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Capt. Fisby (Greg Blanchfield - l.) talks with Sakini (Tom Sledz) while Okinawan villager (George Tomasky) looks on.

## DRAMATICS CLUB STAGES PULITZER PRIZE COMEDY

Junior and senior dramatists staged the Pulitzer-Prize comedy "Teahouse of the August Moon" December 11.

The plot of the play centers around the rebuilding of an Okinawan village during the United States occupation after the Second World War. Junior Greg Blanch-

The remaining members of the cast were Michael Borzansky, Hugh Carty, Paul Cunningham, Henry Hewitt, Stanley Plocinski, George Tomasky, Thomas Irwin, Edward Lach, Terry Langley, Raymond Merola, Yvon Sheehy, and Robert Trahan.

Senior Bert Serensen direct

## LATIN AMER. MISSIONARY ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Father Adrian Commandeur, S.C.J., a missionary who spent 28 years in Latin America, addressed the student body Nov. 2.

After his ordination in Holland, Father said, he was assigned to Argentina in 1938. He spoke humorously of his "warm welcome" in that country. A little boy threw a stone which glanced off his head. His reply? He picked up the stone and said, "With this stone I will build here a center of worship - a school and a church." With the help of two Belgian priests, he did.

Father often had to travel across his wide parish. "Once I had to go 16 hours on horseback. I had to cross rivers, and mountains alone. I was lost in mountains." He chuckled. "It was wonderful." Father loves horseback riding.

After 16 years in Argentina, Father was transferred to Chile. To raise money for his parish in Santiago; he composed an 11-verse poem in Spanish and mailed it to 10,000 people. As a result of that poem, he received \$80,000.

Father also talked about the time many of his parishioners were on strike against their employers. He succeeded in obtaining 18,000 kilroes of fruit from the United States at a time when many of his parishioners went hungry because of the strike. In this dispute, Father sided with

## 12 STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FINALS IN DIOCESAN SPEECH FESTIVAL

The members of Bellefontaine's Speech Club attended the annual Springfield Diocesan Speech Festival. The event was held on Friday, November 11, at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass. Twenty students from all four classes entered the contest, the highest number ever representing IHM.

These twenty entrants participated in eight different categories: Gregory Blanchfield and Richard Dileo in Prose Reading; Norman Dominesey, Michael Philipp, and Raymond Reska in Poetry Reading; Kevin Lockwood, Thomas Taylor, and Gary Zielinski in Original Oration; John Wierzbicki, Edward Lach, and Peter Suhajda in Oratorical Interpretation; Richard Urda, Denis Larrivee, and Yvon Sheehy in Extemporaneous Reading; Vincent Martin, and Martin Gray in Serious Prose Memorized; Sam Roma, George Tomasky, and Steve Moore in Radio Newscasting; and Philip Walent in Humorous Prose Memorized.

The festival consisted of three rounds of speaking for each category. The first round began at 10:30 a.m. immediately after registration. The second and third rounds were held after lunch that afternoon. By 4 p.m. all the rounds were over. After a half-hour wait, each school received its results.

## FORMER TEACHER OFFERS MASS AT IHM

It isn't everyday that a former teaching frater of IHM returns to Bellefontaine to offer his first solemn High Mass. It happened for the first time, however, when Father David Jackson of Pittsburgh, Pa., offered the holy sacrifice in the student chapel, Oct. 31.

Father's Mass was a concelebration. Four priests offered Mass simultaneously at the same altar.

Seminarians, benefactors, religious, and relatives of the newly-ordained priest were present. Guests proceeded to the banquet in the students dining hall after receiving Father's first blessing.

Father Jackson was stationed at IHM for two years, from 1961 to 1963. During that time, he taught English and History to the freshmen, sophomore, and junior classes. He also served as assistant dean of boys, and as athletic director.

of two "superiors" and one "good" or better.

This year twelve from Bellefontaine qualified for the finals. John Wierzbicki, Sam Roma, Richard Urda, Yvon Sheehy, Martin Gray, Steve Moore, Michael Philipp, and Gary Zielinski were among those of Bellefontaine who qualified, the remaining four, Kevin Lockwood, Edward Lach, Gregory Blanchfield, and Norman Dominesey, each qualified with 2 "superiors" and 1 "good" or better.

States occupation after the Second World War. Junior Greg Blanchfield played Captain Fisby, the blundering officer who had never succeeded in doing anything right throughout his entire career as an army officer. Senior Tom Sledz acted the hilarious part of Sakini, the Okinawian interpreter who is a happy, carefree villager always joking and full of fun. Colonel Purdy was portrayed by senior John Wierzbicki. The serious colonel followed every law to the letter so that someday he might be made a general and thus quiet his nagging wife.

