman comes to Immaculate Heart, from his home in Georgsmarienhuetten, Germany, where he was born on May 12, 1954. Before coming to the states, he attended Hauptschule Georgsmarienhuetten grammar school for five years, and Gymnasium Leoninum, a minor seminary for the priests of the Sacred Heart, in Handrup, West Germany.

His main purpose for coming to the United States is to study and learn to speak fluently the English language, as well as to see parts of the country. The idea of coming to Bellefontaine to study first entered Herman's mind when he heard about the exchange student program. He conferred with one of his teachers, Father Flatz, S.C.J., about the idea and thus, Father

Christmas Again?

Craig McKee

It's coming around to that time of year again. Yes, Christmas is approaching fast. But, before becoming involved with wrapping gifts, last minute shopping and so forth, I think everyone should stop and consider the following very simple questions.

The first, which is, perhaps, the most misunderstood, is "What does Christmas mean to you?" "Simple," you say, "It's a time to eat turkey, receive and give gifts, and to visit relatives you have not seen for a while." That's fine, but, did you ever stop to go a little bit deeper? Has the thought ever occurred to you that that side of Christmas was really being overplayed? When someone just mentions Christmas, who comes to mind first, Santa Claus or the Christ Child?

Just look at the first six letters of the word Christmas. Christ! Yes, Christ—the One Whom Christmas really stands for. That little baby born in a humble stable centuries ago. Why? For us. To redeem us, to enable us to live in eternal happiness with Him.

This day is Christ's birthday. Don't you naturally honor anyone on their birthday? Well then, Christ is really not very different from you. He was a child suffering, working, and growing into manhood. I think He deserves something for what He did. It is doubtful whether any of you know anyone who would willingly sacrifice himself to save you. But notice, Christ did it. It's about time people stopped and thought about that for a while.

Another question to ask is, "How did you prepare for Christmas?" You really could not answer this question unless you fully understand the previous one about what Christmas is. It's wonderful to have a Christmas tree and decorations all over the house, but, what about you? How are you "decorated" for Christmas Day? Since Christ comes on Christmas Day I hope you have prepared to receive Him.

The Church helped us in this area. She gave us the season of Advent. Some may not know, but the word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word "venio" which means I come - I - Who am Christ. As you can see, this is a most appropriate use of the word. Advent is just a time to stop and prepare spiritually. So, whatever your "Spiritual Christmas" is like would depend on how you made use of Advent.

And now, the last question "What are you doing to make others happy during the Christmas season?" Sure, you can give presents and gifts to your loved ones, but doesn't the Christmas spirit go any farther than your family and friends? What about the lady who dropped her packages in the department store? Or the man who has too many bundles to open a door? You can probably think of plenty of other situations where the need is the same: help! It won't hurt you to stop and help, or just show a little kindness to someone. Just a smile, or a cheery "Merry Christmas." Little things, but they can mean a lot to someone. Try it and you can see the difference.

All of this, and much more is Christmas. Yes, you can have plenty of fun, turkey, gifts, and visits. But this year, why not remember Christ? When you attend Mass on Christmas Day take time to tell Our Lord just how much you appreciate what He did on this day.

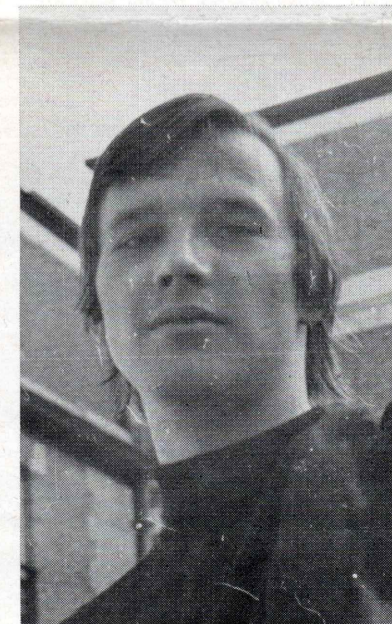
Remember, Christmas is what you make it. Make it great, not only for you, but for everyone. You'll see—with just a little bit of effort—it really works. Merry Christmas!

wrote a letter to Father Schmid, S.C.J. in Hales Corners, Wisc. Father Schmid in turn wrote a letter to Father Joseph Potocnak, S.C.J. rector of the seminary, who together with Father Robert Kurilec, S.C.J., made the necessary arrangements for Herman to come to Bellefontaine.

Herman says that he is very happy to be here in the United States and thinks that the people of this country are very hospitable. Although he likes the United States very much, he says that he would rather live in Germany, only because that is his homeland. He also likes the American way of life and enjoys watching the television program "Hogan's Heroes."

