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## Eastern States Exposition Marks Destination For School Outing



Breck Company's booth is observed by John Brilla (l) and Jim Brune (r).

The day started out at 7:00 when the students and faculty members attended High Mass. At nine o'clock two buses arrived in front of the building, and after an hour and a half ride, we arrived at the fair grounds. The first attraction was State Avenue, which mainly consisted of six buildings representing the Eastern States of Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Each building showed examples of life in the particular state that it represented. Many of the states even had samples of various foods that they were known for. Everyone of

us liked the buildings but the Vermont building was liked best of all. All have their opinions, however, and some preferred others to Vermont, but the majority placed Vermont on top of the list.

After spending a rather long time on State Avenue, many of us stopped near such exhibitions as the "\$100,000 Rolls-Royce", the "Old Kitchen", and the "Art Exhibit".

Of particular interest is the Art Exhibit. All of the paintings and works of sculpture had been beautifully executed, to the great delight of all, I am sure.

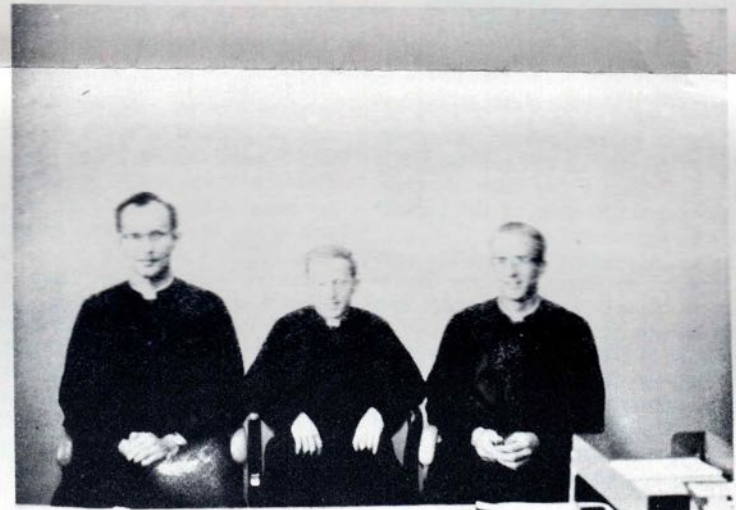
By this time it was the hunger pangs that were attacking all of us so we were off to our choice of over twenty dining tents.

With a full stomach we started to invade the "Better Living Building." A building that housed the exhibits of manufacturers and dealers from clam chowder to Amphicars. All were completely fascinated by this building and spent at least an hour in it to look at all the wonderful things that are helping Americans to have a more comfortable and a much better living.

At five-thirty the "Sacred Heart Catholic Church Dining Tent" received 92 seminarians and faculty members. One could tell by the way they ate and talked that they had all enjoyed a very wonderful day.

Shortly after filling up again, we started to board our buses as we received a very unwelcome rain. On the way back the buses were one big buzz, everyone telling everyone else what they had seen and what they had missed. All in all, I think we would like to go again.

## I. H. M. ADDS THREE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS



L. to R. Father Jerome Clifford, S.C.J., Father Thomas Corcoran, S.C.J., and Father Anthony Bruder, S.C.J.

Ten years ago no one would have thought that three young men from such different parts of the country such as New York, Chicago, and Hartford, would some day be teaching together here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. How did this happen and how did these three receive similar commissions? The answer lies in their past lives and how they came to Bellefontaine through different channels.

Father Bruder was born in Ridgewood, New York. He attended Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Grade School and after graduation, he decided to join the Congregation and went to Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana, and there spent four years of high school training. After completing his four years at Donaldson, he went to Ste Marie, Illinois, for fifteen months of novitiate. From the novitiate, Frater Bruder, S. C.J. moved to Sacred Heart Monastery, at Hales Corners, Wisconsin, for two years of philosophy, and then was transferred to Kilroe Seminary at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, for two more years of study. He then received an assignment for teaching at Donaldson, Indiana, where he taught third year Latin and fourth year Greek. After completion of this year, Frater went back to the Monastery for three years and was ordained on May 27th, 1961. Father celebrated his first solemn High Mass at Donaldson where he was given a banquet in his honor.

Now Father Bruder is to be found at Bellefontaine as teacher, athletic director, and prefect. As teacher, he teaches first and third year Latin; as athletic director, he helps the boys to develop their abilities; and as prefect, he works side by side with Father Casper, S.C.J., and Frater Jackson, S.C.J., to help keep the Seminary in good running order.

