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IHM Attains Regional Accreditation

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recently admitted Immaculate Heart Seminary to membership in their organization. It is one of the first minor seminaries in New England to attain this honor.

The New England Association is one of seven such regional divisions in the United States. Accreditation by such an association signifies that the school meets all the standards of education demanded in that region.

Accreditation is extended only after an intensive evaluation period. An initial self-evaluation must be made by the school's own administration and faculty. A committee is then assigned to visit the school and submit a report to the Association.

Representatives of the Association made such an evaluation in October, 1965. The committee assigned to study Bellefontaine's educational program included: Mr. Benjamin J. Stone of Governor Dumner Academy in South Byfield, Massachusetts; Rev. John P. Boles of St. Sebastian's Country Day School in Newton, Massachusetts; Mr. Nathaniel H. Gifford of Brooks School in North Andover, Massachusetts; and Mr. Henry B. Rockwell of Putney School in Putney, Vermont.

The committee tried to determine how well Bellefontaine was fulfilling its purpose and how it measured up to the regional standards, as determined by the Association.

They attended a total of 15 classes, studying the teaching methods employed, the student-teacher ratio, and the quality of the textbooks.

They also spent much time interviewing teachers, department heads, and students.

A thorough examination of the seminary's physical plant was made and deemed adequate.

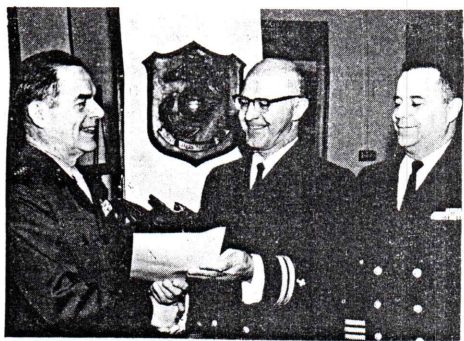
Extracurricular activities were evaluated and the leaders of the various student organizations were interviewed to determine the value of these groups and the extent of student participation.

The entire curriculum was reviewed along with the testing programs employed and the quality of the guidance which is offered.

Upon the completion of the evaluating period the committee compiled the results and submitted a favorable report to the New England Association. It had determined that Bellefontaine fulfilled all the Association's standards and qualified for accreditation.

At an Association meeting in Boston, December 3, membership was officially announced. In so doing the Association waived its requirement that a school be in operation for five consecutive years before being accredited by them. Bellefontaine was officially opened in May, 1961.

Fr. Mitchell Visits Seminary Before Vietnam Assignment



Fr. Mitchell, S.C.J. being sworn into United States Marine Corps by General Green, the head of the Marine Corps.

Fr. Kenneth Mitchell, S.C.J. recently visited IHM prior to assuming the role of chaplain to the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam.

Father Mitchell had just completed his preliminary training at

the United States Navy chaplaincy training school in Rhode Island. He had previously served as chaplain in the United States Army.

During his brief two-day visit Father spoke to the students about the life of a chaplain. He emphasized the fact that no one can give what he himself does not have.

He also showed movies provided by the United States Navy. The movies dealt with the Navy's history and the role of the Navy in our present defense system.

Prior to his present assignment Fr. Mitchell was superior of Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Before that appointment he was chaplain to the United States Army for three years. Most of this time was spent in Germany.

At the present time Fr. Mitchell is with the United States Marines in Vietnam.

December 16, 1965

The Reverend Robert McGuire, S.C.J.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary
91 Kemble Street
Lenox, Massachusetts

Dear Father McGuire:

On recommendation of the Commission on Independent Secondary Schools and with the approval of the delegates at the annual meeting of the New England Association on December 3rd, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary was admitted to membership in the Association as an independent secondary school.

It is my pleasure to confirm this fact and to extend congratulations on behalf of the Commission.

I am asking Mr. Ralph O. West, Director of the Office of Evaluations for Independent Secondary Schools, to send you a copy of the visiting committee report. You will find that the committee was very favorably impressed with all it saw and you will be glad to know that the Chairman reported to the Commission that the school "fulfills to the letter the standards of the Association." There are certain questions you will find raised by the visiting committee, which I trust you and your staff will consider, but there is no basic criticism whatsoever. The suggestions and commendations on page five will be helpful to you in particular.

If the Commission can be of any help to you at any time, I hope you will let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Francis O. Grubbs,

First Vice-President

Students Elect School Officers for 1966-67

February 15-17 were election nights at Bellefontaine as the students chose their highest ranking officers for the 1966-67 school year. This marked the first time that these positions were filled by an election process.

