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"Oh my God! It's George C. Scott!"

The Envelope, Please

At the same time that talents were being recognized on an international scale in the form of the Academy Awards, so too did Bellefontaine's talent receive its lauds in the form of the final talent night of the school year. The Masters of Ceremonies for this year-end show were Wally Lukasik and Gerry Hefner who picked up the theme of the Academy Awards and carried it throughout the evening with sealed envelopes, tuxedos and all.

The evening's entertainment started with a short skit by sophomores Kevin Fay, Keith Lewis and Bob Forget who starred in "Mr. and Mrs. Morning Radio", a take-off on an old time radio show. Bob Forget was again on stage for the second act as he portrayed Groucho Marx in "The New Professor". Bob always does exceedingly well in his portrayal of type characters. The sophomores retained control

of the stage as they presented a third skit which was written by Marty Cummings entitled "Noah", a take-off on the Bill Cosby routine which Marty rewrote to involve the entire sophomore class.

The freshmen class also proved to be an extraordinary dramatic success by presenting two one act plays. The first, "Heads He Burns", was a tense drama in which a quick thinking editor of a newspaper outwits two "hit men" of the Mafia who threaten him and his family. It was directed by Frater Bob Markunas. The second play, "A Night At An Inn", was a science fiction drama dealing with English seamen, a precious jewel from an Indian temple, and the supernatural. This play was directed by Father Krahn who stated that he hopes that the increased interest in actual drama will spark a dramatic revival here at Bellefontaine.

With the sophomores

once again on the stage, a presentation of a repertoire of songs which were popular during the sixties was presented under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Abbott. Instrumentation as well as vocalization was supplied by the sophomores.

The Marian students from Stockbridge, Mass., also added to the night's entertainment with a variety of short skits on the vaudeville style. Another feature which met with huge success was the rock group "Dead Skunk" made up of Bob Piernock, Rick Pfeiffer, Ken Pilla and Joe Adams.

The evening entertainment ended with "The Choreographers", three black students here at Bellefontaine, Keith Burrus, Rennie Thomas, and Ken Hunter, who danced in African style to the music of the popular song, "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone". As at the last talent night, this number proved to be a smash of the evening.

At the close of the evening, both Gerry and Wally agreed that the decision of the judges for awarding the talent cup would be a difficult one. The next day, however, in keeping with the Academy Award theme, a sealed envelope was opened which revealed that the freshmen had won the cup for the first time. Needless to say, unlike Marlon Brando, they were very glad to accept the award.

McKee In National Competition

One of the most impressive characteristics of one's personality is that of speech and Bellefontaine is proud to say that her sons have always done exceedingly well in this field of competition. This year four men represented Bellefontaine in the Diocese of Springfield Forensic League finals held at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass., on January 20th. These four men were Craig McKee, senior, who participated in Prose Reading, Bill Hanlon, senior, and Christopher Diaz, sophomore, who took part in Group Discus-

sion and Larry Cadrain, freshman, who tried his hand at Poetry Reading.

At the outcome of the three rounds held that day, it was announced that Craig McKee, Bill Hanlon and Chris Diaz had won gold medals in their respective categories and that Larry Cadrain had won a silver medal in his category.

Yet something special happened at this particular speech tournament, something which has not happened at Bellefontaine since 1969. Craig McKee was also selected to represent the Diocese of

Springfield in the national competition that will be held on the first weekend of June in Chicago, Illinois. The last time that a student from Bellefontaine was awarded this honor was when Tom Taylor received it in 1969 but was unable to attend the competition. The only other time that any other student from Bellefontaine represented the Diocese of Springfield was when Tom Kane was selected to attend the national competition which was held in Miami, Florida, in 1966.

Craig's selection of prose



Top Row: Sister Carmen, Mother Soledad, Sister Flora.
Bottom Row: Sister Stella, Sister Theresa, Sister Ada.

Sisters Celebrate Silver Jubilee

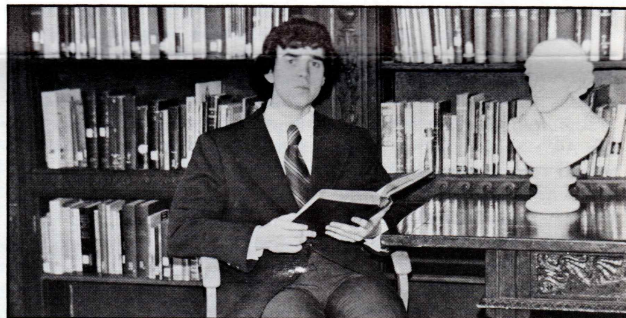
On January 7, 1923, in a small town outside Rome, Italy, the first convent of the Oblates to Divine Love opened its doors. It was founded by Mother Margherita Diomira Crispi. The Oblates live the Rule of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, former soldier and martyr. In this tradition the Sisters lead a life of prayer and sacrifice, but they also are filled with joy as they lead souls to Christ. Soon this little convent had its dedicated Sisters in many other countries including the United States.

