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I. H. M. Enrollment Climbs

Four Full Years

The doors of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary opened to three "firsts" this September. For the first time, the student enrollment numbered one hundred; for the first time, the Seminary became a full four-year high school, giving the Class of '64 the distinction of being I.H.M.'s first graduating class. Just two short years ago, when the Seminary was founded, there were only sixty-five students and these in the first two years of high school.

The third "first"?—even the doors that opened on the above events were new, for we have expanded

facilities as well as the number of students.

The five-score seminarians come from various states, eleven in all, from Missouri to Rhode Island and from Maine to South Carolina. (See student roster on page four.) Two sets of brothers have arrived: sophomore Jack Schieber has been joined by his twin brother Dick, and the Chambers family of Chester, Pennsylvania, is represented by Bill, a sophomore, and by Tom, a freshman.

Once here, no one seemed to lose much time in getting into the swing of things; another year has begun, a year of graces and blessings in the Sacred Heart, a year bringing all of the boys closer to His holy altar: "I will go unto the altar of God!"

Sacred Heart Bishops at the Council



Bottom Row: (left to right)

His Excellency, Most Rev. William Cobben, Bishop of the diocese of Helsinki, Finland, since 1933. His diocese includes a population of 4,400,000, 2,300 of whom are Catholic. He is assisted by 20 priests.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Camillus Verfaillie, now retired, was Prefect Apostolic of Stanleyville, Congo, from 1934 to 1958.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Nicholas Kinsch, Archbishop of Stanleyville, Congo, since 1958. In his care are 49,000 Catholics and 48 priests.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis Demont, now retired, was Prefect Apostolic of Aliwal, South Africa, from 1936 to 1947. He is presently residing with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in Aix-la-Chapelle, France.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Paul Bouque, is presently Bishop of Nkongsamba, Cameroun. He is a Bishop since 1934 and has 125,000 Catholics and 75 priests in his care.

Top Row: (left to right)

His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph Wittebols, is Bishop of Wamba, Congo, since 1949. In his care are 49,000 Catholics and 48 priests.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph Soudant, is Bishop of Palembang, Sumatra. He has 9,000 Catholics and 22 priests in his care.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Honoratus Piazeria, is Bishop of Nova Iguaçu, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, since 1959. He has 850,000 Catholics and 40 priests in his care.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Albert Hermelink, was made resident Bishop of Tandjung Karang, Sumatra, Indonesia, in 1961. In a population of 1,400,000, there are 7,500 Catholics and 10 priests.

His Excellency, Most Rev. John Lueck, is Bishop of Aliwal, South Africa, having a Catholic population of 12,000 people and 22 priests.

Dedication



Since the publication of our last issue, Almighty God has seen fit to call our late Holy Father, Pope John XXIII, to his eternal reward, and to give us in his place a new Pontiff, His new Vicar, Pope Paul VI. To the memory of Pope John and to the person of Pope Paul, we would like to dedicate this issue of *Bellefontaine*. And may God continue to bless their common undertaking, Vatican Council II, in its work of reform and renewal.

Catechetics in the Seminary

Several members of our senior class have become part-time teachers this Fall. Each Saturday morning approximately 100 grade-school children from the Lenox area converge on Bellefontaine for C.C.D. instruction. Father McGuire, the superior of the seminary, has very generously extended the use of our classroom facilities to St. Anne's parish in Lenox.

Since the number of teaching Sisters (the Sisters of St. Joseph) is not sufficient, three of our seniors—Alexander Cudzewicz, Gary McInnis, and Stan Schmidt—have been called upon to teach.

It is really a big step in one's education when he finds he has grasped the truths of his own religion well enough to impart this knowledge to others. In addition, our three teaching seniors are glad for the opportunity to "learn by teaching."

These seniors, as well as the rest of their class, have been taking special weekly courses from the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine in catechetical methods. The remaining seniors hope to get a chance at the other side of the teacher's desk sometime during this year—and all hope to do as well as our three "experienced" teachers.



New members of Bellefontaine's faculty for 1963-64 term: Seated, l-r: Frater Paul Murphy, Father Walter Nabity; Standing, l-r: Brother John Thomas, Father David Lanphier, Frater Francis Grob.