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## DEBATERS COMPETE IN AREA FORENSICS

Midway in the debating season, the I.H.M. varsity debate team consisting of James Pezzulo, John Holland, Raymond Reska, and Richard Urda are in second place after six rounds of Berkshire League debating. The novice team made up of Martin Gray, Thomas Taylor, Ronald Pferdehirt, and Robert Trahan are also in second place in their division with a record of 8 wins and 4 losses. Two of these rounds were held at Bellefontaine, Nov. 3.

In the Springfield Diocesan Debating League, the varsity is in fourth place as are the novices after two rounds of debating held November 16 at St. Joseph's, Pittsfield.

November 19 an eight man debate team went to a practice tournament conducted by Melrose High School, in Melrose, Mass. Raymond Reska, Robert Hergenroeder, Vincent Martin, and Richard Urda were affirmative while Lawrence Joscher, Michael Philipp, Denis Larrivee, and Steve

and Robert Trahan.

Senior Bart Sorensen directed the play and scheduled practices. Yvon Sheehy costumed the American army officers and the Okinawian citizens. Kevin Lockwood and Bruce Fisher constructed the scenery and the props. John Button, a graduate of Bellefontaine and Mr. Louis NeJame, of Lee, Massachusetts, gave artistic assistance.

Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., who teaches English and speech, was faculty advisor of the production.

Moore were negative. They emerged with a record of 8 wins and 3 losses.

James Pezzulo and John Holland placed fifth in the championship division at a tournament sponsored by the University of Massachusetts, November 11. They compiled a record of 3 wins and 5 losses. The following day they attended an exhibition debate between the University of Massachusetts and Harvard University.

A debate workshop was given at Boston College, Nov. 3. Most of the I.H.M. debate team attended. They saw a practice debate and then each debator went to two different classes given on different debating skills.

Three rounds of practice debates were arranged with Searles High School and Cranwell School for Boys. These were held on October 20, November 22, and November 29, to give the freshmen more experience in inter-scholastic debating.

The next debate tournament,

many of his parishioners went hungry because of the strike. In this dispute Father sided with the Communists who were also helping the strikers.

When he was accused by the employers of helping the Communists, Father Adrian replied, "I was not helping the Communists, I was helping hungry people."

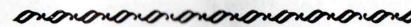
The strikers won the settlement. In gratitude for his part in the strike the local Communist Party gave him 700 sacks of cement to help build a Catholic school.

Finally, speaking of the "most horrible moment of my life," Father recounted the earthquake in Chile which completely destroyed his parish, ruining eight years of work in just one minute and seven seconds. One giant crack in the earth swallowed 300 of his parishioners as they left Mass on Sunday. Father knew most of these people personally.

At the close of the talk, Jim Pezzulo, on behalf of the IHM Mission Club and the administration, gave Father \$50 to help him in his work. After giving the Mission Club president a Chilean bear-hug in return, Father Adrian turned to the students and said, "Someday you will become priests, and then you can all come to Chile."

Father Commandeur returns to Chile in December, 1966.

There are now 55 Sacred Heart priests and 6 brothers in Latin America.



with three rounds of debate, is scheduled for December 8 and is the second tournament for the Diocesan Debating League.

rounds were over. After a half-hour wait, each school received its results.

In order to qualify for the finals at St. Michael's, Northampton, on December 10, each contestant had to receive a score of three "excellents" or better,

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## LATIN CLUB PRESENTS ROMAN EXHIBITS

A Roman soldier equipped with shield, spear, sword, helmet, and sandals stepped into the dining hall. A scene from Ben-Hur? No, it was Latin Club member Gary Zielinski announcing to the students the arrival of the Latin Night, November 30.

In a one-hour presentation the Latin scholars spoke and answered questions on three exhibits centering around the Roman Army.

Leonard Lyons, Phil Walent, Martin Gray, and John Gallagher prepared a miniature Roman camp complete with tents, sentry watch-towers, moats, walls of sharpened spikes, and a praetorium.

Using charts drawn by themselves, Steven Moore and Gerard Grier explained the development of Roman battle strategy. They examined the military maneuvers during the battles of Canae, Zama, and the Gallic Wars.

While Gary Zielinski stood in complete Roman uniform, Joseph Tilleli and Norman Dominesey spoke on the common soldier's equipment.

Frater Wayne Richards, S.C.J., moderator of the Latin Club, supervised the presentation. Mr. Louis NeJame, of Lee, Massachusetts, gave artistic assistance.

Dominesey, each qualified with 3 "superiors" — the highest attainable.

Much of the credit for their success goes to Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., head of Bellefontaine's Speech Department.

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## NEW CLASS OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE

New class officers for the second quarter of the school year took office October 29.

In the freshman class the new officers were appointed by the Dean of Boys. The freshman class president is Robert Monohan; the vice-president, Dennis Boutenot; and the secretary, Robert Hergenroeder, Arthur Fortier was the 1A class secretary before the two classes merged.