We at Bellefontaine have felt the little convent's effect. Sent by Mother Crispi to help the Mercy Fathers, the former owners of Bellefontaine, six Sisters came to Bellefontaine. When the Mercy Fathers sold Bellefontaine to the Congregation of the Priests and Brothers of the Sacred Heart in 1960, the Sisters remained to assist our priests and brothers. Some of the original Sisters have left but their intention has remained. Among the present Sisters are: Mother Soledad Chacon R.O.D.A., Sister Theresa Orelana R.O.D.A., Sister Ada Lia Quesada

R.O.D.A., Sister Stella Gomez R.O.D.A., Sister Carmen Jarquin R.O.D.A. and Sister Flora Chacon R.O.D.A. On January 7, 1973 this small group of dedicated women celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of their congregation.

A banquet and a Mass were planned in honor of this important day. An estimated total of three hundred guests attended. The Mass was first and it was celebrated in the students chapel here at the seminary. Twenty priests concelebrated at this Mass including all the priests living here, Mercy Fathers who once worked with these Sisters, and some of their special friends. Father Borceno, a Mercy Father, gave a homily explaining the mission of these Sisters and praised them for their good will and sacrifice.

Immediately following the Mass, a banquet was held for all the guests in the student dining room. At the end of the dinner, Father Joseph Potocnak S.C.J., rector, presented Mother Chacon R.O.D.A. with a plaque commemorating their fifty years of service.



Craig prepares reading for national competition.

reading will remain the same for the nationals as it was for the finals in the diocese which is Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart". Craig hopes for success at the na-

tional competition and will continue to practice his speaking to be as ready as possible for this most important competition.

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

I hope you and your family are doing well.

Sometimes, looking back, things seemed to have been better. The movies of yesterday reflect this. The good guy always got the nice girl, the innocent man accused of a crime was cleared, and the hero's father's critical operation was a success. The ending was always happy. And I must confess I still enjoy watching old movies on television, mainly, perhaps, because I know everything is going to turn out okay.

Some people accuse Christians of being like the old movies. They say we are living in a fantasy world; that we are not really facing reality. I am sure this is not true. To hope for the best, to be able to look for the good in people, to see goodness in those who quite obviously have done wrong, to see personal growth coming from suffering, is seeing man as he really is, at his finest. We are well aware of the human situation. We know from experience that often pain and heartache pave the byways of our life.

But like Saint Paul, we look at life as it really is. "We are afflicted in every possible way, but we are not crushed; full of doubts, we never despair. . . we do not lose heart. . . we do not fix our gaze on what is seen but on what is unseen. What is seen is transitory; what is unseen lasts forever. . . therefore we continue to be confident. . ." (II Cor: 4) We must be the ones who always hope and work for a happy ending; those who believe that ultimately good will prevail; that given a free choice, people will choose goodness over evil. We believe this because of our belief in Christ.

We pray for you and ask your prayers for all of us here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, that our lives may be candles lighting the way.

God bless you and your family,

Yours in Christ,

Father Potoznak S.C.S.

Rev. Joseph Potoznak, S.C.J.

A Day At A Time

Shortly after returning to Bellefontaine after Christmas vacation, the students of I.H.M. were addressed by several members of Alcoholics Anonymous at what they call an "open" meeting. According to their own definition, Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Their primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Two of the four members of A.A. who came to the school told the story of their own encounters with alcohol. These stories seemed unbelievable yet their validity could be seen expressed in the eyes and expressions of the tellers.

After a presentation of what exactly Alcoholics Anonymous is and how each of the people came in contact with this organization, there was a question and answer period which proved to be greatly educational in regard to how

the alcoholic views himself and his life.

In brief, the whole philosophy of A.A. is that no one can say that he will never take another drink in his life because, for the alcoholic, this is unrealistic. Therefore, they have decided to look at the future only as "one day at a time".

