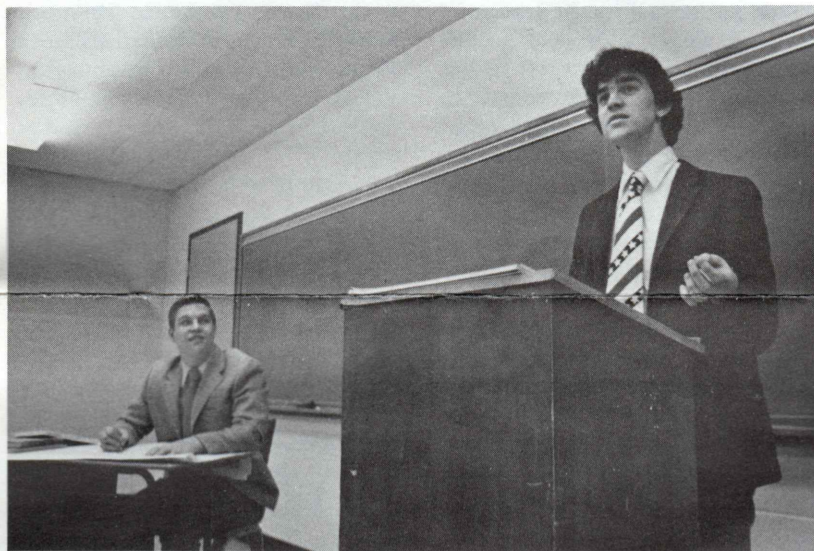


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Debaters Gerry Hefner and Craig McKee presenting their case in defense of the status quo.

VARSITY DEBATERS CAPTURE FIRST PLACE

Since the last issue of the BELLEFONTAINE, I.H.M.'s Dehon Debating Society has taken great strides forward.

The final round of the Springfield Diocesan Forensic League was held on March 5, at Holyoke, Massachusetts. The varsity team of Bill Vassilopoulos and Doug Watson finished the season with a 2-5 won-loss record. The other varsity team consisting of Gerard Hefner and Craig McKee finished the year with a 3-4 record. To offset our poor standing in the league, Craig McKee and Doug Watson won third and fourth place varsity speaker awards respectively. On the novice level, Andy O'Neill and Chris Diaz, making up the affirmative team, finished with a 1-6 record. No negative team was entered in this league on the novice level.

In the Berkshire Forensic League, which still has one more round scheduled, the varsity teams are presently in first place. Doug Wat-

son and Bill Vassilopoulos have compiled an 8-2 won-loss record, and Gerard Hefner and Craig McKee have attained a 7-3 standing. On the novice level, the negative team of Bob Borstelmann and Mike Capazzoli have a record of 3 wins and 7 losses, while the affirmative, Chris Diaz and Andy O'Neill maintain a 5 wins and 5 losses record.

The Dehon Debating Society would like to express recognition and special thanks to George Boisse, Joe Adams, Mike Shuler, and Dan Fyffe who have served as substitutes throughout the season.

Rev. Walter B. Nabity, S.C.J., debate and speech coach, is pleased with this year's debating results and is particularly elated at the idea of the first place varsity trophy. Frater Tim Gray, S.C.J., and Frater Bob Markunas, S.C.J., should also be thanked for their services as judges throughout the season.

STUDENTS MAKE ANNUAL RETREAT

The student body made their annual retreat February 16-18, under the direction of newly ordained SCJ, Father Thomas Tucker, and the assistant pastor of St. Peter's Church in nearby Great Barrington, Father Merle Lavoie.

The seminarians were split into two groups for the retreat, each having one retreat master. Father Lavoie acted as retreat master for the freshmen and sophomores, while Father Tucker, who is presently involved in the Chicago House of Studies for the S.C.J.'s, served the juniors and seniors.

It was felt that splitting the student body would be most beneficial since it allowed each retreat master to become more particular in his conferences. Since the concerns of a junior or senior are quite different and a bit more involved than those of the underclassmen, it was felt that giving the juniors and seniors a separate retreat would be in their best interest. Also, giving the underclassmen a separate retreat allowed Father Lavoie to concern himself totally with the needs of the average student going through that particular life stage. The division into the two groups also presented great opportunity

for the students of each group to get to know their retreat master and for the retreat master to get to know them.

Throughout the retreat the daily conferences were mainly concerned with the topic of self-evaluation and with getting to really know what other people are like. The rest of the schedule consisted of daily mass and other spiritual exercises, as well as ample time for personal meditation and reflection.

Many of the other religious services and activities centered around the problems of today and how we as seminarians could become more aware and involved in today's world. This was strongly brought out in a Penitential service conducted by Father Tucker.

The retreat concluded on Friday morning with a concelebrated mass in the student chapel which included sermons by both Father Tucker and Father Lavoie summing up their purpose for the retreat. All agreed that the retreat was both beneficial and worth while in helping to solve many of our everyday problems and to live as better Christian men.

S.C.J. Missionary Visits I.H.M.

In late February, Bellefontaine was honored with a visit from Father Thomas Fix, an S.C.J. missionary presently working in Sumatra.

Father Fix, on his way back to Indonesia after a five month leave, spent time visiting his old classmates and his other confreres on the faculty. He also took time to address the students at an evening assembly on the people, customs, and missionary work on the island.