The second year elected Joseph Agrusa to lead its class. Jim Shanahan became vice-president, and Tom Taylor, secretary. John Gallagher was the former secretary.

The junior class elected Yvon Sheehy as their new leader. His co-officers for the second quarter are Tom Irwin, vice-president, and Hugh Winarski, secretary. Outgoing officers from the third year are president Jim Walters, vice-president Pete Suhajda, and secretary Sam Roma.

The school officers, president Richard Johnson, vice president Kevin Lockwood, and secretary John Holland, retain their office the whole year. They are also officers of the senior class.

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## The Rector's Corner



Dear Friend of the Seminary,

As I write this letter to you, we are in a very Christmas-like atmosphere with the snow covering the Berkshires. It would be nice if we could keep some of it for Christmas. Still Christmas has an atmosphere all its own regardless of the weather. It is a time of memories and for the most part joyful ones; it is the time when that little extra thoughtfulness made someone happier - it may have come in the form of a greeting card, gift or some special way to let another know you were thinking of them during this season.

For the past few weeks you have been sending Christmas cards to your friends telling them that you are having them remembered in a Novena of Masses at our Seminary. Since you are personal friends of ours we are very happy to have your friends share in these spiritual benefits. As in the past you and your intentions

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A DIFFICULT JOB BUT  
A "TERRIFIC FEELING"**

by - Henry Hewett

will also be remembered.

The thought just came to me that your interest in the Seminary can go beyond financial assistance. Namely, giving this school paper of our Seminarians to some young boy who is interested in the priesthood or who would like to know more about it. What greater interest can a friend show to a Seminary than becoming a Sponsor for vocations. One never knows where the vocation to the priesthood gets its first inkling. The background of each vocation is different, but parents, relatives or neighbors always come into the picture. Why not try it? Give the BELLEFONTAINE to your son, nephew, grandson, paper boy, the boy across the street or some one at work who has a son who might be interested. Your gesture might seem insignificant but it is a great work for the Church.

Sponsoring a vocation is a GIFT TO GOD that cannot be measured by any standard one knows of and it could be the greatest good of our life.

With these thoughts and my sincerest thanks for your help and prayers for all you have done in 1966, I want to wish you and your family a very Blessed Christmas and hope the coming year will be one of health and spiritual happiness for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father McGuire*

## CHRISTMAS VACATION AND THE SEMINARIAN

by - Edward Lach

On December 21, one hundred and ten seminarians from Bellefontaine will be going home for Christmas vacation. It's a great joy for them boarding buses, cars, trains, and planes going to spend the holidays with their families. The joy is perhaps made even greater by the knowledge that there will be no Biology, French, Algebra or any subjects for two weeks. The seminarians are going home to have a pleasurable vacation, celebrating the Birth of Christ for two weeks.

They are also going to grow more fully in their vocation to the priesthood.

Being a seminarian in his own neighborhood doesn't mean that he has to be a radically different person, walking around with folded hands and in constant meditation all day. Neither does he stand on a street corner and preach to all who pass. On the other hand he doesn't hide himself from the world, never go to parties, refrain from talking to people or having fun. He is just as human as any other high school student and he wants to work and recreate with people.

The seminarian, by virtue of his vocation, is something special and he should never be ashamed of it. Christ called him the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Thus his words and actions should always leave a good impression on those he meets never



Miss Louise Keller

Recently Miss Louise Keller of Great Barrington, Mass. died. The juniors and seniors attended her wake, and the Bellefontaine choir sang her funeral Mass.

Miss Keller spent many long hours in our library organizing books on shelves, cataloguing them, and typing. As head librarian, she aided our library in becoming accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Inc. The quality of our library has been boosted by her recommendations of what books to obtain.

Shortly before her death she donated a valuable set of art books.

Though occupied, she was always willing to assist any student in the library. One of her most outstanding characteristics was her cheerfulness. She had a ready wit and her youthful vigor was reflected in everything she did or said.

Miss Louise Keller will be remembered, and our library will stand as a monument to her.

## WAIT ! DON'T ABOLISH THE MINOR SEMINARY

by - John Holland

In recent years the minor seminary has come under fire from educators, psychologists, and others. They usually cite three reasons for abolishing the institution. They point out that minor seminaries are often educationally inferior, that they hamper the student's growth towards maturity, and that they suffer a large drop-out rate. Although aimed at all minor seminaries, let's examine these charges in relation to Bellefontaine.

Educationally inferior? Bellefontaine is accredited by the New

## A "TERRIFIC FEELING"

by - Henry Hewett

Chalices . . . Ciboriums . . . Candles . . . Vestments . . . Altar Cloths . . . Wine . . . etc. "Where is the sacristan?" comes the shout from the sacristy. "Check the boys chapel, the priests' chapel, the boys' sacristy, or wine cellar," comes the reply.