Alcoholics Anonymous, although not a religious organization, has a prayer with which they pray for direction in their own lives especially if those lives have seemingly fallen apart because of alcohol. This prayer, however, could be applied to anyone dealing with a problem. The prayer goes as follows:

"God grant me the serenity to understand the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

With this prayer the alcoholic faces the world again for a second time and reaches out for a new life without alcohol.

In Memoriam

The students of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary wish to express our deepest sympathy to Father Thomas Burns S.C.J., principal here at Bellefontaine, on the death of his father, Mr. Thomas Burns, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He will be remembered in all of our prayers.

HONOR ROLL

High Honors

Seniors

Emery Beaulieu, Mark Garrow, Gerard Hefner, Henry Leskovicz, Michael Perry, Frank Presto.

Juniors

Robert Borstelmann, Daniel Sormani, William Szezewyk.

Sophomores

Christopher Diaz, Matthew Wilkowski.

Freshmen

Larry Cadrain, Vincent Gaitley.

Honors

Seniors

Keith Burrus, John Cominoli, Willard Hanlon, James Koepfler, Denis Marcotte, Robert Piernock, Keith Renaldi, Steven Roy.

Juniors

Robert Bresnahan, Dennis Connolly, Kevin Connolly, David Holodak, Louis Letendre, Joseph Meserole, Robert Trahan.

Sophomores

Paul Krug, Lance Lapointe, Terrence Lavioe, Andrew O'Neill, Michael Shuler.

Freshmen

Kenneth Hunter, John McDevitt, John Oram, Rennie Thomas, Bryce Williams.

Fathers Rosinski, Reid Give Annual Retreats

A contrast of styles characterized the student body's annual retreat in February. Father Paul Reid S.C.J. was the Retreat Master for the freshmen and sophomores and Father Bernard Rosinski S.C.J. for the upper classes. Father Reid was recently ordained at Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Father Rosinski, after spending several years as vocation director for our nearby seminary in Great Barrington, Mass., is presently the Dean of Men at our sister minor seminary in Donaldson, Indiana.

Father Reid's retreat centered around the theme of "Who am I?" Father Rosinski's retreat was on a some-

what deeper level. There was no set "theme" as such and it was more or less a retreat that had to really be made by the individual in a close and intense examination of one's self. One of the things led by Father Rosinski that the upperclassmen found most beneficial were the periods of "shared prayer".

Both of the Retreat Masters held several conferences during the day, had special liturgies, and encouraged a certain amount of personal meditation. The retreats concluded with parties on the last evening and most of the students left the following day for a long weekend to be spent at home.

Black Brother Presents Experience

Recently Bellefontaine was honored with a visit by Brother Rosalind Russell S.C.J. who is presently studying at Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The purpose of Brother Rosalind's visit was mainly educational. Brother presented a seminar on the black man in the United States. He did this through the aid of several films and conferences which drew heavily from his own boyhood experiences of growing up black in Mississippi where Brother first came into contact with the Sacred Heart Fathers.

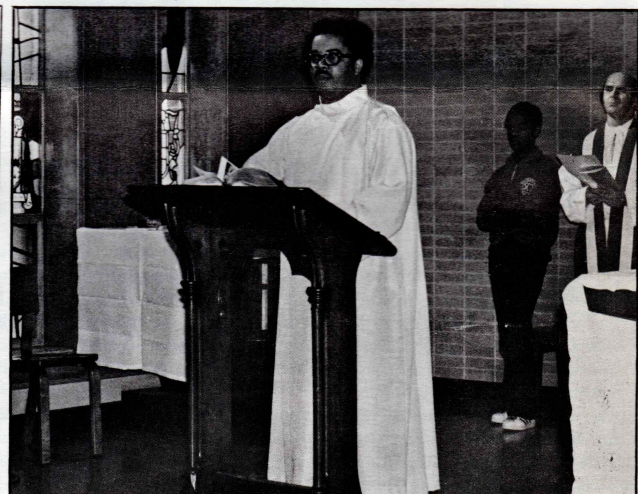
Brother Rosalind's seminar proved most informative to both the students and the faculty but perhaps

the most interesting facet was the liturgy which ended the seminar and had been prepared by Brother Rosalind and five of our black students. The theme of the Mass was "Setting The Spirit Free". The readings at Mass were taken from several prominent black authors who relate, in various excerpts from their works, the life of the black man and God. The homily at this liturgy was preached by Brother Rosalind. In it, he combined the theme of the Mass with the problems of the black man in today's world. With this liturgical function the seminar terminated with everyone at little more understanding of the black man, his life and difficulties.