His future plans are to return to Germany and finish High School, after which he plans to enter a University and take up the study of law and become a lawyer or go into the field of social work.

We extend our sincere welcome to Herman and wish him luck and success throughout his stay here in America.



Teams Seek Repeat

Hockey Preview

The 1971-1972 inter-scholastic hockey season sees the Bellefontaine Patriots returning as the reigning Central Berkshire Hockey League champions.

The outlook is bright as first year coach Russ White will be welcoming ten returning lettermen.

Mr. White has already commenced the varsity tryouts and those that are almost certain to make this year's squad are: George Boisse, Joe DiPeri, Charlie Gallagher, John Jackson, Rick Roman, Alex Romanov, and Dom Specca (all seniors). The juniors are: Jim Koepfler, Mike Perry, and Bob Piernock. All were on last year's championship team.

All the regular season games will be played in the Wilde Sports

Center in Lenox.

The other teams in the league are: Cranwell School, Windsor Mountain School, and the Tri-Town Green and Maroon teams from Lenox Memorial High School. Hoosac (of New York) will also be competing.

All the sportswriters wish the Patriots success in their upcoming season.

Basketball Preview

Bellefontaine's varsity basketball season is just around the corner, and it looks like a good one. The 1970-71 Taconic Conference champions will be facing some rough competition, but they are prepared to meet it with an array of experienced basketball talent.

Father MacDonald, the team's

coach, has already gotten underway with varsity tryouts. He has four formidable lettermen returning to the squad. They are: George Keenan (last year's Most Valuable Player of the team and Taconic Conference All-Star member), Wally Lukasik (who has improved much since last year), and two promising sophomores in Dan McCusker and Tim Keenan.

The rough competition that this year's Magicians must face include: Stockbridge School, Cornwall Academy, Marlboro Academy, Buxton Academy, Berkshire Farms, and Schuyler Prep.

All of our best wishes go to the Bellefontaine Magicians for another championship year.

Favorites Triumph

Soccer replaced the traditional Thanksgiving Day sport of football this year as all four classes participated in the annual Turkey Bowl games.

The Turkey Bowl games took place November 17th at Eden Hill in Stockbridge as the freshmen took the field against the sophomores, followed by the junior-senior clash later that afternoon.

In the first game the heavily-favored sophs shut out the inexperienced freshmen, 3-0. However, the freshmen surprised everyone with their outstanding spirit and enthusiasm throughout the game. The victory was not too easy for the second-year men as they had to rally in the second-half to crush the upset-minded frosh.

Tradition continued to be upheld as the seniors posted the second blanking of the afternoon, defeating the juniors, 4-0.

This game proved to be the more exciting one of the two because of the fact that both classes contained a good share of varsity talent.

The big star in the game was Alex Romanov who scored three of the four senior goals.

Both squads played a tremendous game despite the fact that the juniors couldn't push a score past the senior goalies, Pete Grazulis and Rich Roman.

All four teams played well and hard with true sportsmanship prevailing. Certainly this is a credit not only to the individual classes but to Bellefontaine as well.

henn and the leagues' most outstanding goalie, Matt Torrey, the team compiled a record of 3-2-1.

In last place, with a winless record, was the team captained by Dave Richardson. Together with Ken Pilla and John Moran in the forward positions, and Joe Adams on defense, the team always presented a threat to the other teams. Their final season standing was 0-6-0.



The Bellefontaine Magicians in action against Hoosac.

Injuries Cripple Magicians' Hopes

The Magicians of Bellefontaine finished their second inter-scholastic season in the Taconic Conference with a record of three wins two losses and one tie. Their over-all record was six wins, five losses, and one tie.

Bellefontaine's varsity squad originally consisted of twenty-three men, however, during the course of the season, the team was reduced to approximately eighteen players because of injuries.

The coaching staff was led by Father Mike Costello, M.I.C who was assisted by Father Richard MacDonald, S.C.J. and Brother Alfie Gayne, M.I.C. The student manager of the team was Henry Leszkowicz.

All of the home games of the Magicians were played at Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts—the home of the Marian Fathers. The most significant game of the season for I.H.M. was their "homecoming" game played at Eden Hill against Stockbridge School. This was an exceptionally enjoyable day because of the many parents that were on hand to watch. After the game, everyone gathered inside the Marians' cafeteria where speeches were given and awards were presented to the various players. Refreshments were served by the Marian students.

As we look back on the season, we can see that it has been a very rewarding and successful one. I.H.M., again, came close to winning the post-season tournament.