The next faculty member of the month is Father Jerome Clifford who was born in Hartford, Connecticut. He spent his grade school days at St. Michael's Grade School in Hartford and then went to St. Joseph's High School for two years. He finished high school at Weaver High and then studied biology for three years at the University of Connecticut. Following these three years of study, Jerome went to St. Thomas' Diocesan Seminary. At the end of his first year at this seminary, he decided to join the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He entered the novitiate at Ste. Marie, Illinois where he stayed for fifteen months, and then after his first vows, went to Kilroe Seminary at Honesdale. After finishing two years of philosophy, Frater Clifford, S.C.J., advanced to the monastery and took the important course of theology. At the completion of this course of four years, Frater was ordained a priest on December 23, 1961. Father celebrated his first solemn High Mass here at Bellefontaine in the presence of the students and faculty.

This year we find Father Clifford here at the seminary teaching third year Algebra, Civics, and second year Religion. Besides teaching, Father has been re-arranging the library and has many other jobs of importance

around the house. This talented priest is doing a great deal for the students and his fellow religious.

Third of these men is Father Thomas Corcoran who was born in Chicago, Illinois. He attended St. Theodore's Grammar School and after graduation, went to Donaldson, Indiana where he spent his first four years of seminary life. After his four years came to an end, he went to Ste. Marie for fifteen months novitiate training and pronounced his first vows.

This period of time being fulfilled, he studied at the Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, to complete his college course. He then went to Honesdale to take two years of philosophy. After this time, Frater again returned to the Monastery to study theology for three years. His priesthood studies completed, Frater was ordained a priest on August 16, 1960. After ordination, Father Corcoran was able to go to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, to study theology for two years.

Father Corcoran, now here at the seminary, teaches third year English, French I and second year American History. He is a very lively faculty member and is well known among the students.

### JUNIORS MOVE TO ST. JOSEPH'S HALL



St. Joseph's Hall, residence of the Junior class for the school year '62-'63'.

## Seminary Life In India

When Father Raphael D'Cruz of Kerala, India, addressed the student body on Saturday evening, September 15, he started an idea which will materialize in BELLEFONTAINE for many future issues. Henceforth, this paper will have a special column entitled "Seminary Life in . . . . .", the country being changed for each edition. It is hoped that it will be of interest to students, their parents, and friends of our seminary.

Although Father D'Cruz's talk was not directly concerned with seminary life, he stated many interesting facts which have a bearing on seminarians. The seminarian in India can be housed and educated for a mere fifteen dollars a month, this including books, meals, and outside expenses. At first this appears like a very small sum, but it must be remembered, as Father pointed out, that the average annual income per person (man, woman, and child) in India is seventy dollars a year; whereas the average income per person in America is two thousand dollars a year. Since the majority of seminarians in India come from the poorer classes, very seldom does it happen that the family will pay for the seminarian's training. Normally, the Bishop of each diocese provides for his seminarians, but because of his great burden, the Bishops Relief Fund of the United States provides the needed money.

Out of the approximately 181 million people in the United States, 43 million are Catholic. There are a total of 55,000 to care for this Catholic population. On the other hand, out of the approximately 420 million people in India, only 2 per cent are Catholic. Hindusim is the largest religion, and with the caste system still ingrained in the people, they are reluctant to join other religions. When asked about the future of the Church in India, Father appeared very optimistic, especially concerning the Kerala area, which seems to be the place where Catholicism is growing most rapidly.



Chapel was the setting for a talk on India by a native priest, Rev. Father Raphael D'Cruz.

The work of a young priest, as Father told us from personal experience, consists more in travelling from village to distant village, bringing the Faith to the sparsely spread Catholic population. Seminary, as well as priestly life, we can be assured, is much more difficult in India, where the effects of science and technology and the betterment of education are not felt. Very few people, comparatively speaking, are literate. To communicate with them is difficult; to teach them is a heroic task. But the respect and love of the people towards their priests well merits the extra sacrifices that their ministers make for them.

After the talk, many questions were asked by the students which took possibly as much time as the talk itself. Communism in India, the skirmishes going on there, and the occupations of the people are only a few of the many topics which Father spoke so well on when answering the questions. A request for prayers and God's blessing on all closed the very informative evening.



# The Rector's Corner



My dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that all the advertisement of "Back to School" has become a reality. It only takes a few days of school to make the peace and quiet of the summer seem like ages ago.

For the second straight year of the existence of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, "Back to School" has added more new experiences for our seminarians. Last year it was the opening of the Seminary; this year it is the growing up of adding another year. With three years on the campus we have our problems of space, but still God has provided us ways to provide for all the boys. The chapel and dining room are a little crowded, but everyone has a place. Watching the addition going up helps to alleviate some of the thoughts of congestion.

