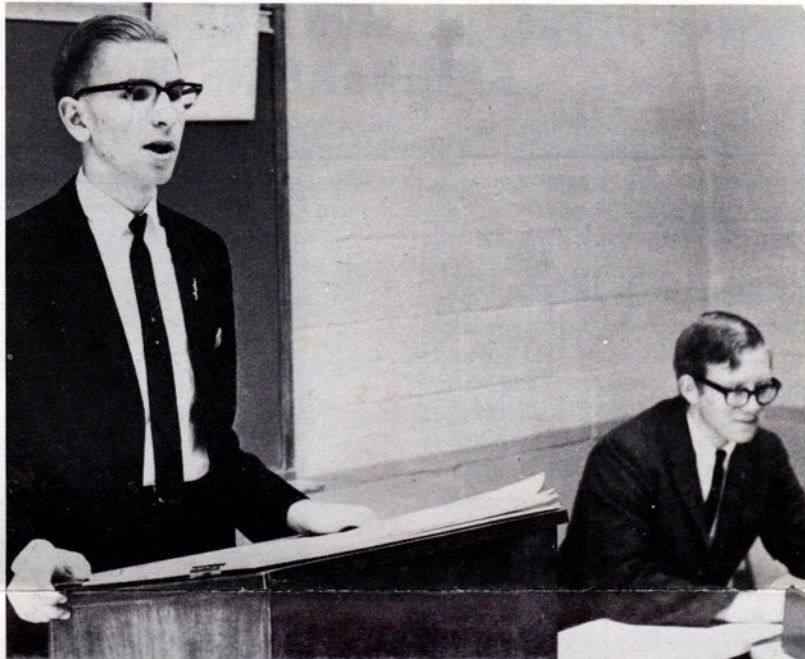


FORMER PREFECT RETURNS FOR VISIT

Father Anthony Bruder, S.C.J., former Prefect of Discipline at Bellefontaine, returned here for a three day visit during the month of November. Father Bruder taught Latin at IHM from 1962 to 1966, becoming Prefect in 1965.

The main reason for Father's visit was to attend a meeting of the Formation Committee, a subcommittee of the Priests of the Sacred Heart's Religious Life Committee in the American Province. This is a meeting of Father Bruder, who is now the Dean of Boys at Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana, and his two assistants, along with Father Krah, S.C.J., Dean at IHM, and his assistants, and Father Rosinski, S.C.J. from Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Mass. Together they discuss the development of the seminarians lives, means of improving them, and helping to prepare them for Novitiate.

During Father's visit he also spoke to the students on how to become a "great seminarian." Father outlined points on how the seminarian can develop into the person Christ wants him to be. Father also found time to talk



Senior members of Bellefontaine's A team present their arguments in a recent debate held at IHM.

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STUDENTS LEAVE FOR THANKSGIVING

For the first time in Bellefontaine's short history the students went home for Thanksgiving vacation.

During late October, in a meeting between Father McGuire, IHM's Rector, and Father Noonan, the American Provincial of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, it was decided that the students could have a vacation. They will be able to leave after classes on Tuesday, November 21st, and are expected back the following Sunday. This was readily accepted by the students.

Because of long distances having to be travelled by some students - they went home with other students whose families invited them to stay for the vacation. A second problem presented was the loss of class days in an already tight schedule, but the students and faculty readily adapted to the change.

This now becomes the third vacation the students have during the school year. The other two are Christmas and Easter.

IHM WELCOMES NEW VOCATION DIRECTOR

Although you may not see him here very often, the newest addition to Bellefontaine's faculty is Father Peter Stempien, S.C.J. Father Peter has become the new Vocational Director, taking the place of Father Stephen who is now working in Natchez, Miss.



Father Peter Stempien, SCJ, is IHM's new Vocation Director.

Chicago, Ill. is Father Peter's home and he spent his minor seminary days at Divine Heart Seminary in Indiana. He continued his studies at Kilroe College, Sacred Heart Monastery, Notre Dame, and Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

After his ordination in 1962, Father taught Physics at Divine Heart Seminary for one year. Following this, he became the seminary's Vocation Director in the Midwest. After this he was transferred to Trinity College in Redlands, California, one of the Province's two seminaries for belated vocations, as a Vocation Director for two summers.

