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## Fall Outing at Boston



Bellefontaine cheering section at Fenway Park.

Good weather and high spirits marked the day of Bellefontaine's annual outing. A baseball game at Boston, some sight-seeing, and a few slight mishaps on the road proved to be the highlights of the day's events.

After Mass and breakfast on the morning of the 16th the students boarded three buses and began the journey to Boston. They spent the next few hours singing songs. One bus had some difficulty with two flat tires but these were repaired and the trip continued.

Just outside the city the students stopped at Tony's Villa for a spaghetti dinner. Afterwards the entire group arrived at Fenway Park for the game. They saw the Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians thanks to the no-hit pitching of Dave Moorehead. At first the Bellefontaine cheering section showed little bias, cheering loudly for both teams. A few inveterate New York Mets' fans held up a sign proclaiming their favorite team, while chanting, "We want the Mets!" As the game progressed Rocky Colavito found himself the object of their cheers and applause. But in the last few innings Dave Moorehead's pitching became the prime attraction. Belle-

fontaine's presence at the game did not go unnoticed. Writing about the game afterwards, Joe McHenry, sports writer for the Providence Journal, remarked in his column that "... even the youngsters from Lenox, Mass., who had been yelling on every pitch and practically pitching the game with him." The students expressed a wide range of opinions about the game. For some it was "... terrific—the best game I ever saw." While for others it was "... boring—not enough home-runs."

Next on the schedule was some sightseeing from the top of the Prudential building in downtown Boston. This afforded a panoramic view of the entire city. Those who weren't baseball fans regarded this as "... the best part of the whole day."

The return journey included a stop at Worcester, Mass. for a chicken dinner. It was served in the parish hall of St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church—Bob Markunas' home parish.

The day ended with three bus loads of weary and bone-sore seminarians who arrived back after a day well spent.

New York, recently completed their contribution to the education of a priest. Through the sponsoring of various social activities they raised enough money to finance the education of a boy throughout his four years at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. They made the final contribution in May of this year, presenting Fr. Anthony Bruder, S.C.J., Dean of Boys, with a check for \$500 to be used in paying the tuition of some seminarian who could not otherwise afford it. Speaking in behalf of the entire seminary Father thanked them for their thoughtfulness and dedication.

On October 12 the girls visited the seminary and spent the day touring the buildings and grounds.

## Teen-Age Girls Help Finance Education of Priest

The Junior Catholic Daughters of St. Rose of Lima parish in Queens,

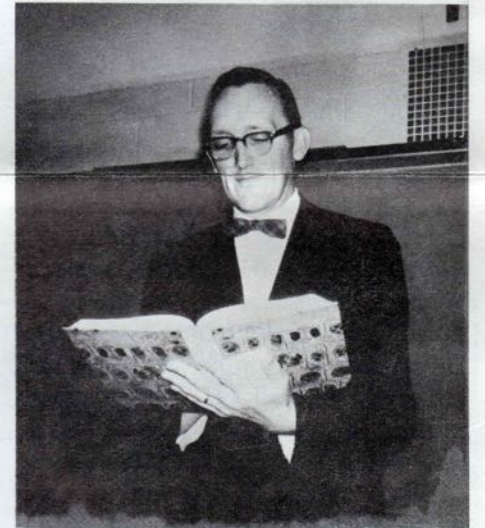


Officers present Fr. Bruder with a five-hundred dollar check.

## Seven New Members Join Faculty

With the opening of the 1965-66 school year seven new faculty members were added to the teaching staff and vocational department of Bellefontaine.

The newest additions to the vocational department were Fr. Stephen, S.C.J., and Br. Timothy, S.C.J. Fr. Stephen is replacing Fr. Richard, S.C.J. as Bellefontaine's vocational director. His main duty will be visiting the homes of boys interested in coming to Immaculate Heart Seminary. This is Father's third assignment. He was ordained in 1963 and has previously served on the faculties of Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and Trinity College in Redlands, California. Br. Timothy, S.C.J. will be Father's "man behind the scenes." He will be in charge of the office work of the vocational department. This is Brother's first assignment. He made his first profession of vows in August.