As we celebrate our second birthday it is to the friends of the Seminary we turn to thank you for your generous support over the past year. Without it I don't know what we would have done. We feel that you are close to our young boys not only materially, but spiritually as well. It is very encouraging to read your letters stating how spiritually good it has been to help young boys studying for the priesthood.

The school paper will be coming to you during the school year, keeping you informed on the developments and activities of the boys. They are all anxious for a good year and I am sure you will see their wonderful spirit in the school paper.

The novena in honor of the Poor Souls will begin on November 2nd. The seminarians will be offering their prayers for your intentions.

In behalf of all present at Bellefontaine I want to wish you best of health and happiness in all your endeavors.

I am

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father McGuire

*Father McGuire*

## Junior Of The Month

Perhaps one of the Juniors the student body sees the most of around the seminary building is Frank Brauer, sacristan. Whether lighting candles, preparing the altars, or dusting the chapel, he is certainly in the public eye.



Frank is Baltimore's contribution to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. With the three Rs' learned at Our Lady of Good Council grammar school there, Frank went to Divine Heart Seminary for one year of studies towards the priesthood. Because of his territorial location, he is now at Bellefontaine.

Far from being a Frenchman, nevertheless his favorite subject is French. He has the sounds down to a science. An average student, Frank should have little difficulty being successful in his studies, especially since solid application has taken over where native ability was found lacking.

## I.H.M. Participates 1962 Vocation Institute

SERRA CLUB SPONSORS OUR VOCATION BOOTH

October tenth, eleventh, and twelfth were busy days at the 1962 Vocation Institute, held by the Serra Club of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. It was aimed at giving general understanding of religious vocations and knowledge of the important religious groups. This annual event was held at the Catholic Youth Center. The large display was distinguished by varying religious entries which represented different religious groups. The display booths contrasted from those entered by Jesuits, Divine Word Missionaries, Glenmary and Maryknollers to those shown by Ursuline and Franciscan Sisters.

This year's objective was to show the spirit of the various works of these orders through their displays as well as to foster and encourage vocations. This objective was furthered by the distribution of literature.

The booths mentioned above were attended by eighty religious, twenty nuns and the rest priests and brothers. Our booth, eight by eighteen feet in diameter, was located on a central position on the first floor of the exhibits. Upon walking up to the booth, one's attention would have been drawn to the center piece; a painting of the Sacred Heart by one of the brother artists, Brother Bonaventure, S.C.J. This center piece, an eight foot high, red, stained glass, block window, was given a spectacular effect by blinking background lights. This attractive design was all used for the sole purpose of highlighting the picture of the Sacred Heart that hung suspended in the foreground. To the right was an interesting slide show which colorfully illustrated the life of a seminarian at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. A table at the left side of the booth was reserved for literature which was informative to people both about our congregation itself, and about the work of our congregation, the Priests of the Sacred Heart. This pamphlet literature was distributed for the interest of the spectators from all the various booths. Just behind this table was a large triangular sign reading, "Sacred Heart Fathers".

Indeed, it was busy. The opening day, October 10th, began with High Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Pittsfield, celebrated by Rt. Reverend Walter C. Connell, Vicar General of the Springfield Diocese. Following this were exhibitions from 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. in the afternoon which resumed from 7 P.M. until 9 P.M. in the evening.



Brother John Monek, S.C.J. constructing booth.

Thursday, October 11th, exhibitions were held from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. These exhibits, both Wednesday and Thursday were attended by local schools during assigned times. The grand conclusion of this second exhibition was a Pageant at 8 P.M.

This Pageant was started five years ago by Father John F. Murphy of the Springfield Diocese. It is to be conducted this year by two nuns from St. Joseph's High School as well as a priest from St. Mark's parish, Pittsfield. This year's presentation was that of a bishop debating with a Communist to defend the Church. The argument was cleverly interwoven with the seven sacraments, portrayed in living tableaux, acted out by first graders wearing different colored costumes, depending on which sacrament they represented.

Frank's ability in sports is a contribution to the Seminary's athletic program. He is a letterman in football, most likely because his favorite sport happens to be just that. Soccer has a strong second in his preference.

Along with the position of head sacristan, which keeps him occupied most of his off studies hours, he also is a cantor in the school choir.



The booth which appeared in Pittsfield.

Also at the pageant prizes were awarded to those who wrote the neatest, most informative and most interesting essays on various topics concerning the how, when, where and why's of vocations. Students from our Seminary were among the participants in this essay contest.