"Can I serve this week?" a sophomore asks hopefully; "Can I hold the candles?" asks a freshman pleadingly; and "Why didn't you appoint servers for early Mass?" asks Brother Peter sternly.

These are just a few of the many questions on the sacristan's list. It is a long list which also includes many hard and important jobs. And when a priest comes to him and says gently, "Why didn't you prepare my vestments for Mass?" or "Why wasn't the altar cloth changed?" the sacristan humbly apologizes and puts another item on his long list.

It's a difficult job. Speaking of priests on the faculty, head sacristan Henry Hewitt ruefully remarks, "It's the only job with ten bosses, each making sure you're doing your job thoroughly."

The biggest asset to this job is the closeness you feel towards Christ. Your job is to set up the vestments for Mass, prepare the wine to be used in the consecration, and to do little things like lighting the candles for Mass and Benediction. It's a terrific feeling!

At the helm of the sacristy crew this year is senior Henry Hewitt. His main job is to keep the sacristies and chapels in A-1 condition. One of his more interesting jobs is to make sure each student knows how to serve at any religious exercise. Henry and his assistant Richard Harcar like to, as they put it, "keep things running smoothly."

## MONOGRAM CLUB AN ELITE ORGANIZATION

by Bob Trahan, '68

The Monogram Club is an elite organization composed of only those persons who receive a letter in one of the various sports at Bellefontaine.

This club was organized to promote good sportsmanship and to encourage athletic achievement in the student body. It also assists the faculty athletic directors by caring for the sports equipment, refereeing, giving clinics, and other activities.

With these objectives in mind, the club has organized basketball games on Saturday night for any student wishing to participate. During football season the club held clinics for the freshmen, teaching them the fundamentals of flag football. Also during the season, the club sponsored a movie entitled POISED FOR ACTION. This movie showed how some of the best pro-football players get in shape for their various positions and gave hints on how to play these positions. And just before Christmas vacation, the club organized a sports night in the gym for the entire student body.

The Monogram Club has 3 officers. Bob Trahan is president. He has received a letter in football. Vice-president Yvon Sheehy received a letter in football. Secretary Pete Suhjda was awarded his letter in football.

Brother Peter Mankins, S.C.J., is the faculty moderator of the club.

should always leave a good impression on those he meets never betraying his vocation.

At the seminary a future priest can sometimes take the chapel for granted because it is right down the corridor. At home he may have to travel to get to the nearest church. But the true seminarian realizes the importance of meeting Christ at Mass and Communion each day. He also values his morning and night prayers and the rosary. Visiting his parish priests and the nuns of his former school are also important at this time.

The seminarian should go to parties, meet his friends, and enjoy his family. Like any other teenager he wants to have a great time. But during this time he should also grow in his vocation to the priesthood. His recreation, prayers, and work during these two weeks should make him a better seminarian and someday a better priest.

## FOUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Perfection is a goal demanding great sacrifice.

At Bellefontaine the Honor Roll gives credit to those students who have proved themselves exceptional in their studies, application, and conduct. A minimum of 90 is required in each subject. These credits are given each quarter to those students who match the grade established.

Honor students for the first quarter were Raymond Reska and Ronald Pferdihirt, Juniors; Dennis Larrivee, Sophomore; and Robert Cunningham, a Freshman.

Although aimed at all minor seminaries, let's examine these charges in relation to Bellefontaine.

Educationally inferior? Bellefontaine is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

Maturity? In an interview with the Dean each quarter, every student evaluates his own leadership, cooperation, reliability, social adjustment, emotional stability, personality, and initiative. Obviously, these Character Ratings, as they are called, are designed to mature the student. Again, we can point to the excellent curriculum, the intramural sports program, and the system of student government which includes the student council, the student assembly, the work crews, and the various extra-curricular activities. As one teacher put it. "The faculty is very much aware that the students govern the students." Maturity? Yes.

The drop-out rate? Some people think that the minor seminary is some kind of "priest factory." Its success, therefore, depends on the number of vocations it manufactures. It is important to remember that a steady stream of students enter the novitiate after graduation from the minor seminary. Without a seminary on the high school level, there would certainly be a significant reduction in the number of applications to the novitiates of religious orders.

There's still hope for the minor seminary. To those who would abolish it, we can extend an invitation,

"Come to Bellefontaine."



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## STUDENTS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a well planned holiday at IHM. Football games between the classes, packages, and a movie at night are the three main parts of the day.

The seminarians, who usually rise at 6:30 a.m., started the day after an extra hour of sleep. At the Thanksgiving Mass, they thanked God for his blessings of the past year, and asked for His continued care for themselves and all people.