Father Peter's job entails travelling throughout the eastern part of the country, visiting and encouraging boys who think they have a vocation and would like to come to Bellefontaine.

When he is not on the road, Father is an avid sports fan and his favorite pastime is fishing.

with the juniors and seniors who were underclassmen when Father taught here, and to meet the present freshmen and sophmores.

CLASSES VIE TO HELP YEARBOOK

The staff of COUNSELS is getting ready to put out Bellefontaine's second yearbook in the Spring, and the Student Council has asked all four classes for help in obtaining boosters.

Because of the unexpected mounting costs of the first yearbook last year, the students had to pay extra for it and the school took a loss. In order to defray the costs of this year's edition, and to issue a bigger and better yearbook, the students have been asked by the Council to sell boosters to their families, relatives, and friends during the Thanksgiving and Christ-

mas vacations. Two dollar donations will receive their name in the book, and five dollars or more will receive larger spaces.

The Council members also agreed upon having a contest in which the four classes would compete with one another in obtaining the largest amount of money from the boosters. The classes are presently building up their pledges. No definite prize has been decided upon yet.

The editor of this year's yearbook is senior Sam Roma, working under the faculty advisor, Father Hudson.

SIR THOMAS MORE COMES ALIVE ON STAGE

"And when we stand before God, and you are sent to Paradise for doing according to your conscience, and I am damned for not doing according to mine, will you come with me, for fellowship?"

These words of St. Thomas More to the Duke of Norfolk tell the story of "A Man for all Seasons", the Junior-Senior play for this year. Written by Robert Bolt, the play is a historical-religious drama dealing with the conflicts Sir Thomas More faces in obeying his conscience. He has risen to Chancellor, the highest position in England excepting the royalty, and King Henry VIII asks for his opinion on the king's divorce of Catherine of Aragon and his marriage to Anne Boleyn. More's conscience, however, forbids him to approve of this and thus he is mentally tortured and finally put to death. More throughout the play however, remains loyal to the king and his office.

The role of Thomas More is portrayed by senior Jay Thomas. The crafty Cromwell, envious of More who was made Chancellor and to a great extent responsible for More's death, is played by senior Dick Harcar. Ed Lach plays the part of the Duke of Norfolk,

a good friend of More's, but who must condemn him to death. The Common Man, who takes on many parts in the play, is the role of junior Tom Taylor. Greg Blanchfield plays Thomas More's wife. The remaining actors and their roles are:

John Gallagher
Richard Rich
Sam Roma
King Henry VIII
Dick Urda
Margaret More, Daughter of Sir Thomas
Steve Moore
William Roper, Margaret's husband.



Secretary Cromwell (Rich Harcar) accuses Sir Thomas More (Jay Thomas) of High Treason as the Duke of Norfolk (Ed Lach) and Archbishop Cranmer (Ray Reska) preside over the court in "A Man for All Seasons," the Junior Senior Class Play.

Joe Nunes
Signor Chapuys, The Spanish Ambassador.
Ray Reska
Archbishop Cranmer
Bob Trahan
Cardinal Wolsey
Joe Tillelli
A Woman

The play was directed by Father Nability, S.C.J., who was assisted by senior Ron Pferdihert. Terry Langley, head of costuming, and Tom Taylor, head of the scenery department, worked together to create the Medieval setting.

I.H.M. DEBATERS LEAD THE LEAGUE

Bellefontaine's Dehon Debating Society has ended its first three months of this year's competition with great success.

As both A and B divisions have leveled their quotes and arguments on: Resolved - that Congress should establish uniform regulations to control criminal procedures - they have taken over first place in the Berkshire League. The A team, Ray Reska, Dick Urda, Tom Taylor, and Mike Philipp has won ten debates and lost two. The B team, consisting of Ron Pferdihert, Bob Trahana, Denis Larrivee, and Bob Hergeneroeder, are undefeated in their twelve de-

bates. Together they total 22 wins and 2 defeats. This is the first time since the league started three years ago that Bellefontaine holds first place in both divisions. The next rounds of Berkshire League debating are scheduled for November 30th.