The final tally showed Richard Johnson as president, Kevin Lockwood, vice-president, and John Holland, secretary. They will be replacing Larry Whitney, Claude Marchessault, and Tom Kane who held those posts during the past year.

Nominating committees, composed of three nominees for each position prior to the elections.

February 14, before the election of the president, Fr. Bruder, S.C.J., Dean of boys, explained the importance of that position and the necessity of choosing an officer on the basis of merit rather than popularity. Larry Whitney, acting student president, then told of the demands of the job and what he felt

were the qualities essential to anyone who held it. It was then suggested that the meditation period the following morning be spent in a consideration of the best choice.

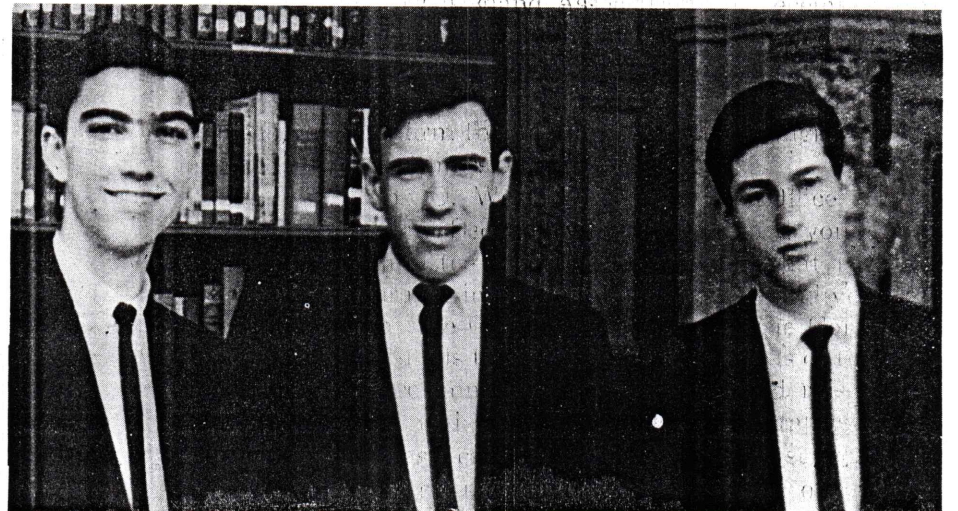
The elections were held on the following three nights. The three new officials will assume their positions at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

As school president Richard Johnson will be responsible for leading student council meetings as well as the general student assembly. He will also take charge of the daily work period.

Kevin Lockwood, vice-president, will assist the president, and be responsible for organizing the student social activities.

Secretary John Holland will take minutes at the student council and assembly meetings and handle all school correspondence.

The three new officers delivered acceptance speeches at the student assembly, February 21.



School officers: Vice-President, Kevin Lockwood; President, Richard Johnson; Secretary, John Holland.

The Rector's Corner



My dear Friends,

With just a short time left for the Season of Lent the thought has occurred to me: how many have let this Lent slip by more concerned about the lack of Penance than the practice of it? Hopefully, I would like to think that many did not let it slip by. Even though this Lent has been a little different, I'm sure we will not be able to measure the difference, but I think each and every one of us felt it personally. The meaning of Lent is still very much the same. The practice or the means might be a little different, but one cannot change the long traditional admonition of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. The fasting this year has taken on a much broader meaning, not only privation of food or moderation in eating food but also more the idea of self-denial in general. The almsgiving is

the thought of your special charity during these forty days, how and when you contribute most effectively. The prayer has been emphasized and expressed. We can see its effect publicly with the ever increasing attendance at Lenten Mass and the Services. It is very indicative of the fact that the private prayer is motivating this exterior form of worship to God.

It is this Lenten sacrifice of giving to your favorite charitable project that prompts me to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity of the young boys of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. Such a form of charity is all three of the Lenten practices put into one: your sacrifice, your offering, and your prayerful intention. In return, during this Season of Lent and also during the Novena of Masses, our boys have been giving of themselves in forms of self denial and prayers to you.