The Rector's Corner



My Dear Friends,

Once again we are renewing our friendship through our school paper, *Bellefontaine*. Since many of you may be new friends of the past year, we want to welcome you to our growing family and certainly hope and pray to God, that with your prayers and help we can continue to educate young boys for the priesthood. This school year has brought our total enrollment to one hundred young high school boys who are very much interested in becoming Sacred Heart Fathers. It is an interest which we know will grow and increase through your prayers and sacrifices. The boys are well a-

ware of the fact that, because of these prayers, they are moving along toward their goal, and I in their behalf would like to thank you.

With the new addition that has just been completed, we have overcome one big problem—that of being over-crowded. Now we have room for many more boys and do hope that you will continue to pray for vocations.

As we celebrate our second birthday as a Seminary, we are very happy and proud that you have become a friend of this young group. The school paper will be a means informing you about the students' activities, their scholastic as well as their spiritual development. We hope that it will continue to make our friendship a very personal one.

To all of you who have sent in your petitions for the Novena of Peace, I want to express my thanks and assure you that all of your intentions will be remembered not only in the Novena of High Masses but also in the prayers of the boys. Some have asked whether we accept Mass intentions here at the Seminary. Yes, we do; we will be very happy to say the Masses you desire.

With prayers and continued remembrance of you and your intentions in daily Mass, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McGuire

Dear Mom and Dad,

Greetings again from your summer boarder! Just as the summer went flying by, so have the first four weeks of school. After the first day of class I realized the full meaning of being a junior. I've got a few new subjects: French, Civics and Advanced Algebra. Right now I'm just getting the feel of them.

It was a wonderful sight to see the new wing completed. It is beautiful and we have everything in the new section. After watching the building go up for 18 months I never visualized the finished project. We all feel part of it. The chapel is very simple and a real boys' chapel. I can't explain everything, you'll just have to see it for yourself on Visiting Sunday. I was very proud to show the new freshmen and their parents our school.

I have a few new teachers this year, but most of the faculty is the same as last year. With the addition of another year we had to get new professors. They all piled the work on the first day of class—nothing like starting off right.

Before I forget, I want to thank you both for the nice summer. It is nice to think back on the many trips and outings we made together. I guess I teased the kids too much and they are all glad I've gone back to the Seminary.

This is the first time I've brought everything back—didn't forget anything, Dad. All in all I'm very happy and anxious to get going in my school work; it means another year closer to the priesthood. Keep me in your prayers. Give my greetings to all the kids. I hope they all come up for visiting day.

God Bless You,
Your loving Son,

Joe

BELLEFONTAINE

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A SEMINARIAN'S DAY

It is 5:50 A.M. The sudden ringing of a bell breaks the morning peace. "Vivat Cor Jesu!" ("May the Heart of Jesus live") sounds through the dormitory. "Per Cor Mariae" ("Through the heart of Mary") you answer, blessing yourself. It's a new day. For you that means that you're a day closer to your goal—the priesthood. In your mind you utter a short morning offering. So the day of the seminarian begins: a day of prayer and study, of work and of play.

The chapel is your first stop. At 6:15 morning prayers begin, followed by meditation and by Holy Mass. The chapel becomes a familiar spot for you. Many times during the day you will stop in to spill out a problem

others. Later on as a priest it will help you to better understand the problems of the working man.

Recreation begins at 1:30. All students participate in the seminary's intramural sports program, which is arranged for basketball, baseball, ice-hockey, volleyball, and football. You have got to be a strong and healthy priest to meet the work ahead of you, and you know that sports will help relax and develop your body. What's more, you realize that sports will help you develop your character, for they teach you how to take disappointment and momentary defeat, how to control your temper when things aren't going right, and how to practice charity and give encourage-



Praying . . . studying . . . playing . . .

or perhaps just to say "hello" for a minute.

After eating a good breakfast and performing your daily housework assignment (you had to sweep the stairs this morning), you'll find that it's nearing 8:00—time for your first class. You have five classes a day, three in the morning and two in the afternoon, with study periods in between. You know that a priest must be well educated to guide and assist souls to heaven, so you try to make the most out of your studies.