TEAM REACHES QUARTER FINALS

On November 10th and 11th IHM sent Ray Reska and Rich Urda to be its representatives in the championship division of the annual debate tournament held at the University of Massachusetts. The two senior debaters were victorious into the quarter-finals until they met former rivals George Olsen and James Calnan of St. Joseph, North Adams. St. Joseph won the debate and then went on to win the Championship division.

The novice team in this debate consisted of Bob Hergeneroeder, Dennis Bouttenot, Rick Buckley and Bob Monahan. They completed the day with a five win, seven loss total.

DIOCESAN DEBATES: 5 and 3

Dehon's A team opened the beginning rounds of the Diocesan Debate League on November 5th with a two win, two loss record. They defeated St. Joseph's, North Adams, and Cranwell School, but lost to St. Mary's, Westfield, and Holyoke Catholic. The B team compiled 3 wins and 1 loss.

This is an identical start to last year when IHM finished third in the league.



Christmas Greetings



Dear Friends,

This copy of the School paper will probably be sandwiched in among many of your Christmas cards. The mailman may not like it because of its clumsiness in size, but this is our Christmas card to you. It is a wonderful thing for friends to send greetings and wishes to each other. We are happy because someone thinks of us, and they show their thoughts and expressions by writing personally.

There are some people who say that the Christmas greetings are nothing but "big business." To some manufacturers it is, but to most people it is a joyful business and a way to communicate this joy to one another. In this indifferent and busy world it is one of the few things left for personal contact with each other. I think it is much more personal than the edict of Caesar Augustus that was sent out at the time of Christ's birth. A sign was probably nailed at the Town Square, inviting the people to come and register. Today's greetings are different. All the signatures on our cards have a face and a personality and I'm sure a warm feeling of friendship.

This newspaper, although it might seem indifferent and impersonal, it is not meant to be. It is the greetings, Christmas greetings, from our house to your house, asking that we together share with one another the blessings of this wonderful Christmas season. I speak in behalf of many people, especially the faculty and students.

We hope that all of us are sharing in the real center of the motivation of this season. That we truly can understand, more and more, each year, Christ's love for us and the reciprocation on our part. Our work here at the Seminary revolves around this love. It is truly a work of the future, the future priests of the Church. At times it is a challenge, but always a very gratifying one. We ask that you continue to assist us with your prayers and generosity.

As always, the Novena of Masses which will begin on Christmas eve will be for your intentions and all your loved one's. We would also like to ask you to remember us as well. So with prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McQuire



CHRISTMAS IS A TIME OF JOY

Most Americans would agree with you if you said that Christmas is a time of great joy. Spiritually it is a commemoration of one of the greatest events in the history of mankind, the birth of Christ. Even in a temporal sense it is a time for all to be happy. But is everybody?

Look around and you may see people who are sick and dying, both spiritually as well as physically, even in your own neighborhood. They may not enjoy Christmas unless there is someone there to help them, to show them the real joy of giving.

Look further, around the world, where sickness and death are in far greater percentages. We may have a turkey dinner on December 25th - half the world will go to bed hungry. Many of us will be spending Christmas with our families. Others will be fighting for their lives and ours so that we can enjoy this season in peace. They will be alone.

Christmas is a joyful time, a time when the Light of the World broke the chains of darkness by becoming man. Look around and you may see some one you could help to enjoy this season, and their whole life more fully, by giving of your own time and abundant gifts as God gave His greatest Gift to all men, His Son.

"RENEWAL" ALLOWS TIME TO REFLECT

With the beginning of the second quarter comes a time for the students to forget their studies and all activities for a few days, and to stop to reflect upon their lives and their vocation. This is the annual Fall Renewal.

This year the Renewal was conducted by Father David Jackson, S.C.J., a former teacher here at Bellefontaine who presently teaches at Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, Pa.

The Renewal began with a Holy Hour on Thursday night, November 2nd. It was in the form of a Bible Vigil. On Friday, which was a First Friday, in the morning the students had a conference, a question and answer period with Father Jackson, and plenty of time for meditation and spiritual reading. The afternoon consisted of a long work period, the second conference, and more time to think about oneself. After supper came a short recreation time, the third and final conference of the day, followed by meditative silence till night prayers. During the day the students were encouraged to see their spiritual director or the Renewal Master at some time.

The short retreat ended on Saturday morning with a sermon from Father Jackson at Mass. A second, longer retreat will be held in the spring, before Easter vacation.