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Brother Russell delivers the homily at "Black Awareness" liturgy.



Who Made The Salad?

Eight years ago, in December of 1964, Father Robert McGuire, then rector here at Bellefontaine, hired someone who was to attain a special place in the hearts of the students as well as his important position as chef and dietician. That man is Mr. Mario Tristany.

Mr. Tristany lives in the nearby town of Lee with his sister, his wife, and their two daughters and son. Marie, the eldest daughter, is also a familiar face to the students. She often helps Father Nabity with his coaching and judging of debates and speech festivals. She is a teacher at Lee Central High School. Margaret-Ann, the second oldest, is a secretary at a nursing home in Lee. His only son, Mario Jr., is a senior at St. Anselms College.

Our fifty-three year old chef is also the proprietor of a restaurant in Lee which bears his name -- Tristany's. It is a

prosperous business but requires a lot of time. Besides this and his job at the seminary, Mr. Tristany still finds time to be very interested in the youth of his community and is a member of the Board of Directors of Lee's Junior PeeWee football teams.

Once a week, Mr. Tristany comes to cook all the meals, assisted by Brother Larry and Steven Roy, in order to give our sisters a day off. On these days, the students look forward to some special Italian dish which Mr. Tristany prepares so well.

Mr. Tristany says that he has been very happy here and hopes to enjoy many more years here at Bellefontaine. Mr. Tristany says "I've enjoyed every moment here. If I didn't, I probably wouldn't be here right now." Bellefontaine also hopes that Mr. Mario Tristany will enjoy, as he says, many more years here.

Book Fair Succeeds In New Format

Because of the overall success of the book fair that was held last year, Father Leo Krahe decided to hold another this year. As it turned out, this second fair met with success far greater than last year's and far greater than expected.

In several respects this fair was different from that of last year. This year's fair had books that had been selected beforehand rather than just sent by the company. Another change was that there were five copies of each of the books sent in order that as few people as possible would have to wait to have their books ordered and sent later.

The books at this year's

book fair were on widely different topics ranging from *The Official Frisbee Handbook* to the *Illiad*. Among the best sellers at this year's fair were *A Student's Guide To Fifty American Novels* and *A Student's Guide To Fifty British Novels*. Father Krahe who teaches English and World Literature to the seniors was glad to see an interest in some of the more classical novels among a good portion of the students.

The gross earnings of this year's fair reached just over three hundred dollars. Of this sum, approximately sixty five dollars was made in profit by the school.

News Shorts

- * The senior class is going to make an all day outing to New York City on May 11.
- * The annual Spring Outing is to be held on May 9. The students will spend the day at East-over, a year round resort in the Berkshires.
- * The sophomore music class, under the direction of Mrs. Jacqueline Abbott, will present a musical production entitled "Seventy Years Of Swinging Sound" on May 13 in honor of Mother's Day.
- * The students now have a coffee break between second and third period classes. During this break, milk, both chocolate and regular is sold in the student snack bar and cookies are served.
- * Get Acquainted Weekend, a weekend for those freshmen already accepted for the 1973-74 school year to get acquainted with both the school and the students is scheduled, for May 4, 5, & 6.
- * The Francis X. Hudson Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold inductions on the thirteenth of May.
- * The annual Explorer Banquet will be held May 16th.
- * Bellefontaine will hold a "Las Vegas Night" on the evening of May 12th in an effort to raise funds for the school.
- * Frater Timothy Gray S.C.J., who has taught here at Bellefontaine for the last two years, will make his profession of final vows on May 13th. Frater Tim will continue his studies for the priesthood next year at Sacred Heart Monastery.
- * The senior class visited Hudson Training School For Girls and were entertained with a dinner and a party which followed.
- * A local "Up With People" group conducted a "Sing Out" for the students on the evening of April 12th.

Vocation Director Writes

The end of another school year is in sight and I imagine that most of you are looking forward to the summer as eagerly as your teachers. Looking ahead means that one has some goal or end in sight. In my visits with young men and their families during this school year I have heard an increasing number of complaints from parents and youngsters alike that the goal of a religious vocation does not seem to be very popular these days.

A frequent complaint goes something like this: "Father, when I tell other boys in my class that I am thinking about becoming a priest or brother, they laugh and think it's a joke". This type of reaction can confuse and embarrass a boy and make him wonder if he is somehow different or strange.