By noon you're good and hungry, so after a quick visit to chapel you dig into dinner which has been prepared by the sisters in the kitchen.

Work period follows next on the schedule. You'll find yourself doing almost anything—from washing floors to raking leaves, and from painting walls to cutting grass. This variety gives you an excellent opportunity to practice team spirit; it teaches you how to work and get along with

ment when someone "messes everything up."

At 2:45 you resume your studies and attend the two final classes of the day. A bell rings at 5:45 for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Supper follows and then evening recreation.

This afternoon's football game tired you out so you forget about the gym tonight. You decide to watch the news on TV and then play a game of pinochle. Or you might challenge a faculty member to a game of ping-pong. (Even tired out you bet you'll beat him!)

At 8:00 evening study period begins, and then at 9:00 the day has ended and the community meets in the chapel for night prayers.

It's been a busy day for you, a day of prayer and of study, of play and of work, but most of all—it's been a day well spent for it's now another day closer to your goal: the Holy Priesthood.

New Brothers Assigned



Brother Norbert, S.C.J.

Bellefontaine was very happy to welcome two new brothers—Brothers Norbert and Eugene—to its family this past summer. Both brothers have been assigned for the past two years to Sacred Heart Novitiate in Ste. Marie, Illinois.

Brother Norbert, originally from

Detroit, becomes Father Richard's assistant in vocation work, as well as sacristan, infirmarian, and assistant athletic director.

Brother Eugene directs his very capable talents toward caring for the seminary lawns and grounds, and toward machine repair and maintenance. Brother hails from Steubenville, Ohio.



Brother Eugene, S.C.J.

'Vere Dignum et Justum Est...'



The sanctuary in the new Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel.

It is indeed fitting... To erect altars was always a favorite devotion of the Founder of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, the Servant of God, Leo John Dehon. Here at Bellefontaine his successor, our present Father General, followed his example on September fifth by blessing our new chapel and celebrating the first Mass there.

The above pictures of the sanctuary and of the statues of the Sacred Heart and Blessed Virgin give some idea of the beauty and simplicity of the chapel. The furnishings were designed by Moroder Studios of Milwaukee; the statuary, including the above statues, those of St. Joseph and of St. Aloysius, the Corpus of the main crucifix, and the stations of the cross, were designed by the same studios and hand-carved in Italy.

The stained glass windows in the sanctuary highlight four coats of arms: those of Pope John XXIII, of Bishop Christopher J. Weldon of Springfield, Mass., of the Congregation, and of the Seminary itself. The five windows in the nave of the chapel portray the Litany of Loreto in sign and symbol. All seven windows were designed by Frederick Leuchs, Inc., of New York City.

John Fisher of nearby Pittsfield was the architect, and George E. Emerson of the same city, the general contractor.

The chapel is indeed beautiful; yet beauty is not an end in itself but rather a means to draw the heart closer to the Creator of all beauty, who is honored here in daily Mass and Benediction.



Senior Of The Month

The honor of being the first "Senior of the Month" in Bellefontaine's short but illustrious history falls upon the youngest of our seniors, upon one who has filled many responsible positions in the past few years: Steve Henner. This year Steve is vice-president of our Mission club, captain of the gym crew, and manager of the student store. Somewhere in between



Store manager Steve Henner provides freshman Bob Clymer with the "necessities" of student life.

he finds time to be an active member of the Sodality of our Lady, the school choir, and the glee club. His musical talent is also shown by his

keyboard performances on piano and organ.

But even with all this, Steve has managed to be at the top of his class scholastically. His favorite subjects are languages, and this year he has quite a few to engage his interest: English, Latin, French, and Greek. Last Spring he received an award from the Association for the Promotion of the Study of Latin (A.P.S.L.) and in his sophomore year was the recipient of a National Educational scholastic achievement award.

For the past two years here at Bellefontaine, Steve has been a fine representative of his home parish, Holy Angels' in Philadelphia, and we're "glad to have him aboard" as a member of our first class.