DINOSAUR HUNTING OR SINGING SONGS, SEMINARIANS HELP PEOPLE

Each week the three upper classes of Bellefontaine engage themselves in a number of Apostolic Activities in the Pittsfield-Lenox area. Both with their work here at the seminary, or actually out going various places, these students are trying to bring a little joy into the lives of those people much less fortunate than themselves, or as in CCD classes, to spread the "good news" of Christ. The latter is however a goal of all the activities.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

The first of these projects is the weekly visit on Saturdays to Our Lady of Providence Home for Children in Springfield, Mass. This is the third year in which the seminarians are going there. Each of the eleven or twelve students, along with Brother Lawrence, S.C.J., takes care of one or two boys for the day as they go out swimming or skating, to a circus or ball-game, hiking, mountain-climbing, or even perhaps dinosaur hunting. Sometimes they stay there and play their own games. The boys range in age from 6 to 10 years old. Although it means giving up a whole Saturday, the students know that these little boys, who don't have any families to love or be loved by, enjoy the visits and the students certainly enjoy going.

PRESS TIME

BEG PARDON: In the last issue Brother Tom's name was written as Kelz. Brother's last name is Kurps. Sorry!

Last Issue's prediction fell through. Seniors lost to Honesdale, 19-6.

Father MacDonald has become the new assistant Sports Director.

Seniors will be taking Scholastic Aptitude Tests in January.

The Christmas Talent Show is coming. Tentative Date: Dec. 20th.



The Seminarians gather for a picture with their little brothers from the Home for Children. In the front, left of center is Brother Lawrence, SCJ, the group advisor, and right of center, Ed Lach, the student director.

SUNSHINE CLUB

On Thursday nights a group of Sodalists goes out to one of the Old Age Homes or to visit some shut-ins in the area. Here the seminarians spend the evening talking with them about various interesting experiences these Senior Citizens have had in their lives, and the history of the surrounding area. The seminarians sometimes talk about themselves, or sing songs, or tell stories. The main thing, however, is to make these people realize that somebody really cares for them and is interested in them. Like the trips to the Home in Springfield, this apostolate was also started three years ago.

TWO NEW PROJECTS

Two more recent activities which the seniors have started in the past few months are helping disabled people to go bowling on Sunday nights, and teaching CCD classes to grade school children.

On the second and third Sunday of each month, five seniors, along with Brother Timothy, S.C.J., go bowling with a group of disabled people and other volunteers from the area. Some of the disabled cannot walk right, some are confined to wheel chairs, and some are even blind. But as the seminarians found out, it is amazing how, with a little help from them, these people can actually attain high scores. Again the seminarians are trying to help others to enjoy life.

Each Sunday morning, two seniors go out to teach 3rd and 4th graders from Notre Dame Parish in Pittsfield about God and the Catholic Religion. Here the seminarians have the responsibility, along with the children's parents to start developing these boys and girls into good and solid Catholics. It is not always easy to teach a group of children, especially when they know that the sun is shining outside, and the seminarians are gaining valuable experience from this.

SEMINARIANS COMMENDED

Recently, for six weeks, the students worked with grade school boys and girls at the Catholic Youth Center in Pittsfield in connection with the CYO. Here they spent their Saturday afternoons coaching the boys in various sports and leading them in calisthenics, and taught arts and crafts to both groups. When the program ended the seminarians received a letter of commendation for their fine work with the children.

The life of a seminarian at Bellefontaine is a very busy one with studies, extra and co-curricular activities, and also the problems of just growing up. But what extra time they do have, they are willing to share with others because they want to spread some rays of happiness and love to all people.

I SAW IT ALL WITH MY VERY OWN EYES

by - Sam Roma '68

The weather was cold with snow on the ground
I walked into church and looked all around.
At first not a person had entered my sight
But then a poor haggard came in from the night.

He looked at the crib that stood in the stable.
He wanted to touch it but wasn't quite able.
He reached through the barrier stretching out far,
Successful as someone who tries to catch stars.

He tried one more time but his efforts were poor.
So he turned around and went out of the door.
A giant rough fellow, yet-features so mild,
He soon came back in with a very small child.