Breakfast was hurried to allow the upperclassmen enough time for their last preparation for the first half of Bellefontaine's annual "Turkey Bowl," the highlight of the football season. This year the senior team, led by Hugh Carty, and the junior team, lead by George Taylor, formed what one faculty member called two of the most evenly matched teams to ever play in the Bowl. This was evident in the final outcome as the seniors won it, 12-6.

After the game the victorious seniors, beaten juniors, anxious sophomores, and scared freshmen enjoyed the Thanksgiving banquet. The nuns and the baker had been working in the kitchen for days to prepare the turkeys and trimmings, salads, candied yams, vegetables, and pumpkin pies that went into the dinner.

Why were the sophomores anxious, and the freshmen scared? The answer was the clash of the underclassmen, the second half of the "Turkey Bowl." In the afternoon Marty Gray's sophomore team defeated the freshmen, who were captained by Ken Collard.



Bellefontaine bus ready for senior class trip.

## SENIORS VISIT S.C.J. COLLEGE

"Honesdale or Bust," proclaimed the sign on the side of the bus. Bellefontaine's fourteen seniors were beginning the annual trip to Kilroe College in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

On a weekend outing Oct. 21-23, the class of '67 visited the major seminary of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. While there, they slept in the student quarters, met the college seminarians, and attended the religious exercises. On a Saturday morning they challenged the former students of Bellefontaine to a game of football. They lost to the collegiates, however, by a score of 24-6. The seniors hiked in the afternoon, and participated in a hootenanny in the evening.

The seniors were accompanied by the Dean of Boys, Fr. Leo Krah, S.C.J., and Brother Peter Mankins, S.C.J., who drove the bus.

The present fourth-year will enter Kilroe College in the fall of 1968 after graduating from Bellefontaine and completing a year at the Sacred Heart Noviti-

## N.A. TEACHER SPEAKS ON POETRY

"Sometimes we don't know too much about poetry, and therefore we don't like it." That's how Miss Toni Minarich explained the apparent lack of enthusiasm for poetry on the part of some students today.

Speaking to the sophomores, juniors, and seniors November 22, the English teacher from Drury High, North Adams, urged students to make a "personal committment" when reading poetry. She told them to "bite" into a poem wholeheartedly, and to bring to it their own experiences and philosophies of life.

Quoting Aristotle, she pointed out that "the function of poetry is to explain the underlying experiences of life." This is why, she reasoned, certain themes such as death, murder, hate, and love constantly recur in the poetry of all ages. She then went on to analyze definitions of poetry as given by poets Christopher Morley, T.S. Eliot, Emily Dickenson, and others.

After exploring these basic concepts, Miss Minarich traced the development of the art from ballads, odes, lyrics, and blank verse. She examined the styles of Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost, Walt Whitman, Ogden Nash, and the "beat" poets Allen Ginsberg and Greg Corso. She noted the poets of today are using more loose forms of verse, but she doubted that the older, stricter forms of meter, rhythm, etc., will disappear.

She also spoke of the enduring quality of poetry. "Opinions and outlooks may change, but

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN HALLOWEEN TALENT NIGHT



Seniors act out Chaucer's "The Devil's Gold" in Halloween talent night. L. to r. are Hugh Carty, Stan Plocinski, Jim Pezzulo, Bart Sorensen, Henry Hewitt, Richard Johnson.

Witches and goblins, ghouls and vampires. That set the stage as emcee Ed McLaughlin stepped out before the audience to introduce the 1966 Halloween Talent Night.

The activities began with the musical duet of sophomore, Jim Shanahan and junior, Ray Reska. With Jim's accompaniment on the piano, and Ray's lead on the clarinet, the duet performed "Blue Tango" and "Begin the Beguine."

Next the spotlight fell on Ed Lach and Yvon Sheehy as they

- guitarists Louie Sanabria and Sam Roma led the junior class in song. They sang the famous "Blowin' in the Wind," the Beatles' "Nowhere Man," and the soft "All My Trials."

With the fading of applause for the juniors, Ed McLaughlin stepped out on stage to end the first part of the evening's activities.

As the first part ended with juniors, so the second part began. Would you believe, "The Three Bears, Italian Style?" written by junior Jay Thomas? The skit star-

team defeated the freshmen, who were captained by Ken Collard. The final score was 31-0.

All four classes celebrated the victories by opening their packages of candies, cakes, cookies and many other things from home. The juniors and seniors as well as the freshmen and sophomores had parties in their recreation rooms.

After supper all attended the movie adaptation of Jules Verne's "Journey to the Center of the Earth." It brought Thanksgiving to a grand finale.

## SODALISTS VISIT SHUT-INS

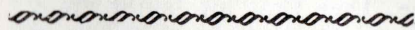
Every Tuesday and Thursday night Sodalists leave supper earlier than usual. As members of the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club of Pittsfield, Mass., these students try to "cheer up" people who are suffering from some illness, crippling disease, or any other kind of physical ailment.