In closing I will ask as I have done in almost every letter to you, please continue to remember our seminarians in your prayers. They are the future priests of tomorrow and we know the great work that is ahead of them and certainly all the help they can receive will be appreciated. With prayers and continued remembrance of all your intentions in daily Mass, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McQuire

SCJ Celebrates First Mass At Bellefontaine

Sunday, January 30, Fr. Nicolas Waytowich, S.C.J., celebrated a first Mass in the Seminary chapel, Seminarians and invited guests from the neighborhood participated in the occasion.

Father Waytowich, a former U. S. marine and policeman from Brooklyn, New York, was just ordained in December of 1965. Although not a Bellefontaine graduate he did study for two years at nearby Dehon

Seminary in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

After Mass a banquet was held in the Seminary dining hall in Father's honor. Speaking afterwards Father Waytowich told the students that he looked upon all of them as future priests and hoped to see all of them offering their first Mass some day.

He also announced that the following day would be a free day.



Frs. Weiss and Bruder, S.C.J. assist at Fr. Waytowich's first Mass.

Forward

School spirit—how do you define it? Quite a hazy thing, isn't it?

The idea of school spirit has come to the forefront recently with the big push for a school song, school banner and pennants, school jackets and shirts. We've considered it at class meetings and the student council has given it some time, with many diverse opinions.

We believe that the students at Bellefontaine do have school spirit. In fact, this spirit is much better than we might hope for. But it seems that at times it doesn't come through outwardly. Sure we keep the corridors nice and shiny. Sure we straighten up our recreation rooms, and pick up papers that happen to be lying around. We notice, yes. But can't we go a little further? Remember the sign in the trophy case in the beginning of the year—"Bellefontaine's the greatest"? Didn't you feel proud of that?

Some might ask, "So what should we do, run around waving pennants all day?" No. But don't worry about the externals building up a false school spirit. We have the spirit now without the externals. But with them we can show our spirit to others.

Maybe a pennant or song doesn't mean much now; but when you've graduated, spirit or not, it would be nice to look back on your home here and remember something more than a polished corridor.

English Students Enter Cavalcade Contest

Junior and senior English students are again exercising their literary talents by participating in *Cavalcade's* Literary Awards Contest for 1966.

Cavalcade is a secondary school level literary magazine published by Scholastic Magazines. It strives to develop in young writers a fuller awareness of literary excellence. It is devoted primarily to providing information on planning and writing short stories, poems, essays, and other forms of literature.

The contest entries range from poems to editorials but the IHM entrants are concentrating their efforts on the short story.

The stories of the students are being criticized by Father Krah, S.C.J., teacher of English and American literature. With the assistance of other faculty members he will determine the school's entries.

Folk Singers Perform Here

The Berkshire Folk Singing Society recently treated the student body to two hours of folk music, featuring everything from "bluegrass" to 19th century Irish ballads.

There were nine members of the Society on hand to perform at Bellefontaine. That number may vary from performance to performance as the society does not oblige its members to take part in any given presentation.

The society sang both group and individual numbers, with each member making one or more solo offerings.

Norman Soule was master of ceremonies for the evening, adding a touch of humor to the music.

• April 6 has been set as the departure date for Easter vacation.



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Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, here it is, time for another letter. This will be my last one before Easter so it won't be too long. I'll be coming home in another week and want to make sure I have plenty to talk to you about for those two weeks.

The time has really been flying here. One minute we were playing hockey, then all of a sudden the weather got nice, the ice melted, and the next thing we knew it was basketball season. Right now we're still playing basketball but quite a few of us have been out on the front lawn warming up for softball season. It won't be long now.

The juniors have already started taking over the seniors' old jobs. We've already held elections for next year's presidents, vice-president, and secretary. I'm starting to feel a little older now myself, almost like a sophomore.

We just finished quarterly exams last week. I was exempt from three of them because I had an average of 90 for the quarter in those subjects. The ones I had to take made up for them though. They were really rough.

I finally got to see that Batman program Billy kept telling me was so great. I think it's lousy. It's not nearly as good as the comic book.

We had some folk singers come out here to put on a show a few weeks ago, and they were really great. We stayed up a little late that night but I didn't mind it at all. Of course it was a little harder staying awake during class the next day.

I promised to make this short so I'd better sign off here. Looking forward to seeing all of you again and having a swell Easter Vacation.

Your loving son,

Dave

Seniors Sponsor Latin Contest

"From Angels to Monsters" that's the way the senior Latin class, under the direction of Frater Wayne Richards, S.C.J., their teacher, advertised an unusual Latin contest.

It was a Latin baby picture contest, open to all the students.