The child crawled under the stable's gold bar.
(Take back what I said about reaching for stars.)
He dragged out the crib abundant with straw.
The man just kept staring and staring in awe.

He then touched the crib with reverence unknown.
Then both went back out in the very cold snow.
Now what I have said may seem a surprize.
But I saw it all with my very own eyes.



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Joy to the World

"And suddenly there was . . . a multitude of the heavenly host . . ."

Just as the angels sang with joy at the birth of Christ, the Bellefontaine Glee Club plans to do the same in commemoration of the 1967 anniversary of that momentous occasion.

"Joy to the World . . ."

All right! Perhaps the Glee Club can't bring the joy of the Christmas season to the entire world. But it can at least make it known to many of the citizens of Berkshire County. This year the Glee Club plans an extensive program of performances to be completed before the student body leaves for Christmas vacation.

Under the direction of Fr. Krah, S.C.J. the organization will produce a tape recording of Christmas carols to be broadcast over radio station WBEC in Pittsfield, Mass. on Christmas eve.

The group will again perform at St. Luke's Hospital in Pittsfield. They will appear at various rest homes in the area, among them Young's, Edgecomb, and Burke's Nursing Homes. In addition, the Glee Club has been asked to appear at the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner to be held at the General Electric Athletic Association in Pittsfield on December 19th.

Retaining many of last year's members and adding a number of new Sophomore voices, the Glee

Club's ranks consist of thirty members. Father Krah optimistically notes, "The group looks promising. We should once again have a very fine band of singers."

Provincial Visits Community

The Provincial of the Priests of the Sacred Heart in the United States, Father Michael Noonan, S.C.J., recently paid a four day visit to Immaculate Heart Seminary.

Each year the Provincial makes a Visitation to each community of Sacred Heart Fathers in the Province. Father Noonan, along with Brother Gabriel, S.C.J., the Provincial Secretary, arrived at Bellefontaine on November 5th. During this time he had a number of meetings with the faculty to discuss policies of and new ideas in the American Province. Along with other priests of the faculty, Father also con-celebrated the student's Mass each day, and spoke to them during it.

Upon his departure for the Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin on November 9th, Father Noonan commended the students and faculty for the fine job they were doing and said that he really enjoyed his visit.

SPEAKERS EARN MEDALS, BECOME SEMI-FINALISTS

"We try harder" is a popular slogan heard often these days. We, here at Bellefontaine, are always trying harder to improve more and more each year; and this year it's been clearly evident in speech activities.

THREE WIN MEDALS

The annual "Early Bird" Speech Contest was held at Holyoke High School in Holyoke, Mass., on October 28th. The purpose of this competition was to help participants prepare for the Diocesan Speech Festival in Springfield, Mass., on November 10th. Thirteen students from I.H.M., representing all four classes, participated in the three rounds at Holyoke: Richard Urda, Raymond Reska, and Horace Small in Extemporaneous Speaking; Gregory Blanchfield, George Lopuch, and Michael Philipp in Prose Reading; Thomas Taylor and Yvon Sheehy in Oratorical Interpretation; Jay Thomas and James Walters in Serious Prose; Sam Roma and Stephen Moore in Poetry Reading; and Denis Larri-vee in Original Oratory.

Out of eight gold medals awarded, Bellefontaine took three of them. These went to Richard Urda, Thomas Taylor, and Denis Larri-vee. Second place honors went to Raymond Reska and Yvon Sheehy.



Bellefontaine's sixteen semi-finalists in the Diocesan Speech Contest are (seated, l. to r.) Tom Taylor, Joe Nunes, Mike Philipp, Steve Moore, Horace Small, and Gary Zielinski; and (standing l. to r.) Yvon Sheehy, Ed Lach, Jim Walters, Ray Reska, George Lopuch, Bob Trahan, Sam Roma, Greg Blanchfield, and Jay Thomas. Missing: Dick Urda.

16 QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINALS

On November 10th, twenty-one students — the highest number ever to represent I.H.M. — journeyed to Springfield for the three preliminary rounds of the Diocesan Speech Festival. Here, the speakers must attain a rank of three excellents or better in order to qualify for the semi-finals. These will be held at St. Michael's in Northampton on Saturday, December 16th.