OPEN HOUSE

On September 28, I.H.M. extended a welcoming hand to its friends and neighbors from the Lenox area. The upperclassmen were gladly standing by, ready and willing to conduct a "Grade A" guided tour at a moment's notice. The visitors also had a chance to meet the faculty and enjoy some refreshments at the close of their tour.

Father Richard Writes

Hi Fellows,

Now that school has begun once more, I am sure that you are all looking forward to a good year—and it will be a good one if *you* together with God make it one.

How are you to go about this? First by praying hard for His help, at morning Mass and during those short daily visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Secondly by studying hard—and by making that extra effort when you want to watch that special TV show instead.

Thirdly by working hard—by helping Mom and Dad, and even Billy and Sue, around the house without complaining *all* the time. And fourthly by playing hard—when it is time for play.

Put these four things in their proper places during your school day and on weekends, and see if you don't have a better year all a-



At The Fair

September seventeenth marked the first free day of the new year and our second annual trip to the Eastern States International Exposition in Springfield, Massachusetts.

And the day was certainly free-free for candy apples, dodge-em cars, and games of skill; free for visits to the various state exhibits, science displays, and animal contests; free to get... well, tired out after a long day.

For some, the highlight seemed to come with an afternoon visit to the "Hell Drivers" show at the outdoor track. For others, it was the evening horse show that got the vote, complete as it was with "The World's Only Diving Mules" and a challenge from the M.C. to stay on a mule's back for thirty seconds (at which no one quite succeeded).

Throw in a few song-fests during the bus rides to and fro, and you will have a good idea of how the seminarians spent the day of September 17, 1963.

round. If you take a look at the article on page two of this paper: "A Seminarian's Day," you will see that his day is not so much different from yours.

May the Sacred Heart keep you close to Him during this year.

God bless you,

Fr. Richard, S.C.J.

BOOKS! AND MORE BOOKS!

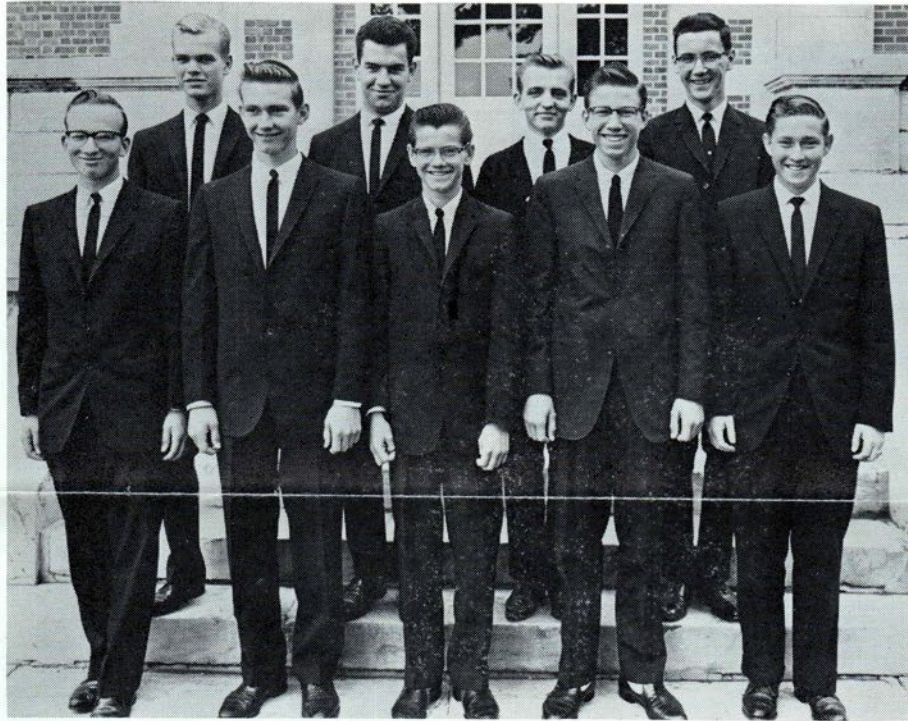
Have you checked your home library recently? The library here at the Seminary needs help in its program of expansion. Any books suitable for a high-school library which you might be able to send would be appreciated.