Each senior provided a baby picture of himself along with a brief biography written in Latin. These were then posted on the main bulletin board and the object of the contest was to figure out whose name

should be matched with each picture.

The prize was a free ticket to the movie *Othello* for the three with the highest scores.

Michael Jordan, a junior, made best use of the pictures and the Latin biography and came in first place, having correctly named all the seniors. He was followed by juniors Bart Sorensen, Stan Plocinski, and Paul Cunningham.

Some of the participants said they relied almost exclusively on the pictures as the biographies were no help at all.



Bob Simmons Latin contest's most beautiful baby. Before and After.

Seniors Spend Saturdays At Orphanage

Since the end of January the senior class has been engaged in a special class project—volunteer work in Our Lady of Providence Home for Children in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

Our Lady of Providence Home is a shelter camp for children who for one reason or another do not have a home of their own.

The children range from infancy to adolescence. The seniors are working with the six to ten-age bracket.

Each week a group of ten to thirteen seniors visits the Home. They are assigned a "cottage" in which they will work for the remainder of the year. Each senior takes charge of two or three boys.

The cottages are part of the building complex. They contain the chil-



Smiling faces at the orphanage.

dren's sleeping quarters and recreational facilities.

Much of the seniors' time is spent in playing games, ice-skating, hiking, guitar playing—and just about anything else the average ten-year-old would want them to do.

The experience, in the opinion of the seniors, has been a profitable one.

Captain Casey Talks To Students

January 30, Captain Andrew Casey, a member of the United States Special Forces in Vietnam spoke to the students about his experiences in that country.

The captain began with a brief history of Indo-China and Vietnam. He then proceeded to explain some of the problems confronting that country today. He also told how the United States commitment in that country widened to the proportions it has assumed today.

The captain touched on his own experiences, telling how he became a member of the Special Forces and about the six weeks' training program at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Part of the talk was devoted to a description of his own work in Vietnam, the methods of fighting employed, and the problems such a war created.

The concluding portions of the presentation were some slides that the captain had taken in Vietnam, and a brief question-answer period.

IHM Debaters Tie for First

IHM tied with St. Joseph's North Adams, for first place in the first half of the 1965-66 Berkshire League debate tournament.

Michael Jordan and James Pezulo, affirmative, teamed with Richard Urda and Ronald Pferdehirt, negative, to bring home the first place trophy. They compiled a winning record of 9-3.

The trophies were awarded after the final round at Pittsfield High School.

With the second half of the tournament already underway the same two schools were again running neck and neck, both having scored seven wins and only one loss.

The next two rounds of debate are scheduled for March 15. IHM will serve as host school.

Mission Club Sponsors Special Program

The IHM Mission Club sponsored a special Mission Day program, Monday, March 14.

Several booths were erected beforehand to arouse greater interest in the day's events and also to provide more information on the missions. The booths included exhibits on Southeast Asia, Mississippi, Africa, and Latin America.

Throughout the day mission movies were shown.

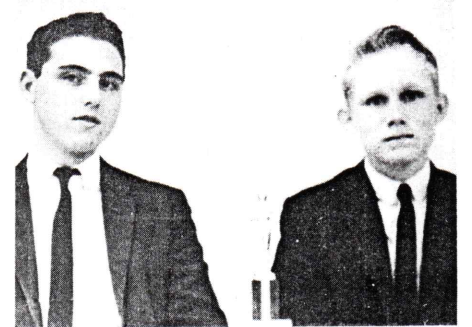
Part of the program included informal discussions with men who had served in the missions. Fr. McGuire, S.C.J. spoke about the Indian missions in South Dakota, and especially about St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota, which is run by the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Br. John Haselhoff, S.C.J. spoke about the missions in South Africa where he had worked for several years before coming to IHM.

Fr. Joseph O'Bell, S.C.J., concerned himself with the missions in southern United States, especially Mississippi, where he had worked for one year prior to his ordination.

The highlight of the day's events was a concelebrated high Mass in the seminary chapel. Fathers Corcoran, Krah, McGuire, Naby and O'Bell were the concelebrants.

The various booths were opened to visitors the day before.



Bellefontaine's first debate trophy.

Hockey Basketball Share Winter Spotlight

As always hockey and basketball were tops on the winter sports agenda here at Bellefontaine.

There was intramural competition in both sports for all students. There were three leagues: varsity, junior varsity, and freshman. Each league played approximately 10 games in each sport.