Father's talk was brief, but the numerous questions asked extended the talk to an hour. The questions posed by the students ranged from the political system to the native



tongue. Each question was well prepared, and each answer was a contribution to the educational objective of the lecture.

Father Fix informed the students that, despite the fact that many natives are professed Moslems, many are still willing to listen to the words of Christ and to be received into the Catholic Church. It's always a great joy and a great boost to the student morale to listen to a man like Father Fix who is currently doing what some of us can now only dream of.

We wish Father the best of luck in all his work with the people to whom he has dedicated his service and also we hope that he has a safe trip back to the other side of the world.

HONOR ROLL

HIGH HONORS:

Seniors: Herman Flacke, George Keenan, John Jackson, Mark Thompson, **Juniors:** Gerard Hefner, Mark Garrow, Craig McKee, Mike Perry, Frank Presto; **Sophomore:** William Szewczyk; **Freshmen:** Chris Diaz, Joe Price, and Matt Wilkowski.

HONORS:

Seniors: John Bolton, Peter Grazulis, Ed Kilianski, Harry McAllister, Rich Roman, Alex Romanov, Bill Vassilopoulos, Doug Watson; **Juniors:** Emery Beaulieu, Keith Burrus, Jim Koepfler, Henry Leszkowicz; **Sophomores:** Kevin Connelly, Denis Connelly, Dave Holodak, Dan Sormani, Bob Trahan; **Freshmen:** Louis Corneau, Mike Frisco, Tom Lambe, Terry Lavoie, and Mike Shuler.

Juniors Awarded "Talent Cup"

On Thursday evening, February 17, Bellefontaine held its second annual Talent Show of the 1971-1972 school year. With Ed Kilianski and Mark Thompson as the Masters of Ceremonies for the event, the audience was presented with enjoyable entertainment throughout the evening.

The program, which took place in the seminary gym, consisted of twelve different acts, ranging from mock soap operas to comedy routines and musical performances. These excellent displays of talent were presented by the seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.

The seniors put their versatility to good use as George Boisse and Bill Vassilopoulos performed on their guitars; the seniors also presented *The Miracle Worker* and the "mock" soap opera *The Continuing Story of the Dejected Housewife*. The junior class, using a commendable amount of talent and imagination put on *The K.I.A. Six O'Clock News Report*, which poked fun at everything from world news and sports to salad making. Bob Piernock, Keith Burrus and Craig

McKee provided some musical entertainment for the audience representing the juniors. The sophomores kept away from telethons and put on *Pushbutton Skit*. The freshmen performances included *The Student Mafia*, *Who, What and Where in Baseball*, and a *Call to Bellefontaine*, which was a rendition of "Laugh In's" telephone operator, Lily Tomlin, presented by Bob Forget and Kevin Fay.

As the Talent Show concluded, Mark and Ed announced that the Talent Cup would be awarded the following day to the class that exhibited the most imagination, originality, and quality in their acts. The judges, who wish to remain anonymous, selected the Junior Class for their performance of the *K.I.A. Six O'Clock News Report*, with honorable mention going to Bob Forget for *Call to Bellefontaine*.

A special note of thanks should go to Ed and Mark for their hard work in making sure that everything went smoothly and, also, to everyone else who helped make the show a success.

CANDY DRIVE PROVES SUCCESSFUL

On November 22, 1971, it was brought to the attention of the Student Council that both the Varsity Basketball and Hockey teams were in dire need of new uniforms. The cost of these uniforms would be somewhere around seven hundred dollars, so the student council decided to start a fund-raising drive to raise the money. A suggestion was brought up to conduct a candy sale. After much deliberation on the matter, the members of the council agreed on the suggestion.

Letters were written to various chocolate companies throughout the United States to obtain different information. It appeared that the Chocolate Company of America would give us the best deal, so without delay the school president, John Jackson, contacted Mr. Vincent Harrington. Mr. Harrington, district manager for the company, came to Bellefontaine to explain the procedure for selling the candy.

Within a week, the candy had arrived and the selling had begun.

I.H.M. Boasts Six Medalists

Eight students attended the Diocesan Speech Festival held at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts on February 5. George Boisse and Gerard Hefner attained gold medals in Poetry Reading and Original Oration respectively. They did this by achieving the minimum of twenty-three in each of the three rounds marked on the basis of twenty-five total possible points.

Four of Bellefontaine's students also achieved silver medals. They were: Brian Stolte, who participated in Radio newscasting; Craig McKee, for his Prose Reading; and Bill Hanlon and Joe Adams for their parts in the Group Discussion category. To achieve a silver medal, each contestant had to obtain at least eighteen points or higher in each of the three rounds. Thus, six of our eight contestants excelled in their speaking ability by bringing home medals.

The staff of BELLEFONTAINE wishes to congratulate these men and to encourage them to continue their efforts toward greater Speech Horizons.

The student body canvassed all of Berkshire County with surprising speed; each individual class giving its 100% to top the other classes. In less than two weeks, 7,081 boxes of candy were sold and this resulted in a profit of \$1174.00, a sum which far exceeded the goal set by the student council. Before the Christmas vacation, a check for the sum of \$1,000.00 was presented to Father Joe Potocnak for the uniforms and other articles. The remaining \$174.00 was put into the student council treasury.