Mr. Blagdon

erator for the CSMC, director of the freshman glee club, and lecture program coordinator.

Mrs. John Pignatelli, M.A. is the first lady on Bellefontaine's teaching staff. A resident of Lenox, Mrs. Pignatelli received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Our Lady of the Elms College and her Master's degree from Middlebury College of Languages. At Bellefontaine she teaches Spanish to the third year.

Mr. Edward Blagdon, B.A. is the new biology instructor. Mr. Blagdon is a resident of nearby Pittsfield and received his Bachelor's degree from Harvard University.

Frater Richards, S.C.J. is the third and fourth year Latin teacher. He recently graduated from Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, Pennsylvania where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Frater is also an assistant dean, advisor to the Latin Club, and chairman of the sports committee. He assists with the Explorers and Sodality.

Frater Marks, S.C.J. is another recent graduate of Kilroe Seminary. He is presently the first and second year history instructor. Frater also serves as assistant dean, advisor to the school newspaper and debate club, and moderator of the Current Events Club. He too helps with the Explorers and Sodality.



Mrs. Pignatelli

Fr. Joseph O'Bell, S.C.J. was just ordained in June of this year. He had spent the year prior to ordination working in the Southern missions. Presently Father is teaching first year English and second year Latin at IHM, and another English course at Dehon Seminary in nearby Great Barrington. In addition to his classroom duties Father is mod-



Left to right: Frater Richards, Father O'Bell, Frater Marks.



# The Rector's Corner



Dear Eighth Grade Boys,

Ordinarily this corner of the school paper is reserved for the many friends of Bellefontaine. However this time, I don't want to exclude our many friends, but want to limit the scope of the audience to the eighth grade boys who are interested in coming to Bellefontaine in the fall of 1966. It may sound as though we are early in requesting that you get your yellow cards to Father Stephen. There are reasons for asking you to start this work early. First, you have to decide on a high school soon, and we would like to see if you would be able to attain admittance into Immaculate Heart of Mary if that is your first choice. Second, an early acceptance by the Seminary will assure you of immediate response and allow you ample time for the preparations and details that goes into getting ready for the seminary. Third, it will also allow you the wonderful opportunity of going deeper into your school work the last semester and make up or improve where you might be academically weak.

You have all received the yellow cards from Father Stephen, and I think it would be a very good idea to see if you can fill out the information that is requested on it. It will only be a matter of weeks after Father Stephen receives the yellow card that he will come to visit you and talk to your parents. If you would like to visit the seminary with your parents before you fill out the yellow card, we will be very happy to have you with us. Just write us a little note telling us when you would like to come and we will make arrangements for your visit.

During the past summer about 150 boys made the Vocation Workshop at the seminary and many showed great interest in the priesthood and would like to study at Bellefontaine. Do not wait too long to respond and start your preparations for your entrance in September.

This year we have a fine group of freshmen, about 50 in number, and some of them will be writing to you giving you the information and answering all the questions you would like to know about seminary life.

So with prayers and special remembrance of all of you and asking that you say some prayers for all of us here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, I am with best wishes

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father McGuire*



## Senior of the Month



Al Stark Senior-of-the-month.

Skillful hands, a fine voice, and muscle are the main characteristics of our senior of the month, Albert Stark.

Al, a native of Philadelphia, is the oldest of four children. Despite his size, "big Al" is not aloof. He has become a friend of all and is always willing to give up his spare time for others.

In the classroom Al is an average student. At present his favorite subject is biology. Sports-wise, his favorite is football.

Al seems to find time to participate in most of the school's extracurricular activities. To mention a few he is president of the decorat-

ing committee, quartermaster for the Explorers, a member of the choir and glee club, and one of the "Street Light Singers." And as if that weren't enough to keep any one man busy he is also the school artist, doing art work for Bellefontaine and drawing the clever calendars which are placed in the main floor trophy case each month.