Thank-you.

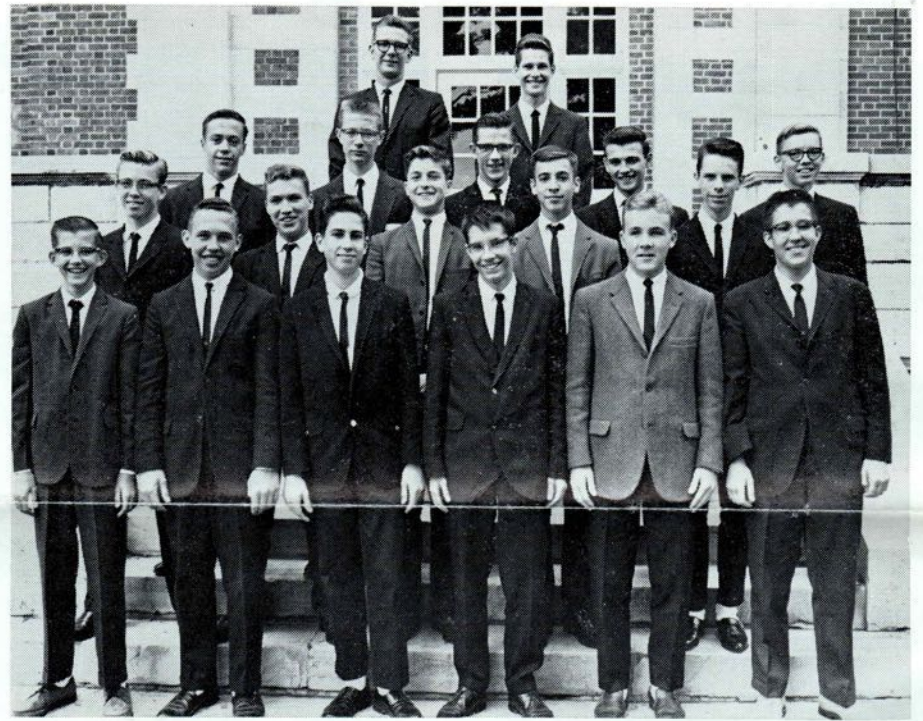
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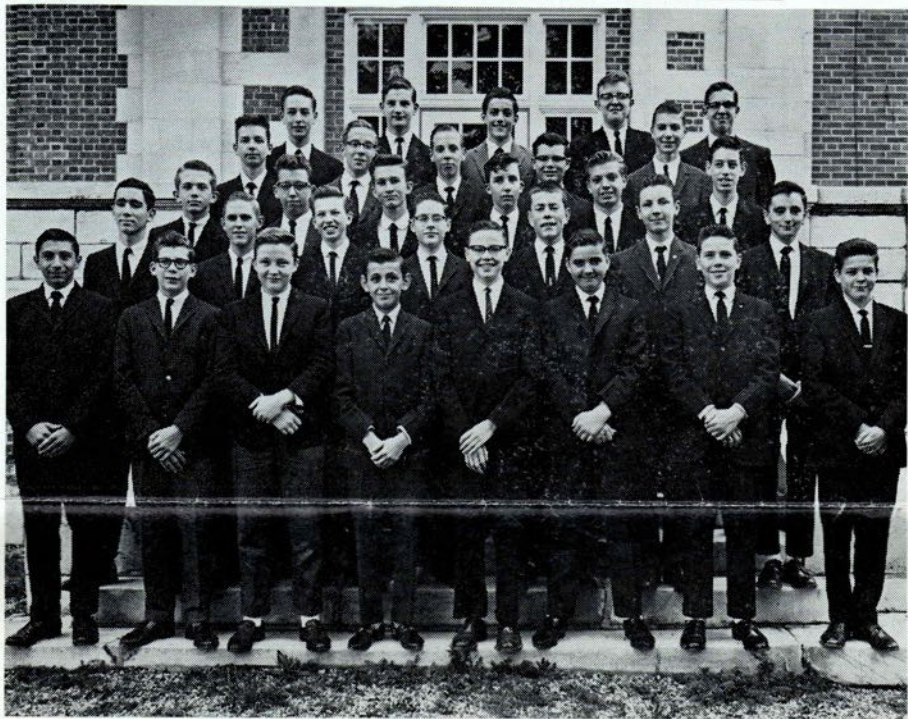
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CLASS OF 1964. 1st row, l-r: Al Cudzewicz, Jim Brune, John Brilla, Stan Schmidt, Terry Brady; 2nd row: Tim Revers, Gary McInnis, Frank Brauer, Steve Henner.