Special recognition should be expressed to Mike Sweeney, a sophomore; and to Steve Kennedy, a freshman; who were the two top sellers in the school.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the faculty, who sacrificed much of their time to drive the students around the area, to all the students who sold candy, and especially to the generous people of the Berkshire area who made our drive successful.



Top candy salesmen Mike Sweeney and Steve Kennedy with their empty boxes.

PAX

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

The young men here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary are like young men everywhere. Some have trouble getting up in the morning; some like to joke in class; most enjoy vacations; many are fanatics about sports (two league championships last year). They feel attracted to the opposite sex; they are not particularly overjoyed with the idea of doing the dishes, etc. In other words, they are boys.

Young men elsewhere are seeking their identity the same as our young men here. The difference being that our young men here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary are going through the search for their own identity by testing out a desire — the strange, vague, real and unreal notion that perhaps God is calling them to be a priest or brother. They are doing it by spending a few precious years with men who have vowed their lives to God. They don't know if they will ever become priests or brothers of the Sacred Heart, but Christ told them to "Come and See". This they did. Their search is by His guiding light.

We ask your prayers for them and for all of us here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. The Seminarians are not the only ones searching for Christ's direction. Daily we seek out His way. We will pray for you, also, that His way will be found in your life.

God bless you and your family.

Yours in Christ,

Father J. Stoenski S.C.J.

Father Joseph, S.C.J.

STUDENTS ELECT CLASS OFFICERS

With the start of the new semester, the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen have been quite busy nominating and electing new class officers. The most important purpose of the elections is to select the best possible students from the respective classes to lead that class in example, spirit, and leadership. From the old officers came a sigh and from the new came aspirations of a better tomorrow. We congratulate both the old and the new officers of the underclasses.

On February 9, the Junior class held their elections. After much thoughtful consideration, Francis Presto was elected president. Jim Keopfler will serve as the vice-president and Gerard Hefner will take care of all correspondence as the class secretary. Steven Roy and Bill Hanlon will represent their class on the student council.

The sophomore class chose those whom they found promising and willing to take the responsibility. The voting results were pre-

cise, showing that they would back their new president, David Holodak, as well as their vice-president, Bob Borstelmann, and Student Council Representatives, Thomas Brown and Ray Palermo.

As might be expected, the Freshmen were once again anxious to vote for their new class officers and did so on February 27. Although the outcome was close, the majority of the class was content with the officers they had selected. As president, Andy O'Neill was chosen on the third ballot, Martin Cummings was selected as the class vice-president and Ken Pilla and Joe Adams were chosen to represent the freshmen at the student council.

These newly elected officers are expected to cooperate with the school officers in the upkeep of the school. The School officers, John Jackson, President; Doug Watson, Vice-President; and Ed Kilianski, Secretary; are elected for a one year term.

SMOKING POLICY CHANGED

After many months of great deliberation over the pros and cons of this matter by both the Student Council and the Faculty, the smoking policy of Immaculate Heart has been changed. Under the new policy, any student who does not participate in any inter-scholastic sport and who has obtained the written permission of his parents, is permitted to smoke during his free time.

The change in this policy was passed by the student council in October, 1971, and ratified by the faculty in December. This was by no means a hasty decision and opinions on this matter were requested from all the students, teachers, and members of the community. It was also made clear that the change in policy is in no way to be looked upon as an encouragement to start smoking, but it is felt that the seminarian should be mature enough to make that decision for

himself, after considering the suggestions of parents and members of the seminary staff.

Along with the limitations on the times a student may smoke, there are also limitations on those places in which he may do so. It was decided that smoking would be allowed outdoors and in the Promised Land (the snack bar). But, because of inclement weather and the limited hours at which the "P.L." is open, the juniors and seniors collaborated in redecorating one of the student recreation rooms as a student lounge where smoking is now also permitted. Under the direction of Gerard Hefner, the juniors and seniors painted the room, collected furnishings, and purchased curtains with funds from the student council. The room, now completed, has proven to be an excellent place for quiet enjoyment of one's recreation. It makes a well ventilated smoking lounge



School secretaries, Mrs. Scaramuzzi and Mrs. McGee going about their daily work.

TRIBUTE TO SECRETARIES

Working diligently behind the scene during the school day, are Bellefontaine's two dedicated secretaries, Mrs. Dolly McGee of Pittsfield, Mass. and Mrs. Idamae Scaramuzzi of Lee, Mass.

Mrs. McGee has been employed here at the Seminary since its founding in 1961. She acts as general secretary to all of the priests and brothers, and is in charge of all the paper work and correspondence of Bellefontaine. Mrs. McGee has one son, who is currently attending North Adams State College, and two married daughters.

Mother of three, Mrs. Scaramuzzi is the library's secretary. Since her arrival here in 1968, Mrs. Scaramuzzi's duties have been those of assisting the head librarian in general library work and in the major task of reclassifying the library into the Library of Congress system.

Both these women often collaborate their efforts in efficiently carrying out the numerous secretarial duties of this Seminary. Their labors are noticed everywhere and are greatly appreciated by all who reap the benefits of their dedicated work.

It is only right that the Bellefontaine staff pay tribute to Mrs. McGee and Mrs. Scaramuzzi for all that they have done to contribute in their own way to the betterment of Immaculate Heart Seminary.