From Wednesday and Thursday's exhibitions to Friday's "Open House", was a big step. Friday, everyone in the area was invited to attend the vocation exhibit. On this day we seminarians attended from 10:30 to 1 P.M. We were transported both to and from the affair through the courtesy and generosity of Pittsfield Serra Club, numbered some of the last of 20,000 spectators to see the 1962 Vocation Institute. The closing marked another milestone in the great work of the Serra Club. Our deepest gratitude and congratulations to its members, and their work in inspiring vocations.

## Editors Eye

Should the United States spend millions of dollars each year to put a man on the moon when that money could be put to a better use? At present, yes.

Today it seems that Russia has a lead in the space race. This is true. Lately the Russians have performed some amazing feats in advancement of the space race, but the U. S. has followed closely behind it, and it has been fortunate that it has done so. When the race first started, and even today, there were many people who protest loudly to what they call "wasteful spending." These people are the ones who want some kind of financial aid from the government or who are communists. But the U. S. nonetheless did enter the space race.

Why? In order to put a man on the moon before the Russians do. This fact taken by itself seems foolish. As most people see it, why waste money to put men in space when they or others may need it more. Just think of how all the money that goes into space could be put to use here on earth — for example the constructing of highways. But there is more to the space race than that. The hidden objective of the race is prestige, which Communism needs to survive. At the present all nations, old and new, are watching the race; for as it seems, the race will determine which system is better — capitalism or communism.

Even though the Russians are ahead, the U. S. is making itself felt. It is for this reason that Communism seems to be stumbling. The stress upon industry in Russia has ravaged its agricultural system. Now, this system is failing.

If the U. S. keeps up its efforts in the race, it may bring the end to Communism through winning the race. The U. S. must therefore continue the race so that it may win over Communism, or that Communism may fall under the pressure, even though it does require millions. For what is the price of freedom?

## Dear Mom and Dad,

Since this is my first letter to you as a Sophomore no doubt you are wondering just how I am making out. To be very honest with you it doesn't seem to be much different than last year except that there is a class behind me. I am just as happy and enjoy my classwork even more. However, it was a wonderful thought to start the school year off and not be "green". I know just how the Freshmen feel because I went through it last year. It was good to meet all my class-mates and to exchange some of our summer experiences.

We are a little crowded but everyone has a place and so the little inconveniences can be offered up in the right way. This week the Juniors will be moving to the house on the Seminary property and make it their Seminary for this coming school year. They will just come up to the main house for meals. I imagine they will be good and hungry when they get to the main house because they have quite a walk. We will have just the Sophomores and Freshmen in the main building as it was last year. With the Juniors out of the main house, we won't be so crowded and now the chapel space will be just fine.

This year my new subjects are American History and Geometry which I like very much. I have two of the new priests on the faculty teaching me in Religion and American History. They both make their subjects very interesting.

The new building is going to be a beauty and everyone is watching it go up. We still think of the sixty day strike and just how far we would be if we didn't have it, but there is nothing we can do about that now. Father McGuire tells us that we will be getting a section of it some time in November. It's going to be real big and I can't wait to get into the gym.

I imagine my phone call from the Exposition Grounds in Springfield startled you. I hope the bill was not too high. We had a terrific day and we certainly didn't get to see all of it. I did not spend too much time in the amusement area as the State buildings were too interesting. So tell Kathy that I will not be sending home any stuffed toys this year. I hope we go again next year.

Well Mom and Dad, this will have to be all for now but I know I have thanked you before, but I want to thank you again for the wonderful summer and I certainly have many happy memories of it. I hope next summer that I will be able to get a little job and help you and Dad in my education. So please give my greetings to everyone in the family and I certainly will be remembering all of you in prayers. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you on Visiting Sunday, and fill you in on the news that I may have forgotten. Praying for all of you every day in my attendance at Mass and my prayers, I hope you will continue to say some for me. So long for now.

Your loving son,

*Joe*



Father Richard

## Hi Fellows,

It seems like just a short time ago school was closing for the summer and everyone had a long, long three months of summer vacation ahead of him. Now it's hard to realize that it's the middle of autumn and you have been back to school again for almost two months. All of our seminarians were home for their summer vacation from May 30th until September 7th. They returned last month to begin a new school year.

As you know, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary opened its doors for the first time one year ago on September 5, 1961. At that time we began with our first and second year. Last month we began our second year as a seminary with three years. Next year we will add a fourth.

Although the second and third boys enjoyed their three months vacation at home with their families, they were all eager to return to rejoin their friends and class-mates in advancing one year closer to their desired goal, the priesthood. The first year boys made the big step from eighth grade to the seminary and are now on their way to the priesthood. All of them have made a great sacrifice for God by leaving home to begin their studies at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Yet, I can see in their faces and by their interest in the seminary program of prayer, study, sports and other activities, that they have found what they were looking for.