CLASS OF 1965. 1st row, l-r: Nick Pastor, Ron Furlong, Dick Griffin, Mike Hess, Frank Sabo, Chuck Dyer; 2nd row: Jack Reneau, Jim Murphy, Greg Speck, Chuck Brophy, Al Bannon; 3rd row: Pat Houterman, Dan Sowinski, Dennis Myc, Emile St. Andre, Glenn Klipp; 4th row: Tom Toplisek, Al Waters.



CLASS OF 1966. 1st row, l-r: Chuck Marotta, Tom Bruce, Emmet Helrich, Ed Gunn, Paul Regan, Dennis Madigan, Pat Conway, Kevin Kelly; 2nd row: Jim O'Brien, Bill Conlon, Louis Becker, Bob Simmons, George Lister, Mike Doyle, John Dalbec; 3rd row: Larry Whitney, Barry Kane, Chuck Yuhascik, Claude Marchessault, George Nestler, Bob Derrico; 4th row: Bill Chambers, Dick Scheiber, Jack Scheiber, Andy Anselmo, George Findlay; 5th row: John Button, Bob Markunas, George Purdy, Al Stark, Dick Jacob.



CLASS OF 1967. 1st row, l-r: Harry Williams, Tom Norris, Mike Doyle, Mike Jordan, Steve Richters, Tom Hug, Bob Clymer, Tony Platek; 2nd row: Pete Amodei, Jack Holland, Brian Hannigan, John Somatican, Tom Chambers, Stan Plocinski, Bruce Vallee; 3rd row: Bob Soccoa, Mark Forrette, Kevin Lockwood, Luis Maura, Derek Dziedzic, Paul Fontaine, Henry Hewitt; 4th row: Jack Buckingham, Jerry Kraemer, Ray Kretschmar, Jack Lockard, George Tomasky, Hugh Carty, Paul Cunningham; 5th row: Dick Johnson, Mike Borzansky, Joe Rusnock, John Wierzbicki, Bart Sorenson, Paul Portanova; 6th row: Kevin Murray, Steve McCaffrey, Jim Pezzulo.

Sports

Shorts

FALL SPORTS:

The Fall sport here, as it is everywhere else in the nation, is of course football. The game of the Giants and Packers, of Ohio State and USC, is our game as well, and for hustle these pro and college players have nothing on the seminarians of Bellefontaine (although they might outclass us in other departments through skill and practice).

The training schedule for our intramural season began as soon as we returned from that long (and soft) summer vacation. To get in shape was the order of our sports day; the tools—volleyball and softball.

Volleyball as played here is anything but a slow game. The necessity for timing and jumping ability in such a fast-moving game helped prepare eyes, legs, and lungs not only for the football season but also for basketball and hockey.



Quarterback Barry Kane leaps for another 15-yard completion.

Softball, whether we were sliding into third for a triple, or snagging the other team's would-be triples in the outfield, helped prepare us for later ninety-yard dashes down the gridiron, as well as for that fast break, or for those lightning hockey goals soon to be ours.

The training period was over, and in late September football got off to a flying start. Both "A" league and "B" league looked all the better for their pre-season training. Jim Brune,

Ron Furlong, Pat Houterman, and George Nestler are piloting the four "A" league squads, while Mike Jordan, Kevin Murray, Gerard Kraemer, and Paul Cunningham are doing the same for the elevens of the "B" league. Houterman's team predicts an "A" league trophy for themselves, but so far no other captain has been seen in the vicinity of a white flag. And battle cries, not boasts, are the only words heard from the "B" league fields.

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