Well he is "different" - at least in the sense that he is starting to choose a goal in life. Most boys and girls go through high school and enter college with very little idea of what they are going to do with their lives. Any boy who starts to seriously think about entering the seminary for high school or college often shocks his classmates because he is at least giving serious thought to a goal in life. This comes at a time when most of his friends just live from one day to the next with little thought of the future.

I feel that deep down such a young man's peers and classmates have a secret respect for one their own age who is thinking of how he will use his life and talents to serve others. Perhaps they wish that they too had a better idea of what vocation in life they wanted to follow. Instead of congratulating a boy their own age on his decision and giving him encouragement they might be hiding some of their true feelings of envy and express only shock and ridicule.

As I said before it is only a guess on my part but this is based on my experience of the past five years in talking with many groups of young people around the country about vocations to the religious life. The main point is that any young man seriously considering the priesthood or brotherhood as a goal should not expect much encouragement from his peers. This is unfortunate but then again Jesus never said it would be easy to follow in His footsteps. His own apostles, after all, tried to talk Him out of His decision to offer Himself on the cross.

Fr. Bob Donlan, S.C.J.

Keeping "Post"-ed On 101

Keeping up with its reputation as one of the most active organizations at Bellefontaine, Explorer Post 101 has been quite busy since the beginning of the new year. In January, fifteen Explorers set out to earn their swimming merit badges. Classes were held at the indoor swimming pool at the Marian seminary in Stockbridge under the direction of Mr. Jerry Smith. All fifteen of these Explorers were successful in this endeavor and were awarded their merit badges in February. A second program for earning swimming merit badges is now underway.

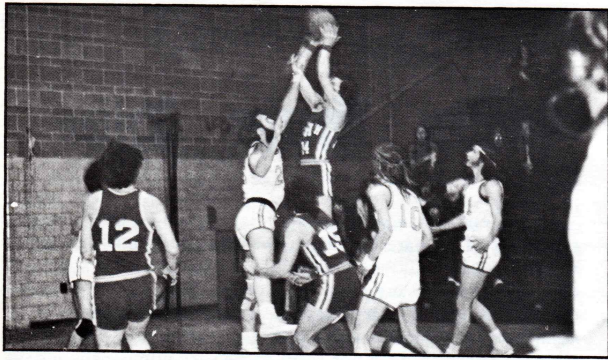
February also brought the annual Explorer "Freeze-out" (a campout held during the winter months) which was held this year at Beartown State Park where the temperature dipped to five below zero the first night. In an effort to liven up the cold Explorers Joseph Howe and Father Krahe

started a council fire and arranged for each of the tents to put on a small skit.

In March the Explorers visited Hyde Park, New York, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt. A visit was also paid to the Roosevelt Museum and Library. While in New York, the Explorers also visited the nearby Vanderbilt Mansion, once the country home of Frederick W. Vanderbilt. The month of March also found the Explorers visiting Howe Caverns in New York and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Presently many of the members of the post are attempting to earn their aviation merit badge. Classes are being held here at the seminary by Mr. Ed Ward, a member of the post's Adult Advisory Committee and an associate of Post 101 for a number of years. Within this program, the Ex-

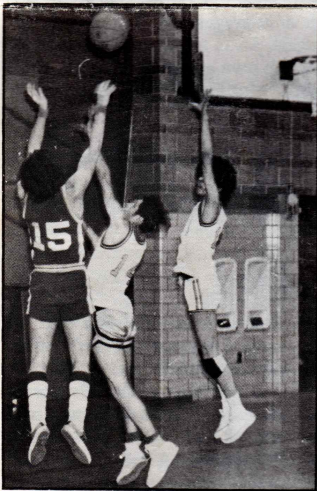
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Senior Mike Perry takes a shot out of the crowd in Bay State playoff game.

Magicians End Season With Disappointment

With a 5-5 Taconic conference record, the IHM Magicians could not pull off "the big trick", winning the conference title for a third year in a row, which would have given the school permanent possession of the Dave Gunn trophy, which we now have to surrender. The pressure this year came from teams such as Cornwall Academy of Great Barrington, and Berkshire Farms Home for Boys, in Canaan, New York.



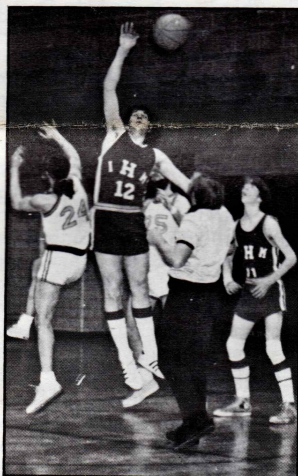
Senior Wally Lukasik drew double coverage on this shot.