A NEW LOOK FOR LIBRARY

During the years that Bellefontaine has been in existence, the library department here has grown tremendously. Presently, the library is located in the old wing and is divided into three different sections. Because of this situation, the library has several marks against it. For one thing, it is very inconvenient for a student to go to the library, especially during class time, because it is located so far away from the area of the classrooms. Another disadvantage of the library is its division into separate areas, as was stated before. For a student to do research work, he has to go to three different parts of the old wing to collect all his material. Then after he is done, he must go through the whole routine again so that he can return all the books he has borrowed.

Recently another problem has arisen. The library has grown so rapidly that the specified areas cannot accommodate any more books, thus, stifling library expansion. It is because of these problems that the library will be moved to the study hall in the new wing.

The study hall was chosen because it will obliterate all of the problems the present library has. In

its new location, the library will be an invitation to all students to make use of it. The new library will be more compact and, therefore, it will be easier for a student to do research because all the information he needs will be right under his nose. There will be an abundant amount of space for expansion in future years. Another advantage of the move is that there will be better lighting both during the day and at night.

Before the library is moved, the physics lab ceiling must be reinforced so that the floor of the new library will not collapse under the strain of the desks, chairs, and bookcases it will be supporting. Metal bookshelves must be brought to Bellefontaine from the recently abandoned Kilroe College in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

The rooms that the library will vacate will be changed into study centers for underclassmen. The lower library will be an area in which only rare and old books will be kept for exhibition and reference.

Once the library is relocated, Bellefontaine will become a better place for its residents to study and live.

What is Brotherhood?

Edward R. Kilianski

Brotherhood? For the past seven months the students of Immaculate Heart have heard this word as being part of the theme for the 1971 — 1972 school year. But how many people, either here at the seminary or out there in the world, actually know what the word means? If they do know, how many people actually practice it? Brotherhood. . . When I think of the word, I usually think of the life of a priest or religious as one characterized by an unselfish giving of oneself to others. The priest becomes a priest not for the purpose of getting himself to heaven, but for the purpose of getting others to heaven; the purpose of a religious, I feel, is the same. The priest and religious must learn to die to himself and to live for others. This is what Brotherhood means to me as a seminarian and as an individual.

For the priest, the spirit of Brotherhood does not come automatically with ordination or profession; it is something that must begin developing in the earliest training of one who is aspiring toward the priesthood or brotherhood. For this reason, it is my firm belief that Apostolic Activities should be one of the most important extra-curricular activities of a seminary. For it is here that a seminarian gets a realistic view of what it means to give of himself for the benefit of others. At first the endeavors are not too difficult, and the seminarians usually find a certain amount of enjoyment in them. However, as time goes on, each endeavor becomes more difficult. As the novelty wears off, the project becomes more demanding and it doesn't seem to be much fun anymore. It's at this point that a person learns the full scope of the commitment. It is here that he begins to understand what it means to give of himself. It is here that he realizes what Brotherhood is all about! The satisfaction felt by the seminarian, who knows that he is being of definite service to someone not as fortunate as he, is seldom submerged by the difficulties which may arise from his commitment. The seminarian comes to the realization that if he is working only for his own personal good, he is worthless, but if he is working for the good and welfare of others, he is really worth something. The person acquires a tremendous amount of growth from these activities and, in the final analysis, he will perhaps discover that his work and effort will prove to be just as beneficial to himself as to those people he was actually trying to help.

The Apostolic Activities program for the 1971—1972 school year is practically non-existent because it never really got off the ground. We do have two activities, as our readers know; our seminarians go bowling with the handicapped and tutor mentally retarded children in the area. But let us not look to the past, but to the future. It is the future that holds a better tomorrow, but it must begin today! We will not realize what Brotherhood is until we start helping others, helping others in the smallest possible way with our concern. In the future, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is planning a bigger and better apostolic program so that each and every seminarian can grow to the full realization and appreciation of Brotherhood.

With these words and with this prayer, I ask you to show some act of kindness to someone who needs your help and your friendship. "Teach us good Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward but that of knowing that we do your will." Brotherhood . . . giving of one's self!

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NIXON POLLS SIXTY-THREE PERCENT

People love to speculate, and then try to show others that they have reasons for their statements. When speaking of the coming elections many people depend solely on polls. This country is plagued with polls. Whether it be the Gallup, Harris or just a local poll, people are interested in the outcome. The seminarians here at Bellefontaine are also interested in the future elections; so the staff of Bellefontaine got out their pens and pencils and began what they considered an ordinary poll. The results were stunning.

Ballots were distributed, and the students cast their votes. With all the candidates listed for the Presidency, these were the results:

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| Nixon-Agnew | 63% |
| Muskie | 21% |
| Humphrey | 5% |
| Others | 9% |

The shocking things about the polls were as follows:

1. 86% of the students feel that Nixon's trip to China will be beneficial to our relationship with that country.
2. 84% of the students feel that this trip to China and his future trip to the U.S.S.R. will aid his re-election chances in Nov.
3. 63% of the students, however, feel that it will have a negative effect on our allies.
4. Of the eighty-one students polled, fifty-five of them consider themselves to be Democrats or Independents. Of these, 66% voted for President Nixon because they feel he is doing a good job.