In all his endeavors Al tries to give what is expected of a good seminarian—his best.

## Class of '64 Takes First Vows Class of '65 Enters Novitiate

Four members of Bellefontaine's first graduating class made their first profession of vows on September 8 at Sacred Heart Novitiate in St. Marie, Illinois. The four newly professed are: Frater Louis Hener, S.C.J., Frater Alex Cudciewicz, S.C.J., Frater Martin McInnis, S.C.J., and Frater Christopher Revers, S.C.J. They made their first profession upon completion of the canonical year of novitiate which serves as a preparation for the religious life. Much of the time is devoted to a study of the spiritual life and the three vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The newly professed are now studying at Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, Pa. where they hope to receive a Bachelor of

## Dear Mom and Dad

I hope this letter isn't too much of a shock. I never used to write home when I was away but I'm doing it now. I guess this time is different. Bellefontaine is a swell place and I like it a lot. By now I've seen all the grounds; next time you come up I'll show you all the things you missed the first time around. The building seems just like home, except for all the stairs.

The first day here all of us freshmen were packed off on a hike. The juniors and seniors said that this was to get us in shape and they weren't kidding! Boy, what a hike—uphill most of the way. We went to the top of Lenox mountain and from the top of the fire tower there you could see three cities and the whole valley.

After the hike we settled into the seminary schedule. It's really great. Even some of the classes are a lot of fun. In Latin class Fr. Bruder wouldn't speak an English word for the first week. Do you know what "Maria habuit parvum agnum" means, Mom. It means "Mary had a little lamb." Of course that's not all we learned in Latin class.

The work is fun too—at least in the afternoon because I usually work in the kitchen. And that reminds me, the food here is good too, though not as good as yours, Mom. There's seven boys at my table and a senior table captain who makes us eat everything and watch our table manners. I've even started eating spinach!

We really play a lot of sports here and I'm getting pretty good at pool. I wish Billy could be up here so I could give him a few lessons. Right now we're putting all our spare energy into football. We even have to do calisthenics for two weeks so that we'll be in top shape. The other day we had team practice and Fr. Krah, who teaches music but knows a lot about football too, said that our backfield looked great but that our line leaked like a sieve. I'm on the line so I guess I'd better try a little harder.

Speaking of music, you should hear how great our singing sounds here at Mass and Benediction. Of course we do it every day and we practice a lot but it sounds better than anything I've heard before. With so many boys even my sour notes are drowned out.

I could write a lot more but I still have to finish an English assignment so I'd better stop now. Say hi to all the kids and tell them I miss them all. See you next visiting Sunday.

Your loving son,

*Dave*

## Card Party Attracts Large Crowd



Card players crowd gym floor at third annual card party.

Bellefontaine's annual card party was held in the seminary auditorium on September 15. It began at 8 p. m. and ended about three hours later. The party was sponsored by the seminary and organized by Fr. Hudson, S.C.J. Father remarked that this was the most successful one to date. People from the Lenox, Pittsfield, and Lee areas came out for the occasion. The highlight of the eve-

ning was the announcement of the winner of the trip to Bermuda. For the past six months tickets had been sold by the students, faculty, and friends of the seminary and the drawing occasioned much suspense. The winner was the brother of last year's school president, Pat Houterman. In addition to the grand prize, smaller door prizes were awarded throughout the evening.

Arts degree upon completion of four years of college. They graduated from Bellefontaine in June of 1964.

On the previous day, September 7, ten members of the class of '65 entered the novitiate. They had just completed a two-month postulancy period in preparation for this. Upon their reception into the novitiate they received the black cincture,

Sacred Heart scapular, and the title of *Frater*. The ten new novices are: Fraters Charles Dymer, Dennis Myc, Patrick Houterman, Gregory Speck, Francis Sabo, Robert Griffin, Paul Furlong, Lawrence Reneau, Lawrence Waters, and John Klipp.