While rolling over teams such as Stockbridge School, 72-53 and 63-42, and Buxton Academy, 72-34 and 53-45, the Magicians seemed to be building up the pressure for the trophy, but were nipped by Cornwall and Berkshire Farms in a series of one- and two-point games.

The week before the league tournament the Magicians set out for the Massachusetts Bay State Tournament at Chicopee High School. The opposition was Holyoke

Trade School, who were in the tourney for the first time. The Magicians, remembering last year's defeat, seemed ready for the game, and in the words of one player, "came in smoking" and for a few minutes it looked like Holyoke couldn't find a man to put out the fire. But they did, and with the help of a young man named Johnny Genereux (44 points) they put the game out of reach. The final score was 64-51, and the only bright spot was junior Dan McCusker whose 24 points in this game helped him average 28 points a game in the second half of the regular season and playoffs.

The Bellefontaine team had one more thing to look forward to, the Taconic Conference playoffs. In this single elimination match, IHM met Berkshire Farms in a thriller. The lead changed hands many times but in the end "The Farms" team was victorious by the heartbreaking score of 72-69.



But Junior Dan McCusker was unmatched on this jump.

Patriots Stopped By Green

Winter is gone and with it the hockey season for the Bellefontaine Patriots. Father MacDonald with the aid of Mr. Russ White and the skillful playing ability of several members of the team led the Patriots to a 6-5-1 record and a fourth place standing in the Central Berkshire Hockey League.

January held five conference games. The first proved to be unsuccessful with a score of 4-1 in a close, hard-checking half against Windsor Mountain School who put forth an effort far superior to that displayed by them in our first encounter. The Patriots, however, jumped back with the help of a powerful offense led by Mike Perry, a tight defense led by Emery Beaulieu and the usual excellent goaltending of Bob Piernock. With these men the Patriots were victorious in their next four games. The first of their victories occurred when the Patriots travelled to North Adams, Mass., to contend with Mount Anthony who were unsuccessful in shaking the Patriots and were defeated with a score of 2-0. With these two victories, the Patriots felt compelled to take on any opponent and they found one in Cranwell School, a local rival. Although a non-conference game, the Patriots fought hard against their highly favored opponents which paid off with a 6-5 victory. The next game was against Claverack School and once again the Patriots showed their winning colors with a 3-1 victory.

The beginning of February again saw the Patriots on the road, this time at Williamstown, Mass., to challenge Mount Greylock Regional High School in a non-conference game. Again the Patriots led charge after charge on Greylock's goalie who let in five goals while his teammates only managed to put two past the Patriots. Back at home in the same week, the team ran into

technical difficulties which resulted in a loss against Tri-town White, the team which was leading when the difficulties occurred. The following week proved equally disappointing when the Patriots were repeatedly

were not discouraged by their recent unsuccessful attempts at defeating this team and fought diligently throughout. After a scoreless first period, the teams exchanged two goals in the second period. The



The crowd always came to its feet when the senior line skated out on the ice.

turned back in all of their scoring attempts while Tri-town Green managed to put three goals past the home team resulting in our only shut out of the season. The following week the Patriots returned to battle the Green team once more and although the Patriots scored five goals in that game, it was not enough and Tri-town Green assumed first place in the league standings.

The Patriots entered into the playoffs in fourth place position in the league and found that their first opponent was once again to be the Tri-town Green team. The Patriots

third period, however, saw the Tri-town team as the victor with the final score of 6-4

Basically, the Patriots enjoyed a fairly good season and many of its younger members received invaluable experience. New talent was also discovered among the underclassmen which will prove most beneficial in the years to come especially since Jim Koepfler, Bob Piernock (co-captains) Mike Perry, Emery Beaulieu, Jack Cominoli and Vince Symanski (all seniors) have, with this year, completed their last high school hockey season.



Bob Piernock's mask doesn't stop him from keeping his teammates on their toes.

EXPLORERS

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plorers are taught the basics of aerodynamics, principles of flight, and are expected to build their own miniature aircraft which are expected to take flight under their own power. This program is expected to draw to a close with an actual flight in a small aircraft.

The Explorer year is by no means drawing to a close, however. Still planned for the month of June is the Annual Explorer Superactivity which is a six day canoe trip in the Adirondack wilderness. Much of the remaining Explorer activities are centered around the preparation for this trip.

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