Every Tuesday night a few seniors accompany either Brother Eugene or Brother Lawrence to show movies and talk to people in private homes in the area. Seniors who have done this so far are Stan Plocinski (President of the Sodality), Bart Sorensen (Secretary), Thomas Sledz, John Wierzbicki, Richard Johnson, Henry Hewitt, Hugh Carty, Patrick McLaughlin, Paul Cunningham, and Mike Borzansky.

On Thursday night, junior Sodalists accompany a faculty member to visit and talk to people in rest homes. Members of the junior class who made these visits are Marty Torrey, Yvon Sheehy, Robert Trahan, Petè Suhajda, Jim Walters, Sam Roma, Ray Reska, Terry Langley, and Edward Lach.

of 1958 after graduating from Bellefontaine and completing a year at the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Sainte Marie, Illinois.

There are now four sophomores and six freshmen at the major seminary who have graduated from Bellefontaine.



## TELEVISION-to be or not to be better

by - John Wierzbicki

Are today's television programs becoming better or worse with the advent of each new season? To be improving or not to be improving, that is the question. Most people, or critics at least, seem to think that they are getting much worse, year after year.

Looking at the programs as most viewers do, without thinking, they really do not know what they are seeing. They are like a Frenchman who does not know English reading an American newspaper. They see things but cannot understand them. It is on this type of basis that they judge the shows - whether they seem ridiculous or real.

Some of the shows that are in TV-land today seem, when first viewed, to be written for and by five-year-olds. In "Get Smart", for example, there is the following plot; there is a secret agency fighting for good in the world called CONTROL. The episodes of the show are the stumping cases being worked on by the two best agents, 86 and 99.

The show is really centered around 86 (or Maxwell Smart) who is absolutely too stupid to be believed. When he and his female (wow!) partner 99 are brought a-

ing quality of poetry. "Opinions and outlooks may change, but (the poet's) concept of hate, for instance, would be the same fifty years from now."

At the end of her talk, she reminded students to read a poem slowly and thoughtfully, to judge the quality of the poem, and then to make a personal interpretation.

Father Joseph O'Bell, who introduced the lecturer, termed the occasion a "John F. Kennedy Memorial" presentation, in honor of the late president.

broad an enemy submarine and the men whistle at the girl, Smart nonchalantly turns to the captain and says, "If they think I'm something, wait until they get a look at 99." Or while lighting the fuse to a bomb, he may turn and say, "Do you have another match, 99; I lit my shoelace." In still another show, when he had put on a special microphone-carrying and been told by the chief that they were for 99, he said, "Oh, I guess they'll go better with her dress anyhow."

However, if one looks into this show, he can find a real purpose behind it which cuts it off from that which is ridiculous. Someone rightly said, "Laugh at yourself, it's a tonic tried and true." And it is in this that the real purpose of the show lies. In today's fast-moving world there are simply not enough outlets of our emotions. This show gives everyone who watches it an outlet for his troubles because they can laugh at themselves in the person of Maxwell Smart.



Beguine.

Next the spotlight fell on Ed Lach and Yvon Sheehy as they sang "Exodus" to the piano accompaniment of Petè Suhajda. Their second song was the French "Jole Tambour." Their final number, "Raindrops", was written by Yvon Sheehy.

After this the curtain was closed, and out on stage walked Bruce Fisher for the only monologue of the evening. He told of his side-splitting "Summer Vacation."

Then the show turned educational with "Through History with the Sophomores." Narrated by Marty Gray, the skit carried the viewer through history from Columbus to the Russians' secret weapon, bringing out the "real truth" so often hidden.

From the never-ending pages of history to the quiet, meaningful melodies of Peter, Paul, and Mary

## MOVIES ENTERTAIN STUDENT BODY

Scene: the gymnasium, in total darkness.

No, it's not another blackout. Yes, it's motion-picture time.

Since the beginning of the school year, five movies have been shown in the student gymnasium. The famous "Bridge of the River Kwai" was followed by "The Student Prince," with the singing voice of Mario Lanzo.

The third movie, "To Hell With Texas," was rated good by most of the students. H. Rider Haggard's "King Solomon's Mines" was rated excellent, and most students considered Jules Verne's "Journey to the Center of the Earth" superior.

Movies are shown every visiting Sunday and on each freeday.

Would you believe, "The Three Bears, Italian Style?" written by junior Jay Thomas? The skit, starring Ray Merola, Yvon Sheehy, and Jim Walters, brought the roof down with laughter.

In the following act, the freshmen class took musical selections ranging from the "Sound of Music" to Beatle songs, substituted their own lyrics, and applied them to specific aspects of seminary life.

The juniors once again took the stage as they sang "Lemon Tree," "Big John," and "Gypsy Rover."