However, for me as the Vocational Director, there is a sad, lingering note. Last year some eighth grade boys wanted to come to the seminary, but because they didn't put forth their best study efforts, and because they didn't use the talents God gave them, they were not accepted into the seminary. Some of the boys did not study at all. Others tried to make up for poor semesters by getting down to hard study for the last quarter or the last semester. Near the end of the school year they realized that it was too late and their marks were too low for admittance to the seminary.

Therefore, since a new school year has just begun, I encourage all of you, especially those of you in the eighth grade, to do your best in school by dedicated and purposeful study from day to day, and to use your talents well. Thus you will please God with your respect, love and appreciation for His special gift of a vocation to the priesthood. Moreover, by sincere application to study you will be intellectually ready for the seminary studies next year or in the following years.

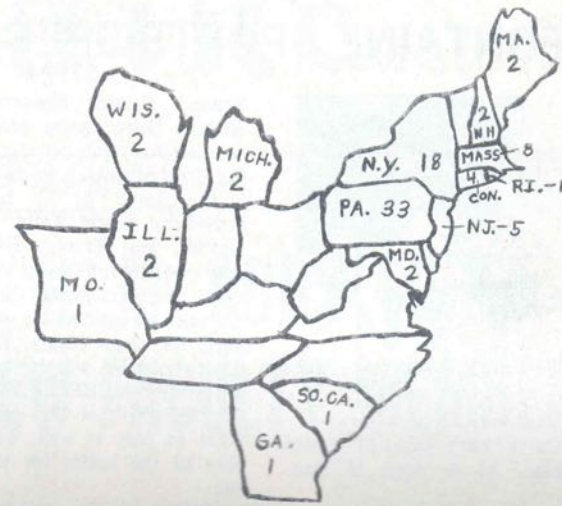
It was a real joy for me to see that all of the seminarians in the first year did their best last year in the eighth grade. They cooperated with God's grace of a vocation not only in prayer, but also in their school work. Resolve to follow their good example.

Please give my best regards to your parents and family.

God Bless all of you.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart,  
Father Richard, S.C.J.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary  
Lenox, Massachusetts.



## STUDENT ROSTER

### JUNIORS

- PETER ADAMS, Philadelphia, Pa.
- MICHAEL BOYLE, Union City, N. J.
- TERRY BRADY, Chicago, Ill.
- FRANK BRAUER, Baltimore, Md.
- JOHN BRILLA, Royal Oak, Mich.
- JAMES BRUNE, Brinktown, Mo.
- ROBERT BRUNS, Braddock, Pa.
- ALEXANDER CUDZEWICZ, Chicago, Ill.
- JOHN HENN, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- STEVEN HENNER, Philadelphia, Pa.
- EUGENE LAVOIE, Ansonia, Conn.
- CLINTON MARTIN, Greensburg, Pa.
- DENNIS MAYOR, Munhal, Pa.
- GARY McINNIS, Flint, Mich.
- TIMOTHY REVERS, Braddock, Pa.
- BERNARD SCHAAR, New Berlin, Wis.
- STANLEY SCHMIDT, Milwaukee, Wis.
- TERRY TROTOCHAUD, Atlanta, Ga.

- GREGORY SPECK, Philadelphia, Pa.
- THOMAS TOPLISEK, Greenville, Pa.
- ALAN WATERS, Florence, S. C.

### FRESHMEN

- ANDREW ANSELMO, Cambridge Hgts., New York
- LOUIS BECKER, Kingston Pa.
- LEO BELLIVEAU, Fitchburg, Mass.
- THOMAS BRUCE, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- JOHN BUTTON, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
- WILLIAM CHAMBERS, Chester, Pa.
- MICHAEL CONLON, Lawrence, Mass.
- PATRICK CONWAY, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ANGELO CONTRONE, Bronx, N. Y.
- JOHN DALBEC, Millbury, Mass.
- ROBERT DERRICO, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- MICHAEL DOYLE, East Hartford, Conn.
- GEORGE FINDLAY, Pittsburg, Pa.
- KARL FLUCK, Bethlehem, Pa.
- ALFRED GAGNE, Hartford, Conn.
- ANTHONY GALLO, Philadelphia, Pa.
- WILLIAM GROHAL, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
- EDWARD GUNN, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
- EMMET HELLRICH, Northport, N. Y.
- RICHARD JACOB, New Hyde Park, N. Y.
- BARRY KANE, Brentwood, N. Y.
- KEVIN KELLY, Braintree, Mass.
- GEORGE LISTER, Concord, N. H.
- MICHAEL McGREEVY, Plainfield, N. J.
- DENNIS MADIGAN, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- CLAUDE MARCHESSAULT, Auburn, Me.
- ROBERT MARKUNAS, Worcester, Mass.
- CHARLES MAROTTA, Boston, Mass.
- RONALD MICHAUD, Hartford, Conn.
- THOMAS MURPHY, New Drop, N. Y.
- GEORGE NESTLER, Duquesne, Pa.
- JAMES O'BRIEN, Philadelphia, Pa.
- GEORGE PURDY, Carmel, N. Y.
- PAUL REGAN, Binghamton, N. Y.
- JOHN SCHEIBER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- ROBERT SIMMONS, Pittsburg, Pa.
- STEVEN STAICER, Johnstown, Pa.
- ALBERT STARK, Philadelphia, Pa.
- LAWRENCE WHITNEY, Pittsburg, Pa.
- CHARLES YUHASIK, Newark, N. J.