This poll was taken on March 1, but you must consider that the Democrats have not yet nominated a candidate for the Presidency, a fact which could change our results. Most of these students are not able to vote, but could show the general feeling of the eastern portion of the United States. Polls, in general, do have some bearing on the coming election.

Yearbook Goes to Press

After months of preparation and countless hours of work, *COUNSELS '72*, the school's yearbook, made its final deadline on February 25.

The two editors, Leo Mahoney and Harry McAllister, along with the rest of the yearbook staff and the faculty moderator, Father Thomas Burns, chose the best material from hundreds of photographs and thousands of words for publication in the pages of *COUNSELS '72*.

Each section of the yearbook was under the direction of a section leader and his assistants. Every section leader compiled all the necessary photographs and copy for his section. Then, together with the editors, he planned and placed his material within the number of pages allotted to his section. Finally, he transformed this assemblage to permanent sheets which went to the publisher. With mutual coopera-

tion among the editors, the section leaders, and the faculty moderator, this yearbook went to press as the work of a team.

There is one section, however, which makes the entire publication possible. This is the business section. This year the section was under the direction of Joe DiPeri and Charlie Gallagher. They organized the patron campaign and solicited the local businesses for their patronage. Due to the fantastic efforts of the staff and the excellent cooperation from the students in getting individual patrons, this year's fund-raising campaign was highly successful.

The yearbook staff would like to thank all those people who patronized *COUNSELS '72*, thus helping our book become a living remembrance of this school year. The finished product should arrive for distribution to the students sometime in early May.

Bellefontaine Yesterday

In the last issue of the Bellefontaine newspaper, we explained to you a bit of the long history of the Giraud Foster estate, presently known as Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. In continuing the story of the estate we find ourselves back in November of 1947, when Bellefontaine once again changed hands; this time it became Our Lady of Mercy Seminary, property of the Fathers of Mercy. They, too, ran the building as a minor seminary.

On February 14, 1949 at 3 a.m., smoke was detected pouring through the hallways. Father Rector gave the alarm to the other four priests, twelve students, and four sisters, to flee the building. Attempts to call the fire department were in vain because the wires were burnt. By the time the firemen had finally reached the build-

ing, and had begun to fight the huge blaze, all of the interior, except the library, was enveloped in flames.

Ceilings crashed to the floor, and walls collapsed as the fire continued. Marble fireplaces were reduced to powder, and two Corinthian pillars were completely destroyed. The entire chapel, including the altar, Crucifix, chalices, and pews were lost when the room collapsed into the floor.

It took three years to build Bellefontaine, "the beautiful fountain", but in two hours it was destroyed by fire.

On October 29, 1949, the Fathers of Mercy contacted the Bethelt Construction Company of Holyoke. It took one year to rebuild Bellefontaine and at its completion, it consisted of forty-five rooms.



George Boisse and Bill Vassilopoulos performing at a recent Talent Night show.

THE CASUAL MUSIC SCENE

As guitar Masses become more and more popular here at Immaculate Heart, the need for more guitarists becomes more evident. This appears to be a problem of the future, however, because Bellefontaine has two excellent musicians in George Boisse and Bill Vassilopoulos, both of whom are seniors. George and Bill have been playing their guitars together for the past three years, and this year

Explorers Schedule Planned

With the school year moving right along, so too, the Explorer Post 101 is continually on the go. The officers, advisors and post members have been planning several activities for the remainder of the year.

Campouts are scheduled for the months of March, April and May in many of the nearby scout camps throughout the Berkshires. In addition to the campouts, various hikes, and field trips have also been planned, among them is a trip to the Atomic Energy plant in eastern Massachusetts.

Post President, Wally Lukasik, expects elections for new post officer to take place sometime in late April with the Explorer banquet planned for May 6, 1972. This will probably conclude the club's activities for the year.

SENIORS' APOSTOLICS

In late December, four of Immaculate Heart's seniors engaged themselves in a new and unusual type of Apostolic work. These four seniors, Ralph Plumridge, Pete Grazulis, Rich Roman and Doug Watson, are now teaching C.C.D. to some mentally retarded children at our seminary in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Each Saturday, throughout the school year, these devoted seminarians sacrifice three hours of their free time to bring Christ into the hearts of these children. Under the direction of Father Donald Klingler, S.C.J., the weekly program consists of a sports activity to relieve the tension of both parties involved. This is followed by a film concerning the basic religion the seminarians will teach and a summary by Father Klingler. After Father's talk, the students are able to work with one individual child for the remainder of the morning. This concludes the morning Apostolic activities for the seniors. The joy that these young teachers receive from their work is never-ending in the eyes of God and in the hearts of the mentally retarded children.

they have the title of "head guitarists".

The duties and responsibilities of George and Bill are to prepare the liturgies, and, in the field of music, to teach the students new songs and keep the old ones lively to provide a variety in the Mass.

In the past, they have worked in various neighboring parishes in the Berkshire area, in many places introducing folk masses for the first time. They have also played at a number of teen-age church socials and contributed immensely to a folk group in the city of Pittsfield. George and Bill have contributed to the enjoyment of talent nights as well, never missing one in their three and a half years here at Bellefontaine.

Both hold an avid interest for music and they possess an abundant amount of skill and talent necessary to be good musicians. George and Bill have contributed greatly to the functions involving music here at the seminary and we hope they will continue to improve their ability in the future.