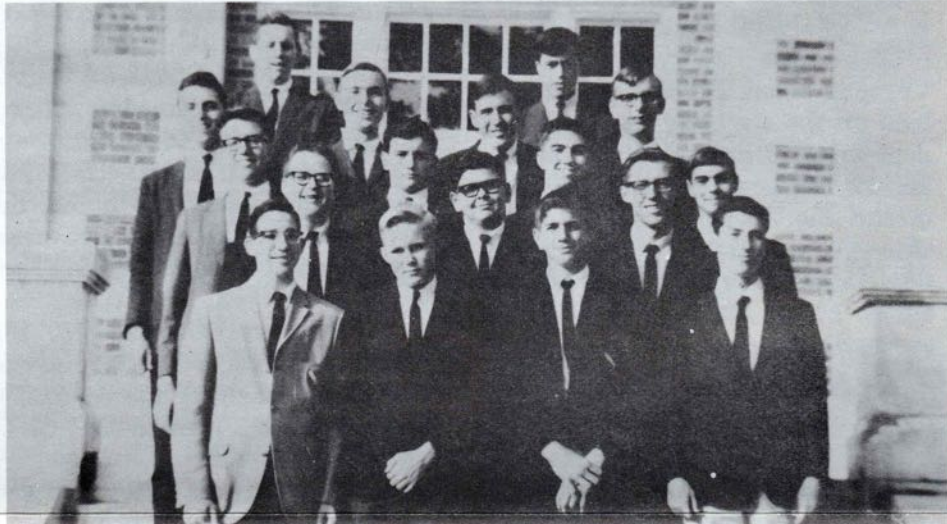
In behalf of all at IHM, Bellefontaine congratulates both the newly professed and the new novices.



# New School Year Begins



**SENIORS**—First row: C. Marotta, T. Bruce, E. Gunn, P. Regan; Second row: E. Helrich, C. Yuhascik, G. Nestler; Third row: C. Marchessault, A. Anselmo, R. Simmons; Fourth row: D. Madigan, E. Frankovich, E. Philipp; Fifth row: G. Findlay, R. Markunas, J. Scheiber, R. Scheiber; Sixth row: A. Stark, T. Kane, L. Becker, J. Button, R. Jacob; Missing: P. Dahl, R. Derrico, J. O'Brien, L. Becker, L. Whitney.



**JUNIORS**—First row: T. Van Nice, M. Jordan, S. Plocinski, J. Holland; Second row: T. Sledz, H. Hewitt, E. McLaughlin; Third row: G. Tomasky, P. Fontaine, K. Lockwood, B. Hannigan; Fourth row: J. Pezzulo, M. Borzansky, R. Johnson, P. Croke; Fifth row: B. Sorenson, P. Cunningham; Missing: H. Carty, D. Dziedzic.

The 1965-66 school year at Bellefontaine officially opened on September 7. Students had been arriving since September 3, most of them preceded by trunks, suitcases, boxes, bags, and anything else that could hold clothes. The upper classmen were the first to return, since they had the responsibility of preparing the house for the incoming freshmen, and a long summer of disuse had necessitated much preparation.

The freshmen began to arrive on the fifth and sixth. As in the past they came in all sizes and shapes and from all parts of the eastern United States. But this time they came in larger numbers than ever before. There were 50 to be exact—the largest freshman class in the history of Bellefontaine. Seniors rejoiced at the prospect of more workers; sophomores lamented the possibility of