### SOPHOMORES

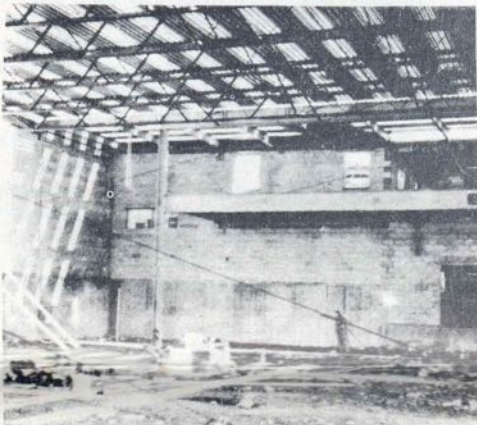
- ALBERT BANNON, Pittsburg, Pa.
- RICHARD BIRON, Three Rivers, Mass.
- CHARLES BROPHY, Pittsburg, Pa.
- CHARLES DYMER, Pittsburg, Pa.
- NICHOLAS FRANKUNAS, Philadelphia, Pa.
- RONALD FURLONG, Johnstown, Pa.
- ROBERT GRAZIANO, Bergenfield, N. J.
- RICHARD GRIFFIN, Brentwood, N. Y.
- JAMES HEBERT, Manchester, N. H.
- MICHAEL HESS, Wayminster, Pa.
- PATRICK HOUTERMAN, Pennsburg, Pa.
- JOHN KASPER, Clarksville, Pa.
- GLEN KLIPP, Rochester, N. Y.
- ROBERT LABRECQUE, Methuen, Mass.
- JAMES MURPHY, Biddeford, Maine
- DENNIS MYC, Cheektowaga, N. Y.
- NICHOLAS PASTOR, McKeesport, Pa.
- PATRICK REDDY, Reading, Pa.
- WILLIAM RENEAU, Elmwood City, Pa.
- JOHN RICE, Seat Pleasant, Md.
- THOMAS RIESER, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- FRANCIS SABO, Alpha, N. J.
- DANIEL SOWINSKI, Pittsburg, Pa.
- EMILE ST. ANDRE, Pawtucket, R. I.

## Students Observe Construction Of Building

The construction of the new wing, although halted by a sixty-two day strike, is progressing very rapidly.

The heavy beams, which will support the addition, are already in place. Workmen are fitting together the steel sheets that will bear the weight of the cement floors. Cement has already been poured on the roof and first floor of the structure. The brick work also is moving along quickly. The brick laying of the gymnasium is almost complete. The contractor expects to have this part of the building completed by December.

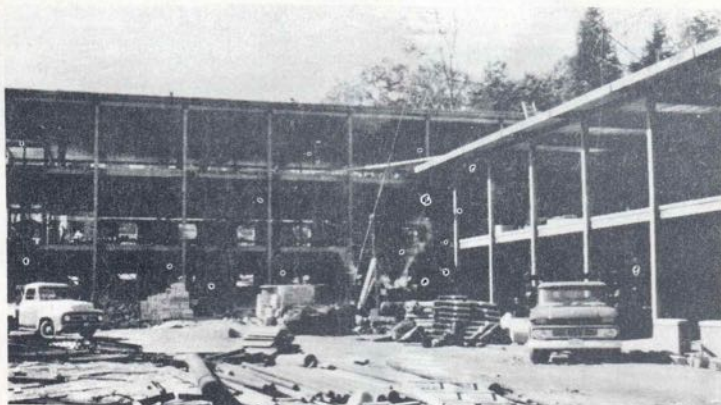
The plumbers and electricians are busily at work laying their pipes which will be cemented in the floor itself. In the basement, huge boilers are already assembled, waiting to be used. It is only a matter of time until all the work to be done will be on the warm inside only.