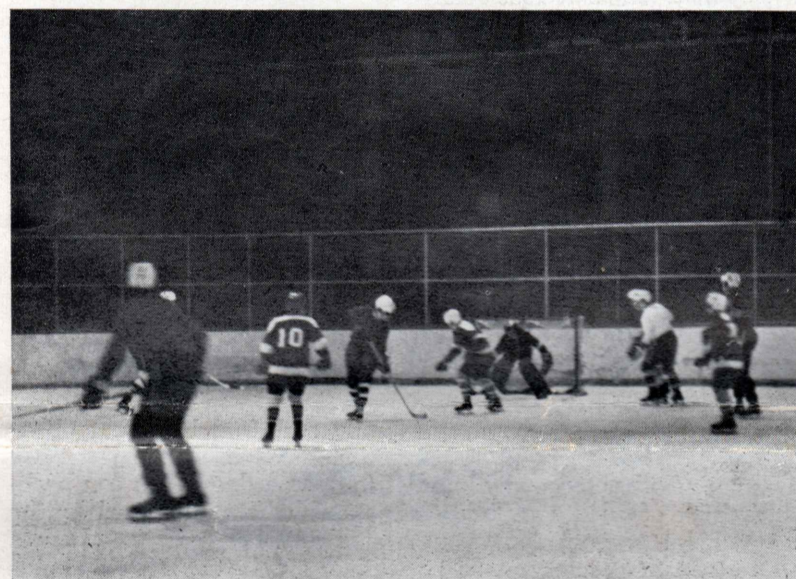
Special recognition goes to the seniors who have participated in their final soccer season here at Bellefontaine. They are: George Boisse, John Bolton, Paul Kiley, Ed Kilianski, Harry McAllister, Alex Romanov, Henry Smith, Dom Specca, Mark Thompson, Bill Vassilopoulos, and Hermann Flacke.

We, the sports staff of the Bellefontaine, wish to congratulate the entire Bellefontaine Magician soccer team for a highly respectable 1971 soccer season.

The 1971 season in review:

September	26	I.H.M.	3	HOOSAC	1
	29	I.H.M.	6	BERKSHIRE FARMS	0
	30	I.H.M.	2	LEE	1
October	2*	I.H.M.	2	BERKSHIRE FARMS	1
	13*	I.H.M.	2	SCHUYLER	1
	16*	I.H.M.	3	STOCKBRIDGE	4
	23*	I.H.M.	3	HOOSAC	5
	26	I.H.M.	1	PITTSFIELD	2
November	3*	I.H.M.	5	SCHUYLER	1
	4*	I.H.M.	2	WINDSOR MOUNTAIN	2
	6	I.H.M.	3	STOCKBRIDGE	4

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* conference games



The Bellefontaine Patriots in a pre-season scrimmage.

SOCCER GOES INTRAMURAL

Father MacDonald remarked that it was "one of the best intramural seasons we've ever had" and the students agreed as the first intramural soccer season came to a close on November 12.

The end of the season found George Keenan's team in first place with a record of 5-0-1. The team's offense led by Wally Lukasik and George himself, together with the defense consisting of fullbacks Ralph Plumridge and Mike Capazzoli and goalie Dan McCusker, proved to be an unbeatable combination throughout the season.

Following right behind and in second place with a record of 4-1-1 was the team captained by John Jackson. Together with the scoring ability of John, Joe DiPeri, and Doug Watson; and a balanced defense, John's soccer players always presented a threat to the other teams.

Charlie Gallagher's squad of soccer players held on to third place in the "A" league competition. The offensive attack was usually set up by Charlie and Bob Piernock, while the defense depended greatly on the abilities of fullback Keith Renaldi and goalie Rich Roman. Their season ended with a record of 2-4-0.

In last place, was the winless team captained by Leo Mahoney. The team's offense was led by Leo and the defense by fullback Craig McKee and the league's most outstanding goalie, Pete Grazulis. Although the team was winless their spirit and drive never decreased and they always kept the games close.

Freshman soccer, although looked down upon by the higher league, put up a great fight to prove to the upperclassmen that they could hold their own in soccer.

In first place, with a record of 4-1-1 was a well-balanced team led by captain Fred Ramsey. The offense of the team was usually sparked by Fred and "slick" little Danny Fyffe. The defense depended on Charlie Samolinski and Paul Krug.

Matt Wilkowski's soccer players did well on both offense and defense and finished the season with a 3-1-2 record. Matt gave depth in the defense, while Keith Lewis and Marty Cummings led the offensive attack.

A team which made the freshmen league as tough as it was, was captained by Tim Ryan. Together with the scoring ability of Tim and Andy O'Neill and the defense consisting of fullback Jim Barbe-

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