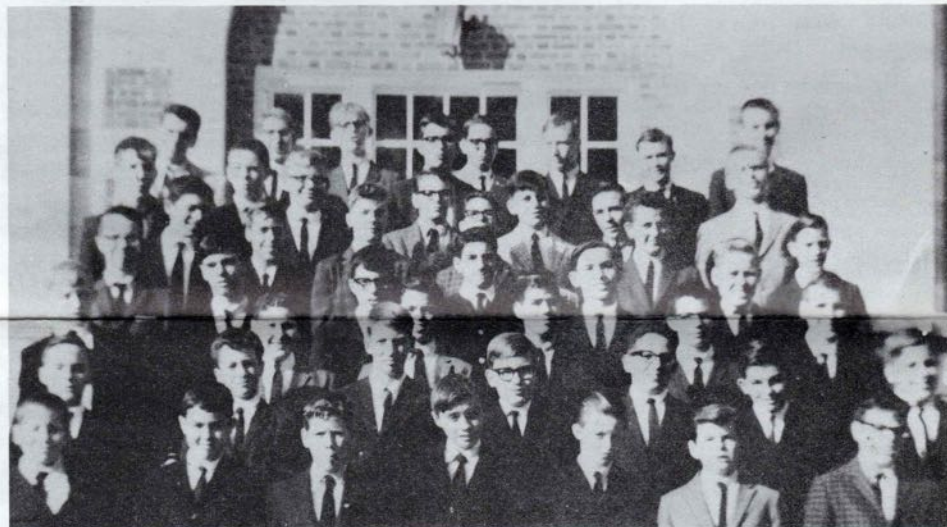
a defeat in football; and one of the juniors could only remark that, "Everywhere you turn there's a freshman—you can't get away from them." Due to its size the class has been divided alphabetically into two groups. Their courses include Latin, English, algebra, history, religion, and music.

Freshmen are not the only record breakers in this year's enrollment. The Senior class—26 strong—can lay claim to being the largest in the school's history. Presently there are 118 students in the entire school.

Another first for the 1965-66 school year is the opportunity of electives in Spanish, French, biology, and physics. The Spanish and French electives are available to the juniors while the seniors have a choice between biology and physics.



**SOPHOMORES**—First row: G. McMullen, R. Pferderhirt, W. Taylor, R. Merola, L. Sanabria; Second row: Y. Sheehy, K. Wiess, T. McInerney, P. Suhajda, R. Harcar; Third row: T. Irwin, R. Urda, T. Langley, P. Naber, S. Roma; Fourth row: J. Walters, E. Lach, G. Taylor, G. Lopuch; Fifth row: M. Torry, G. Blanchfield, H. Winarski, B. Fisher.



**FRESHMEN**—First row: D. Shannon, A. Grenier, L. Lyons, W. Parsons, S. Maloney, R. Logan, P. Walent; Second row: J. Burkart, D. Palmer, S. Moore, F. Von Tersch, J. Agrusa, J. Mulligan, G. Falcone; Third row: K. Helrich, J. Shanahan, T. Wells, P. Kusmer, D. Larivee, E. Marzen; Fourth row: G. Zielinski, M. Gray, F. Cordoza, J. Tilleli, W. Borzansky, S. Rama; Fifth row: J. Nunes, G. Guarante, J. Huber, R. Lyons, F. Fink, L. Joscher; Sixth row: P. Quataert, G. Schwartz, D. Lloyd, N. Dominesey, J. Gallagher, G. Helup; Seventh row: J. Wildeman, J. Horan, J. Welsh, P. McAllister, C. Grier, T. Taylor, G. Wizezok, M. Hemmer.

## Debate Doings



The Dehon Debate Society here at Bellefontaine began this year's activity with a general meeting for all members, at which they elected new officers to work under the guidance of Fr. Corcoran, S.C.J. and Frater Marks, S.C.J.

This year the club is in two leagues: the Diocesan Debate League and the Berkshire League. This will be the first year of operation for the Berkshire League and tentative plans call for a two-round tournament at the end of October. The Diocesan League has scheduled its first tournament for late November. In both leagues the debate topic will be: Resolved that the Federal Government should adopt a program of compulsory arbitration in labor management disputes in basic industries. One debater remarked that he found himself "... rushing in where judges, lawyers, and poli-

## Latin Club

Forty-three upperclassmen have set out to prove that Roman civilization and culture is not yet a dead issue by forming a Latin Club dedicated to promoting interest in the ancient Latin people and language. At their first meeting, under the direction of their moderator, Frater Wayne Richards, S.C.J., they elected a temporary "dictator" whose duty was to guide the club through the period of organization. At their second meeting, using the

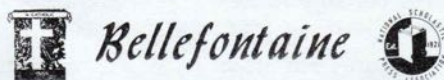
tionicians have feared to tread."