In the final performance, the senior class enacted one of the Canterbury Tales by Chaucer, "The Devil's Gold." From the words of the "Pardoner" - "I will tell forth a tale of men who drank too deep of corny ale, rioted, gamed and fought and cursed, fulfilling for death the devil's sacrifice."

## HONOR SOCIETY DISCUSSED

Should Bellefontaine become a member of the National Honor Society? What purpose is there in becoming a member? How will it benefit the students?

These are some of the questions the Student Improvement Council and the faculty are discussing. The decision whether or not Bellefontaine should join the National Honor Society will require serious thought.

The society gives national recognition for excellence in academic subjects, setting its minimum at an 85 average in each subject. It recognizes involvement in allied affairs such as debate, drama, speech and lecture programs.

The decision whether or not to become a member will be decided by the end of the school year.

# SENIOR MERITS TITLE "BEST ATHLETE"



Paul Cunningham sweeps around the end . . . . .

Who's the best athlete at Bellefontaine? There are many good ones, and some excellent ones, but there is only one Paul Cunningham.

Most students consider him without equal in the field of sports. His very presence in the game can demoralize the opposition once the game starts. Besides being greatly endowed in the ability which each sport calls for, Paul is also a fine sportsman. He has won a letter in every sport at Bellefontaine a grand total of seven letters.

Paul's favorite sport is football, and one can readily see why

"give up". This especially proved true in the student-faculty game. With the faculty holding the edge of 6-0 throughout the greater part of the game, Paul played his heart out and didn't admit defeat until the final gun had sounded. Then being the true sportsman that he was, Paul led the student team in a rousing cheer for the faculty.

Although Paul doesn't quite like basketball and hockey as much as he does football, he excels in both. He has the softest and most accurate shot of anyone in the school when it comes to playing basketball. During

# thanksgiving day games



SENIORS EDGE JUNIORS 12-6;  
SOPHOMORES TROMP FRESHMEN 31-0  
by Marty Gray '69

Thanksgiving Day was highlighted this year by the junior-senior football game in the morning and the freshmen-sophomore game in the afternoon.

The seniors edged the juniors 12-6 on a late touchdown by senior Henry Hewitt who intercepted a pass on the twenty yard line of the juniors and ran it in for the score.

In the first quarter the juniors posed a threat when quarterback Marty Torrey threw a pass from midfield to Dick Harcar, who ran to the nine yard line. The senior defense, led by co-captain Jim Pezzulo, stopped the juniors on the nine without a gain.

The juniors drew first blood in the second quarter when Marty Torrey threw a pass to halfback Louie Sanabria who zigzagged his way downfield for the score. He ran sixty yards.

The senior offense in the first half was mainly stopped by the efforts of Tom Irwin who knocked down several senior passes and intercepted two. At the half the score stood with the juniors 6, the seniors 0.

Midway in the third period the seniors hit paydirt. Quarterback Paul Cunningham handed off to Henry Hewitt. Hewitt threw to end Stan Plocinski who ran fifty yards for the touchdown. This tied the score 6-6.

A junior drive was halted

line. It was then that Henry Hewitt picked off the pass that gave the seniors the winning touchdown. The final score was the seniors 12, the juniors 6.

Hugh Carty captained the senior team; George Taylor, the juniors.

In the afternoon the freshmen and sophomores battled on the gridiron. The game was dominated by the sophomores who scored an overwhelming 31-0 victory.

Early in the game a freshman punt was returned forty yards by Steve Moore who ended up on the fifteen-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage quarterback Marty Gray ran around the end for the touchdown.

In the second quarter, quarterback Ken Collard of the freshmen threw several passes to end Larry Kish and halfback Aaron Ockimey that sparked a drive to the sophomore twenty-yard line, but it was stopped by the rough sophomore line led by co-captains Gabriel Gaurent and John Gallagher. The sophomores' second touchdown came in the second period on a pass from Marty Gray to end Joe Nunes from the twenty-yard line. Halftime ended with the score 12-0 in the sophomores' favor.

In the second quarter the sophomores scored when quarterback Marty Gray handed off



Hugh Carty's run is cut short as Father Krah grabs flag in student-faculty game.

## FACULTY DEFEATS STUDENTS

On All-Saints day, Nov. 1, the students once again engaged the faculty on the field of sports, this time in football. The students had a strong team, and they were out to avenge last year's defeat. Led by captain Paul Cunningham and co-captain Marty Torrey, the student team fought the faculty in a game that was largely defensive.

The only score came in the first quarter when Father Jackson, although tripled-teamed, caught a 50 yard scoring bomb from faculty quarterback, Father O'Bell. The score remained the same throughout the rest of the game. The final score was the faculty 6, the students 0.



## MONKEYS IN A TREE

Have you ever seen some unidentified objects climbing a tree? Have you ever wondered about what eyes were looking at you when you passed under a tree? Well, most probably it was a group of juniors who call themselves "The Tree Climbers."