INTRAMURAL REVIEW

This past winter a good portion of the students at Bellefontaine participated in the intramural volleyball program here at the Seminary.

The program turned out to be more successful than anticipated. There was plenty of spirit and enthusiasm present at all the games.

First place was taken by the "Ultimate Spinach", captained by Brian Stolte. The team won ten games and lost only three. Brian, Craig McKee and Henry Leszkowicz led the scoring attack. Second place was captured by Ed Kilianski's squad who gave the Spinach a real run for their money. Only one game out (finishing nine and four), the team became "red-hot" during the second half of the season due to the abilities of Ed, Doug Watson, and Dan Sormani. Both Pete Grazulis's team and "Herman's Heroes" were tied for third place honors. Pete, Denis Marcotte and Tom Donahue sparked Grazulis's squad with "heads-up" play. Herman's Heroes, captained by Herman Flacke, depended heavily upon the talents of Herman, Dan Fyffe and Kevin Horan. Three teams notched fourth place with records of five wins and eight losses. Bill Ney's volleyballers relied upon basic teamwork in order to achieve their success (the team was, perhaps, the surprise of the league). Frank Presto and Fred Ramsey contributed much to their team. Ralph Plumridge's "Screwballs" consisted of the fine passing and scoring of Ralph, Bob Borstelmann and Mike Shuler. The third team tied for the fourth position was Paul Kiley's. Paul, Matt Wilkowski and Charlie Samolinski were valuable assets to the squad. Finishing in last place was Mark Thompson's team. Despite the squad's record, they posed

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Vocation Director Writes

In the last issue of *Bellefontaine* I wrote about the high school seminary or minor seminary as it is sometimes called. I wanted to clear up some false ideas that many young men have when they are thinking whether or not the high school seminary is for them. I also said that a lot of confusion continues to exist about the high school seminary because many people think of the seminary in terms of the past. It is time now, I feel, to discuss the changing role of the seminary in today's world and see what the seminary has to offer to the fellows who enter.

One important part of today's seminary program is challenge. The seminary, first of all, presents a challenge to any fellow who thinks about entering. Many of his classmates look at him with some surprise or even disbelief when they find out that a boy in their own class is interested in the seminary. They think he must be some kind of a nut!

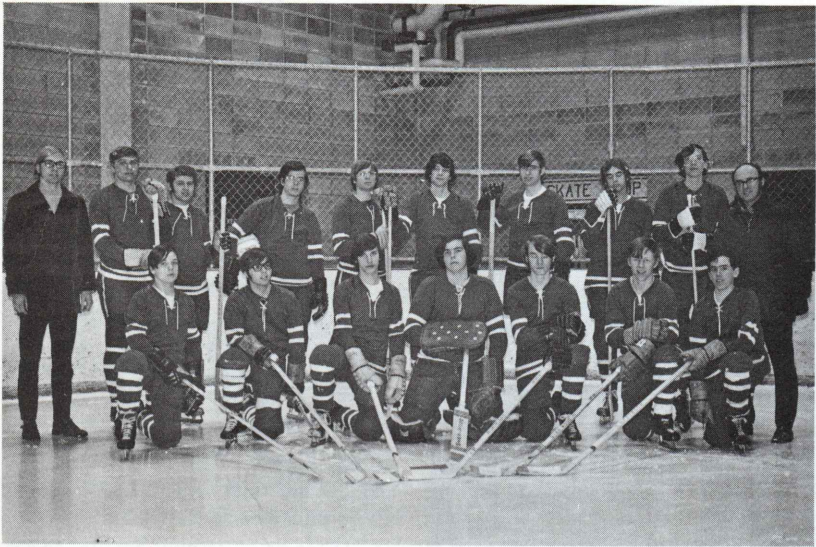
The fact is that most of his friends have not even begun to decide on where they are going for high school much less given any thought to a career in life. Here comes along one who is their own age and who is saying in so many words that he has been giving serious thought to his future. It takes a pretty independent boy, one who can stand on his own feet and make decisions, to accept the childish comments and jokes of his classmates. It just might be that those same ones who laugh the loudest about a boy they know entering the seminary are secretly envious that one their age is beginning to think about his life, his goals and responsibilities and is taking some first steps to reach those goals.

Acceptance as a candidate to a seminary is another challenge a boy must face. He knows that he will be looked at from many sides before the seminary reaches a decision on his application. Not every boy who applies to the seminary is accepted just as not every boy who applies to any good Catholic high school is accepted without meeting the qualifications. It may happen that for various reasons a young man is asked to wait a year or two until he learns to grow up and show that he is willing to study and work with others.

More challenges await a fellow once he enters the seminary. These are all part of life and are meant to help him mature into the type of priest or brother who will be able to work in many areas and with all kinds of people as part of a team. Teamwork is an essential part of a vocation to the priesthood or brotherhood and the seminary in as well as out of the classroom is designed to help one prepare for his life's work.

The challenge of the seminary is there for any young man who wants to accept it provided he is qualified. The seminary, on the other hand, must meet the challenges presented by the type of fellow who is applying for admission. Such a fellow expects a solid preparation for his life's work. Each seminary has to continually update its programs and personnel so that future generations of Christians will be served by priests and brothers who are both competent and dedicated.

Fr. Bob Donlan S.C.J.