In addition to their practice debates with one another, Bellefontaine's debaters prepared themselves for the new season by attending an exhibition debate at St. Joseph High School in North Adams, and an all day debate clinic at Massachusetts University in early October. The clinic was designed to help with an analysis of the topic. It also served as a preparation for the state tournament which will be held at the University in early November, and which Bellefontaine plans to attend.

Roman state as their model, the members elected two consuls and chose other members for minor posts. A senate made up of members of the senior class and other elected officials serves as a balance to the ruling power of the two consuls. Any policies or decisions which affect the entire club must first be discussed and voted upon in the same way as legislation was debated in the Roman senate.

The activities of the members has taken many forms. One group is making a study of the sports and

recreational activities of the ancient Romans. The staging of an Olympics for the entire school is their ultimate goal. Others are working on a Latin newspaper. Still others are doing research in preparation for the re-enactment of a Roman banquet. A movie based on one or more aspects of Roman history is the concern of still another group. And the acting-out of scenes from plays written by Roman playwrights is being undertaken by yet another group. ✱



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# Explorer Activities

During the past two months Bellefontaine's Post 101 participated in several activities.

The Post took part in the annual Catholic Scout Retreat which was held on the seminary campus from September 17 through 19. Although IHM's Explorers did not officially attend the retreat, they did offer many services throughout the three days, such as organizing a nightly Safety Patrol and singing at Mass on Sunday morning.



That same weekend, two Explorers from the Post, Bob Simmons and Larry Whitney, participated in the "ordeal" and were initiated into the Order of the Arrow. The ordeal and initiation took place at Camp Eagle on nearby October Mountain. When asked what had most impressed them during that weekend they both replied that "brotherhood" was more than a title or slogan of the Order, but a living reality experienced in all activities.

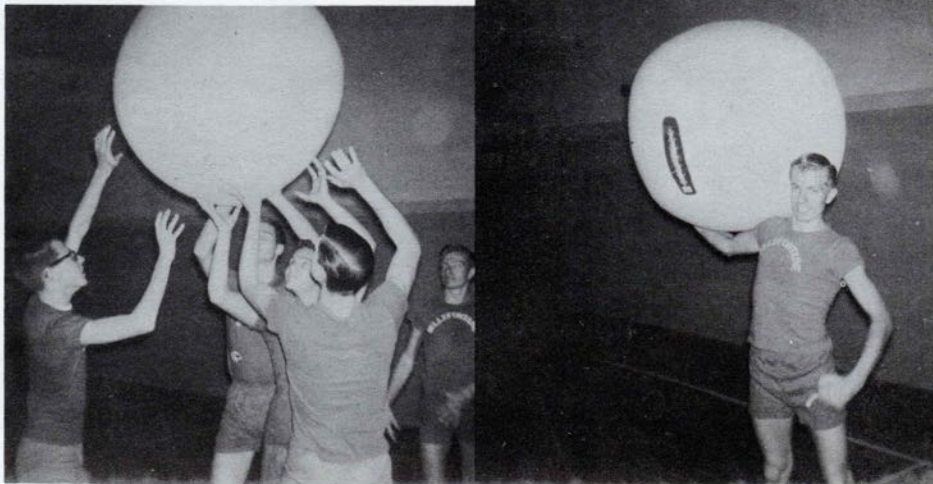
The following week-end, from Friday, September 24, to Sunday, September 26, the entire Post, together with Explorers from North Adams, went to West Point Military Academy for their fall camp-out. They spent Saturday touring the "Point" or attending the Army-V.M.I. football game. The next day, on the return trip home, the Post stopped at Franklin D. Roosevelt's home, a national historical site in Hyde Park, New York.