The winter season always opens with hockey in order to take advantage of the ice before the warmer weather gets to it. There are two rinks, one of them artificial, being flooded as soon as the weather is cold enough.

A professional touch was added to the varsity rink this year when a few volunteers painted the appropriate red and blue lines on the ice.

Special clinics were held for the freshmen, many of whom had never skated before. But most agreed that the best clinic was the daily practicing and actual playing.

To accommodate all the students



"A" League means action.

it was necessary to have four basketball leagues: A, B, C, D. As in hockey everyone plays and is assigned to a league on the basis of his ability.

Here, too, clinics were held for the freshmen. Dick Wallen of Lenox conducted them.

Games are played every Wednesday and Sunday but the gym is put to good use by those practicing during the week. There are no scheduled outside games but the intramurals provide ample competitive opportunity.

Sport Night To Be Held In April

IHM's annual sport night will be held some time in April. The exact date has yet to be announced.

It is at the sport night that the letter awards and trophies are presented to those who have earned them in the various sports engaged in at the seminary.

The awards are made in recognition of both sportsmanship and ability. Trophies are awarded to those who have been voted the best in either of these two categories by their respective leagues.

The letter awards are presented to those who ranked highest in both sportsmanship and ability in their league. This is determined by the vote of all members of the league.

The awards will be given for outstanding achievements in football, hockey, and basketball during the 1965-66 school year.

The guest speaker has not yet been announced.

- Frater Wayne Richards, S.C.J. is conducting a first aid course for those students interested in it. The course will last six weeks.

Hobby Corner



Francis Fink, Bellefontaine's rocket enthusiast, prepares for an experiment.

Colonel Wilde Delivers Slide-Lecture on Russia

Colonel Wilde, of nearby High Lawn Dairy Farm in Lee, Massachusetts, recently spoke to the students about his tour of Russia in 1964.

The Colonel had gone to Russia on a tour sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. The primary purpose of the tour was to observe first-hand Soviet agriculture at work, but the Colonel did see much of urban Russia as well.

The Colonel had taken numerous slides while in Russia and the lecture was an explanation of these. He related the hard side of life in Russia but also revealed its more pleasant aspects as well.

Some slides depicted the life of young people living and learning in Soviet youth camps on the Black Sea. These are conducted during the summer and their main goal is to instill a working knowledge of Communism in the youth.

Most of the students who attended Colonel Wilde's presentation felt that it had made Russia, and especially the Russian people much more real and relevant than they had been before.

Explorers Plan Trip to Museum

Seminary Explorer Post 101 is planning a trip to Boston Museum of Science and Natural History for the 19th of March.

This trip will be the Post's extra activity for the month of March.

The Explorers intend to leave at seven in the morning. The trip includes a visit to the New England civil defense center at Framingham, Massachusetts prior to the arrival in Boston. A tour of the center has been arranged by Mr. Robert Cummings who is in charge of Civil Defense in this area.

The museum tour will cover all three floors and will include one of the showings in the planetarium. The museum contains a large variety of scientific and natural history exhibit. Special arrangements are made for large groups who wish to tour the building.

Vocation Workshops

Vocation workshops for seventh and eighth grade boys interested in discovering what the seminary is like will be held from the 9th to the 14th and the 17th to the 22nd of August.



Boy Scout Week window display in Lee

Explorers Stage Window Display in Lee

The seminary Explorer post made their contribution to Boy Scout Week by setting up a window display in J. T. Owens Department store in Lee, Massachusetts.

The window display consisted of various Explorer posters and pictures. It also exhibited some of the equipment used in the three seminary exploring specialties, photography, forestry, and radio.

The Explorer post also celebrated Boy Scout week in the seminary by setting up bulletin board displays and delivering talks on scouting in the refectory.

Richard Urda was in charge of the overall program for Scout week, while Stan Plocinski took charge of the window display.

All Explorers made some contribution to one or the other phase of the program.

Monogram Club Publishes Sportacular

IHM's Monogram Club has undertaken the publication of a weekly sports paper called the *Sportacular*.

This new publication aims at stirring more interest in sports. It will provide sports news of what is happening both inside and out of the seminary. It will also give some hints on how to improve one's ability in various sports.

Another important feature of this publication is that it will encourage greater physical fitness for all the students.

- Bellefontaine was recently admitted to Quill and Scroll National Honor Society. Quill and Scroll is an honor society for scholastic newspapers and journalists.



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