The Patriots: (standing, left to right,) Ed Kilianski (manager), Alex Romanov, Rich Roman, John Jackson, Emery Beaulieu, Mike Perry, Charlie Gallagher, Harry McAllister, Ed Prybylski, Father MacDonald (coach); (kneeling, l. to r.) Mike Cappazoli, Leo Mahoney, Bob Piernock, George Boisse, Jim Koepfler, John Bolton, and Joe Fluet. Missing when picture was taken - Coach Russ White, Joe DiPeri and Dom Specca.

Patriots Stopped in Playoffs

As the 1971-1972 varsity ice hockey season draws to a close, we find the Bellefontaine Patriots of the Central Berkshire Hockey League pulling a 5-4-1 conference record.

Although the team was eliminated early in the championship playoffs, they are, for the first time in their brief history, holding a winning record. This is basically due to the 100% effort of the team and the fine coaching of Father MacDonald, S.C.J., and Mr. Russ White.

The Patriots' formidable opponents were: Cranwell School, Windsor Mountain School, the Lenox Memorial High School Green and Maroon teams, and Hoosac School of New York.

Bellefontaine started out the season slowly with losses in their first two games (to Lenox Green - 7 to 2; and Lenox Maroon - 6 to 3). At this point, however, there was a complete turn-around in the play of the team as they went on to win five of their last seven contests. During that span the offense and defense performed brilliantly. The defense allowed a mere 1.8 goals per game, while the offense scored an average of four goals a game. The Patriots' victories came at the expense of Hoosac - 7 to 1 and 5 to 0, Cranwell - 2 to 1 and 7 to 4, and Windsor Mountain - 3 to 2. I.H.M. fell to Lenox Green - 3 to 0 and Windsor Mountain - 3 to 2. The final game of the season ended in a 2-2 tie against the Maroons.

Contributing to the Patriots' winning cause was the goal-tending of George Boisse and his back-up goalie, Bob Piernock. Their ability to foil would-be scorers was revealed to all by the fact that they stopped 84% of all shots on goal.

The leading scorers for Bellefontaine this season were Alex Romanov and Mike Perry (each compiled a total of eighteen points). These two players, together with the remainder of the offensive machine were valuable assets to the team's success.

Recognition must also be given to the excellent work done by all of the defensive men, particularly Joe DiPeri, John Bolton, Rich Roman and Emery Beaulieu.

In the championship playoffs I.H.M. was eliminated by the first-place team, the Lenox Greens, by a score of four to nothing. In the consolation game, the Patriots played Windsor Mountain to a 2-2 tie. Windsor Mountain School was defeated by the Maroons in their playoff tilt.

A good word should also be put in for the team manager whose work often goes unnoticed and, at times, unappreciated. The task was performed well by senior Ed Kilianski.

The fans sparked the team throughout the season with their loud and loyal encouragement.

There are several players who have participated in their last hockey game here in Lenox. They are: George Boisse, John Bolton, Joe DiPeri, Charlie Gallagher, John Jackson, Harry McAllister, Leo Mahoney, Rich Roman, Alex Romanov, Dom Specca and the manager Ed Kilianski. These seniors have contributed greatly to the development of ice hockey here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and it is sure that their talents will be missed in the future.

JUNIOR PATRIOTS PROMISING

Bellefontaine's junior-varsity hockey season is underway with the "Junior Patriots" holding a two wins - one loss record.

The team, coached by Father Leo Krah, S.C.J., has a team roster of twenty juniors, sophomores, and freshmen. The juniors on the team are defenseman Jack Cominoli and wings Keith Renaldi and Vince Symanski; the sophomore members consist of defenseman Joe Fluet and Bill Lambe, with Roger Beau-regard, Bob Borstelmann, Bob Bresnahan, Mike Cappazoli, and Tom Donahue on the wings; the freshmen players are goalie, Matt Torrey, defensemen Paul Krug, Marty Cummings, John Moran, Mike Shuler, Mike Frisco, and Joe Price, with Louis Corneau, Dan Fyffe and Charlie Samolinski as the wings. Bob Piernock, a junior, also

helped the team as a goalie.

The team defeated Lenox Green J.V. by a score of eight to four on February 6th and lost to Mount St. Anthony's of Bennington, Vermont on February 28th, by a score of three to one. The J.V.'s fought back to outscore their next opponent four to three, playing the Lenox Reds.

The team up to this point has shown great spirit and enthusiasm, getting excellent goal tending from Matt Torrey and fine defense from Joe Fluet and Jack Cominoli, not to mention the scoring ability of Bob Borstelmann and Bob Bresnahan, as well as the entire team. Although their season will be a brief one, it will indeed help these future varsity players develop their ability in the game of hockey.

Jayvees End Winning Season

This year's junior varsity basketball team has compiled a winning record of eight victories and four defeats (up to press time).

The team is composed of eight freshmen and two sophomores. The freshmen are: Dan Fyffe (captain) - guard; Matt Torrey - guard; Andy O'Neill - center; Tim Ryan - center; Fred Ramsey - forward; Keith Lewis - guard; Matt Wilkowski - forward; and Joe Adams - forward.

The sophomores on the roster are: Mike Sweeney - guard; and Tom Brown - forward.