On Saturday, October 23, the Post conducted a special service project in behalf of the seminary. It consisted of a combination cook-out and work day. The Explorers spent the entire day cleaning and tidying up the grounds.



Bellefontaine's first members of the Order of the Arrow: Bob Simmons and Larry Whitney.

# SPORTLIGHT: CAGEBALL



A group of seniors try their hand at our newest sport--cageball.

## SOFTBALL

This year's fall softball season was dominated by the freshman league. The upper classmen played only two games but the freshmen could be found on their diamonds practically every day. Scores ranged all the way from 3-2 to 35-1. The climax of the season was a Sunday doubleheader in which a league champion was decided. The team captained by Steve Moore emerged as the victor in this "little World Series."

## CAGE-BALL

Push-ball, cage-ball, monster ball—call it what you will—is the latest sports rage at Bellefontaine. It employs an eight-pound ball measuring three feet in diameter. Played on a basketball court, the object of the game is to score points by hitting the wall on the opposition's side of the court. The trick, however, is to keep the ball from touching the ground in the process. If it does touch, the opposition receives a free toss to the other end of the court. A few hefty hurlers can usually put the ball pretty far down court. There is no limit to the

number (or size) of players on a team. Most of the smaller freshmen desist from playing because, as one of them put it, "... it's too easy to be trampled on."

## PHYSICAL FITNESS

The change from softball to football this year is also inspiring the change from "out-of-shape" to "in-shape." By means of a daily program of calisthenics, the entire student body hopes to achieve a goal of physical fitness.

Some of the exercises that go into this program are: jumping jacks, push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups, knee bends, and if they are held on the fields instead of the gym, over half a mile of running is usually added. Monthly fitness tests are given to the students to note the progress in their physical condition.

In past years a similar program known as "The Five Basic Exercises" was offered to those students who desired to make use of it. This year, however, all the students are taking the new program to help prevent serious accidents on the field.



"Straighten out those backs!" . . .

# Father Stephen Writes



Hi fellows,

Once again the school year is in full swing, and with the beginning of the school year I begin visiting the boys who hope to enter IHM next year. It is very interesting and edifying to see these young boys responding to the call of Christ. For an eighth grader this call is a real challenge, one that is not easy to answer. He can feel himself being pulled in many different directions at the same time. There is the attraction of home, friends, the ordinary routine one has become accustomed to. But the spirit of God moves where He wills and our boys do not tell God to wait awhile. They accept the challenge; they respond with generosity. To paraphrase a current advertising motto: "The Sacred Heart expects more of our boys—and He gets it." The Sacred Heart is not often disappointed.

This response, however, demands a great deal. The boy must present the necessary qualities. He must have the strength of will and firmness of resolve to follow through on the divine challenge. He must be willing to give God everything he

has. And most important, he must have the grace of God. No man can do it alone, but with God's help all things are possible. As I go out on the road, I depend a great deal on the prayers of our students and benefactors. We need these prayers for the parents and boys we hope to visit this year. Christ issues the call to service but not everyone has the courage to answer that call. Your prayers can help give them that courage.

*Fr. Stephen, S.C.J.*

## News Notes

- Fr. Bruder, S.C.J., Dean of boys and first year Latin teacher at Bellefontaine received his Master's Degree in the classics at St. Louis University this summer. Father had been attending summer courses at the University. Also, during the month of August, he toured Europe, especially the Germanies. This was his second journey abroad.
- From September 13-23 an art exhibit featuring pictures of Roman art, architecture, and sculpture was on display here at the seminary. The exhibit was sponsored by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Arrangements for the exhibit were made by Fr. Richards, S.C.J.
- A talent night was held on October 9 featuring music, skits, and jokes by members of all four classes. It was the freshmen's first opportunity to display their musical talent on the Bellefontaine stage.

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