These juniors are Robert

total of seven letters.  
Paul's favorite sport is football, and one can readily see why after watching him play a rugged sixty minutes of hard-fought contact on the gridiron. He is a fierce competitor who doesn't believe in those two little words

and most accurate shot of anyone in the school when it comes to playing basketball. During his recreations he can be found passing off some of his knowledge of the sport to underclassmen. And once the ice freezes, he will demonstrate how talented he is in the game of hockey.

## SOPHOMORE WINS POETRY CONTEST

In a poetry contest recently sponsored by the Bellefontaine, sophomore Timothy McNerny's entry was chosen the winner. Here was his reflection on Christmas:

The holiday season is here again  
With all it's Christmas cheer  
Which causes me to speculate  
About those things held dear.

We're taken up with gifts exchanged  
Tw'ixt relatives and friends  
But it seems we're wont to overlook  
A gift that makes amends.

'Tis the gift of self to Christ our Lord  
Our minds and wills and hearts  
To One who gave his all for us  
From whose grace we'll not depart.

The wish of Christ our Saviour  
We shall hopefully fulfill  
His fervent wish for peace on earth  
To all men of good will.

## FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS IN CLOSE RACE

Bellefontaine's intramural football season ended in a three way tie for first in the A league; while Bob Logan and Aaron Ockimey led their teams to first in the B and C leagues.

With a record of 6 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie, the football teams led by Paul Cunningham, Jim Pezzulo, and Stan Plocinski, shared first place. Hevry Hewitt's gridmen lagged far behind the pack with a record of 2 wins,

8 losses, and 1 tie.

In the B league division, Bob Logan's team achieved victory with a record of 7-3, followed by Joe Tilleli (6-4), Ron Pferdehirt (4-6), and Jim Mulligan (3-7).

Aaron Ockimey and his team controlled the freshmen league with a record of 11-1. Bob Cunningham captured second (6-5-1); Bob Hannon, third (4-8); and Bob Monohan, fourth (2-9-1).

fifty yards. This tied the score 5-6.

A junior drive was halted by an interception by Paul Cunningham.

The final period was for the most part dominated by a senior drive that took the ball from one end of the field to the other. However, the juniors regained possession at their own ten yard



Students awarded letters in Varsity Football are (l-r) Kevin Lockwood, Robert Trahan, Joe Nunes, Hugh Carty, George Lopuch, Tom Irwin, Paul Cunningham, Missing Jim Pezzulo.

## SOCCER SEASON BEGINS

Despite cold weather and snow, the intramural soccer season at Bellefontaine began Nov. 30. This year the A league consists of four teams and the B league, six teams.

Dick Johnson, Tom Sledz, John Wierzbicki, and Ed McLaughlin are piloting the four A league teams. This league is made up of seniors, juniors, and sophomores. After practice games it is safe to say that Ed McLaughlin's team will be the team to watch.

At the helm of the six B league teams are Jim Walters, Hugh Winarski, Ray Merola, Gerry Holup, John Gallagher, and Joe Agrusa. These teams are largely freshmen. The teams are evenly matched, and it looks like a good season.

In the second quarter the sophomores scored when quarterback Marty Gray handed off to end Steve Moore who passed it back to Gray for the touchdown.

In the final quarter a pass from freshman Larry Kish was intercepted by captain Marty Gray who took it to the fifteen-yard line. Then Gray hit center Frank Fink over the middle for the touchdown. In the next set of plays the freshmen were forced to punt. Marty Gray again took it around the end for the final score. The game was capped by a triple reverse in which Joe Tilleli netted the extra point.

## FRATERS SHOW ABILITY IN SPORTS

The many victories won by the faculty over the students is due partially to the talent of IHM's young teaching fraters.

Frater Wayne Richards is a big name on the faculty lineup whether the sport be softball, football, or basketball. In his four years of minor seminary training at Donaldson, Indiana, Frater amassed the amazing total of six letters of athletic recogni-

a group of juniors who call themselves "The Tree Climbers."

These juniors are Robert Trahan, Yvon Sheehy, Peter Suhujda, Richard Harcar, and Ray Merola.

Arriving as freshmen, these five juniors were very energetic and lively. Every once in a while you could see them jumping around from one tree to the other.

As sophomores, they ventured to climb the tallest trees.

As present juniors, they have quieted down a bit; but their skill urges them on.

Somewhere, someday, you'll hear of these human monkeys.

By the way, pine trees are their favorites; so look up into your pine trees for these characters. You might just see them!

Four letters were won in football with letters in basketball coming in his freshmen and senior years.

Frater James Marks is regarded as the faculty's key man on the basketball court. A classmate of Frater Richards, he won a letter in football during his freshmen year and came back to capture a letter in basketball in his junior year.

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