Father MacDonald and Frater Tim have been sharing the task of coaching the team. Both coaches report that they have been pleased with the team's performance to date.

Dan Fyffe and Tim Ryan have shared the scoring honors, with Matt Torrey not far behind. Andy O'Neill is the team's big rebounder.

At the end of March, the Junior Varsity Magicians defeated three other teams in a junior tournament which concluded their 1971-72 basketball season.

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| 54 | Windsor Mt. | 36 |
| 49 | Lenox | 51 |
| 73 | Kolburne | 49 |
| 40 | Kolburne | 22 |
| 45 | Darrow | 52 |
| 37 | Windsor Mt. | 41 |
| 54 | St. Mary's | 44 |
| 75 | Kolburne | 55 |
| 53 | Hope Church | 59 |
| 50 | Rockwood | 34 |
| 71 | Kolburne | 33 |
| 49 | Lanesboro | 44 |

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an adequate threat to the rest of the league's teams. Mark, Dennis Connelly and Marty Cummings accounted for most of the team's points scored throughout the season.

Following volleyball came ice hockey. There were only four league games played, but they were exciting and well worthwhile.

In "A" league, the brand of ice hockey is faster and rougher than the other two leagues. Pete Grazulis's skaters finished the season undefeated due to the exploits of Pete, Fred Ramsey and Louis Corneau. A three and one record was maintained by Paul Kiley's team, which finished in second place. Matt Torrey and Roger Beau-regard led the scoring honors. Winning one game and losing three was Doug Watson's skating six. Bob Bresnahan and Frank Presto enjoyed good seasons. Ed Kilianski's team finished in last place. Mike Frisco and Ed were the team's standouts.

Meanwhile, in "B" league, there was a tie for first place between Mark Thompson's and Gerry Hefner's teams. Charlie Samolinski's hockey players captured second place, and Tom Lambe's team finished last.

In "C" league, Bill Hanlon's team took first place honors impressively with an undefeated season. Henry Leszkowicz's squad finished second with a two-two record. Two teams tied for third place. They were Dan Sormani's and Denis Marcotte's teams.



The Magicians: (standing, left to right) Father MacDonald (coach), Joe Meserole, Tom Brown, Wally Lukasik, Dan McCusker, Mike Perry, Les Redfield, Rick Pfeiffer, and Henry Leszkowicz (manager); (kneeling, l. to r.) Jon Collins, Tim Keenan, Henry Smith, George Keenan, and Ray Palermo.

MAGICIANS DEFEND TITLE

With the conclusion of the 1972 varsity basketball season, the I.H.M. Magicians find themselves again as champions of the Taconic Basketball Conference.

This is the second consecutive year that the Magicians are conference champions (the conference is only two years old), Bellefontaine went undefeated (six wins, no losses) this year.

The schedule consisted of six conference games, eight non-conference games, and one tournament contest. On the season, I.H.M. finished with a combined record of ten wins and five losses including a loss to Quoboag Regional High School of Warren, Massachusetts at American International College in Springfield in a Massachusetts Bay State tournament play-off game.

The individual most responsible for the team's success was Father MacDonald, the Magicians' coach and school athletic director. Father gave much of his time and knowledge of the sport to the members of the team.

I.H.M.'s starting five for this past season were: co-captains George Keenan and Mike Perry, Wally Lukasik, Tim Keenan and Dan McCusker. The competent back-up men were: Les Redfield, Henry Smith, Jon Collins, Tom Brown, Ray Palermo, Joe Meserole and Rick Pfeiffer.

There are three players who won't be returning to Bellefontaine next year. They are: seniors - George Keenan, Les Redfield and Henry Smith.

George Keenan, in his third year of varsity basketball, continued to be the team's highest scorer for the second season in a row. He played first-string guard and contributed greatly to the success of the Magicians.

Les Redfield, in his first year of varsity action, played a strong back-up forward and center.

Henry Smith, also in his first year of basketball, was second-string guard. He did much to spark the rest of the team with his impressive play.

Henry Leszkowicz, in his second year as the team-manager, once again performed his tasks efficiently and effectively.

The Bellefontaine would like to extend its congratulations to the team for their very successful season and best wishes in the future.

THE 1971 - 1972 VARSITY BASKETBALL SEASON

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| December 15 | I.H.M. | 76 | Abdalla | 57 |
| January 12 | *I.H.M. | 86 | Cornwall | 42 |
| 18 | *I.H.M. | 65 | Berkshire Farms | 55 |
| 24 | I.H.M. | 45 | Darrow | 47 |
| 28 | I.H.M. | 86 | Buxton | 38 |
| 29 | I.H.M. | 84 | Rockwood | 66 |
| February 2 | I.H.M. | 64 | Dalton Youth Cen. | 74 |
| 4 | I.H.M. | 54 | Darrow | 89 |
| 10 | *I.H.M. | 64 | Stockbridge | 42 |
| 14 | I.H.M. | 73 | Pittsfield J.V. | 69 |
| 28 | *I.H.M. | 64 | Berkshire Farms | 57 |
| 29 | *I.H.M. | 80 | Cornwall | 39 |
| March 1 | *I.H.M. | V | Stockbridge (forfeit) | |
| 3 | +I.H.M. | 58 | Quoboag Region | 87 |
| 11 | I.H.M. | 67 | Rockwood | 80 |

*conference games

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