Gymnasium in the rough. Anyone for a game of obstacle-course basketball?



The workmen pouring the roof over dormitories of North-South Wing.



Looking from the back of the building one sees the connection between the main wing of the new building with the gymnasium.

## MISSION MONITOR

### A REPORT ON SAINT JOHN'S MISSION DE AAR, SOUTH AFRICA

The Mission is conducted by the Priests of the Sacred Heart, with the help of a Brother and eight Holy Cross Sisters.

The mission has a nursery school which instructs about 150 children. The primary school is divided into six "standards" - these six standards are equivalent to our eight grades.

The Church there is about 90 feet long and 40 feet wide; it is constructed of brick. It has a bell tower, and has the capacity of seating some 300 people. The style is the latest.

St. John's Mission is situated between two South African "locations." These "locations" are areas in which only members of one race are permitted and confined. There is a Negro and a native location - the latter having mostly Bantus of the Xkoa and Zulu tribes.

As the people are confined to their respective locations, however, there is much fighting among the races. This is particularly so Friday and Saturday when the men are drinking.

Three times one of our own Brothers was stoned. Fortunately, he received no serious harm. This Brother is with us at Bellefontaine, after 17 years in Africa.

St. John is one out of six S.C.J. Missions in Africa.

Bellefontaine Offers Boys An Opportunity. Boys willing to accept the challenge will find an absorbing message in our free booklet. Write now for the CHALLENGE at our expense.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE: Father Richard  
 Bellefontaine  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary  
 Lenox, Massachusetts.

# BELLEFONTAINE SPORTS SPECIAL



Volleyball became a very popular sport with the freshmen, as is seen in this picture.

The year's sports program here at Bellefontaine has gotten off to a successful start as the new and old players warm up for the coming games. Just as soon as the students were settled, they headed for the ball fields and started to wear down the courts, diamonds, and grid-irons set up for the various sports.

The first sport, Volleyball, gained much popularity during the outside recreations. The game can be played in a short time and many students can participate. The upper classmen immediately picked up the sport from past experience and passed down its fundamentals to the new freshmen who learned very fast. Some of the faculty were always on hand to give the freshmen pointers and to keep the games going. On the 11th of September, the Student-Faculty volleyball game was played in which the students fell behind only by a slim margin. The faculty naturally had more experience in the game and therefore used it well to take the victory. The students were very determined in their playing and really gave the Fathers, Brothers, and Fraters a hard time. However, the faculty did win this year, but next year may be different because of the new and better players who are coming in every year. Only time will tell whether the students will win next year; but at any cost, the fighting spirit of the game will always remain in charge of the students.

## BASEBALL

Once teams were picked for Baseball, a new sports phase developed as all sports grew in popularity. Teams were formed and the boys caught on fast to the national game. The students put on the best show of their ability in the games that were played. Father Bruder, S.C.J., the sports director, organized four "A" league teams and four "B" league teams for baseball this year. The "A" league consisted of the juniors and sophomores, and the "B" league was composed of the freshmen. Many of the faculty members were on hand to umpire the games and to hand out pointers where they were necessary. This year's prospects for baseball players are hung with the arrival of the freshmen who have quite a bit of reserved power for the sport. They were into the "swing" of things just as soon as time would permit them to use that excess power. The baseball season was short at the beginning of this year to make room for the now advanced football season.

## FOOTBALL

The diamonds were quickly changed into gridirons as the footballs took to the air. The fields were set up for the teams to play and no sooner was this accomplished than the students started into their popular sport. The boys play "flag" football which is a lot of fun after they get used to it. The students get a chance to find out who are the better players this year with the practice games that are held before the league games begin. There are four "A" league teams, captained by Clentin Martin, Robert

Bruns, Patrick Houterman, and Thomas Rieser. These teams prove to be fine competition for each other under the method of flag football which is now a popular method of the game. The "B" league teams are captained by Kevin Kelly, Paul Regan, George Nestler, and Emmet Helrich. All the boys may need a refreshing of the rules here and there, but in general, they are all good players and are out to do a good job and fight hard for their teams. During the year the sport's picture will be posted in the following issues of BELLEFONTAINE.

The spirit of the game and the skill it takes to play it well, will always come into play as the battle for the first place is begun.

Sports are an important part in the life of the seminarian. They help him to play well and improve his abilities. The seminarian learns good sportmanship and how to strive together with others for the same goal and achievements leading to victory. Sports also develop the physical ability of the students. Therefore the sports program plays an important part in the life of a seminarian.



Level fields and bright autumn days made the perfect setting for the short September Bellefontaine Baseball season.

## Never a Dull Moment

"OO" "WA" "ANN" "ERR" "KEEE". A stranger to Bellefontaine might be very much bewildered at these sounds emitted from the library, but to the students they are familiar.

Pets? No! Exclamations? No! Sound effects? Wrong again. Then what? Oh, I see -- Eighteen juniors trying to learn French.

What's the opinion of the Juniors on French? "It isn't easy to pronounce!" One has to admit that it is hard to get unison, for instance, in the pronunciation of a foreign language, from a class in a Seminary such as this. The students of the Junior class represent a great variety of regional peculiarities; and also many have nationality accents which further complicates things. Therefore, it is not easy for such a group to be taught to speak French, a language about which a celebrated author remarked, "In French it is not exactly what you say, but how you say it."

But the Juniors, Father Corcoran, S.C.J. (their French teacher), and French do get along fairly well during the four classes a week in which they meet. For they are making progress, even though it might be only a little at first. Once the juniors become accustomed to the sounds of French they will be on the progressive road to speaking the language. Eventually the "oo" "waa," and "anns" will become understandable -- if you speak French.



## A VISIT WITH "OUR NEIGHBORS"

Many new visitors to the seminary and our area ask us if there are any other private schools close by. The answer to this is a definite yes. There are many well known schools such as: Miss Hall's School; Fox Hollow, a girl's academy; Lenox School for Boys and Cranwell Academy, staffed by the Jesuits.

Of these, Cranwell and Lenox School for Boys are our nearest neighbors. Let me tell you a little about them.

Lenox School for Boys opened its doors for the first time in 1926 on what formerly had been a summer estate. This school was one of the few, in that year, that were operating on the self-help system. The expansion of the school is clearly seen in these statistics; in 1951 the school had sixty students; in 1959 the number was up to a remarkable two hundred twenty-seven students. This was the best year for the school. Now in 1962 at the school, it has some two hundred and twenty students from twenty-five states, even though most of them are from New England. The faculty consists of twenty-three teachers, all experts in their field.

Cranwell Academy was founded in 1934 by the Jesuit Order as a preparatory school for various colleges. All the land (some 400 acres) and the buildings of the Berkshire Hunt and Country Club, were ceded to the Society of Jesus, to be used for educational purposes, by Mr. Edward H. Cranwell of New York.

At present, the campus has twelve buildings; the Administration building, the Gym, the Auditorium, and eight dormitory buildings. The faculty consists of twelve priests, three scholastics, and seven lay teachers. Cranwell is made up of high school students.

This year Cranwell has some 230 students, and hopes to expand even more next year.

## AUTUMN in the BERKSHIRES

As time marches on in the New England States, so the leaves change and fall is upon us. It is a festive and beautiful time of the year and each part of nature, you might say, competes in a beauty contest. Every year, however, the results seem the same. Who is the winner? The Berkshires are, of course!

The Berkshires are sometimes called "Nature's Shrine" because of their unique beauty. Nowhere else in the world is there this type of mountain. Unlike most hills and mountains, the Berkshires are extraordinarily irregular. In the midst of two sharp peaks, you may find a gradually sloping hill. Then again, you might come across a lofty, bold peak, where there are only rounded, stout slopes.

In the fall, all this splendor is accentuated. The rises and dips become carpets of gentle red, cut by bright oranges and yellows. Perhaps one doesn't realize that many mountainous areas, unlike the Berkshires,

## HAPPY HAPPENINGS CALENDAR

October 4:	CLASS NIGHT
October 7:	VISITING SUNDAY
October 21:	DEBATE
October 31:	HALLOWEEN: TALENT NIGHT
November 4:	VISITING SUNDAY
November 18:	DEBATE
November 22:	THANKSGIVING DAY: THANKSGIVING DAY BOWL
December	BASKETBALL SEASON BEGINS
December 2:	VISITING SUNDAY
December 6:	CLASS NIGHT
December 8:	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December 9:	SOPHOMORE PLAY
December 16:	DEBATE
December 20:	CHRISTMAS PARTY

## VOCATION PRAYER

O Dearest Jesus -- Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate -- grant to our boys and girls -- the generosity necessary to follow Thy call -- and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents -- that faith, love, and spirit of sacrifice -- which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service -- and cause them to rejoice exceedingly -- when ever one of their children -- is called to the Religious life. Let Thy example -- and that of Thy Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph -- encourage both children and parents -- and let Thy grace sustain them. Amen.

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