Bellefontaine did try harder this year as sixteen students — again the largest number ever — qualified. The semi-finalists and

their categories are: Robert Trahan, Raymond Reska, and Horace Small in Extemporaneous Reading; Gregory Blanchfield, George Lopuch, and Michael Philipp in Prose Reading; Jay Thomas and James Walters in Serious Prose; Edward Lach and Thomas Taylor in Oratorical Interpretation; Stephen Moore in Poetry Reading; Gary Zielinski in Original Oratory; and Joseph Nunes in Radio Newscasting.

Bellefontaine's Speech Coach is Father Walter Naby, S.C.J.



Bellefontaine's Glee Club presents its Christmas Show to the Student Body.

Halloween Party Visits "Horror Hotel"

Candles flickering in the howling wind, the darkness disturbed only by the sudden crackling of a roaring thunderbolt, and dripping rain splashing in the lobby of the "Horror Hotel" was the scene of Bellefontaine's annual Halloween party.

It started early, at supper in the refectory, as ghosts and ghouls and a host of weird characters came marching through (cordially supplied by the seniors). Here the students were invited to spend the night at "Horror Hotel."

As supper ended the party moved to the gym. Here a show, interspersed with mystery and talent, awaited them. There were four plays presented during the night. The juniors enacted the story of the perfect bluff in "The Chess Game." The sophomores staged two plays, "The Curse of Kufu" and "Crime", the latter of which was written by them, and the freshmen presented "Daniel." Besides tending to the innocent little murder of Charles Beowulf XXIII, an unsuspecting visitor to "Horror

Hotel" between acts, the seniors also staged excerpts from the musical "West Side Story". These included the "Jet Song" with both singing and choreography, and two solos, "Maria", sung by Ed Lach, and "Somewhere" by Dick Urda. In between plays there were also musical groups provided by both juniors and seniors. The entertainment was arranged by George Lopuch.

At intermission, the judging of the students' delightful, odd, weird, but colorful, costumes was held. First prize went to sophomore Ray Klinger for his jeweled and colorful Arabian Night costume. Other prizes were awarded to a "harem girl" (harem girl?) and a little hobo(ess). Underneath were found freshmen Jeff Kulik and Steve Frenier.

Who was responsible for all this "madness"? Next time you see the owner of our quiet hotel, Jim "Wally" Walters, or his trusty goon (Hugh Winarski), why not ask them.

SEMINARIANS COMPARE WELL

What are the attitudes, concerns, interests and needs of today's American high school age boys? The Boy Scouts of America recently found out in a nationwide survey made for them by the Institute for Social Research of the University of Michigan. The seminarians at Bellefontaine became a part of this survey.

The test here, taken in mid-October, was given to determine how the seminarians compared with teenagers across the country, and especially with Explorer Scouts, in these matters.

Some of the questions covered were what boys worry about most, whether they would take their parents or friends advice concerning various problems of growing up, questions on dating, and questions on vocations in life.

The final results were displayed to the students by the end of the month and IHM did very well in the survey. The results showed that the seminarians displayed very mature attitudes concerning many of the points and that they compared well with other teen-age boys in the others.

Senior Wins Poetry Contest

The BELLEFONTAINE has once again sponsored its annual Christmas poetry contest to encourage the composing talents of the students. This year's judges were Fathers Krah and Corcoran, the heads of IHM's English Department and the winner was senior Sam Roma.

Following are his thoughts on Christmas:

CONJUGATE THE VERB "TO LOVE"

I want a present.
(Tonight's the night that Christ was born.)
You want a present.
(The angels came on Christmas morn.)
He wants a present
(Twelve days later magi came.)
We want a present.
(And now today, how many come?)
You want a present.
(On the day God had become)
They want a present.
(Man to take on all our shame.)

EXPLORERS BOAST LARGEST MEMBERSHIP

Bellefontaine's Explorer Post 101 has become the largest organization in the school as its membership reaches fifty-seven.

In the beginning of October, 34 candidates were accepted as new members to the Post in a colorful ceremony. The following weekend an overnight camp-out was held for these new members on the seminary grounds. The cold weather gave them some experience in preparation for a bigger Camporee later in the month.

Many other Scouts joined Post 101 for this second overnight camp-out. It was held at October Mountain in Lenoxdale, Mass. This gave the Explorers a chance to meet other Posts and engage in various activities together.

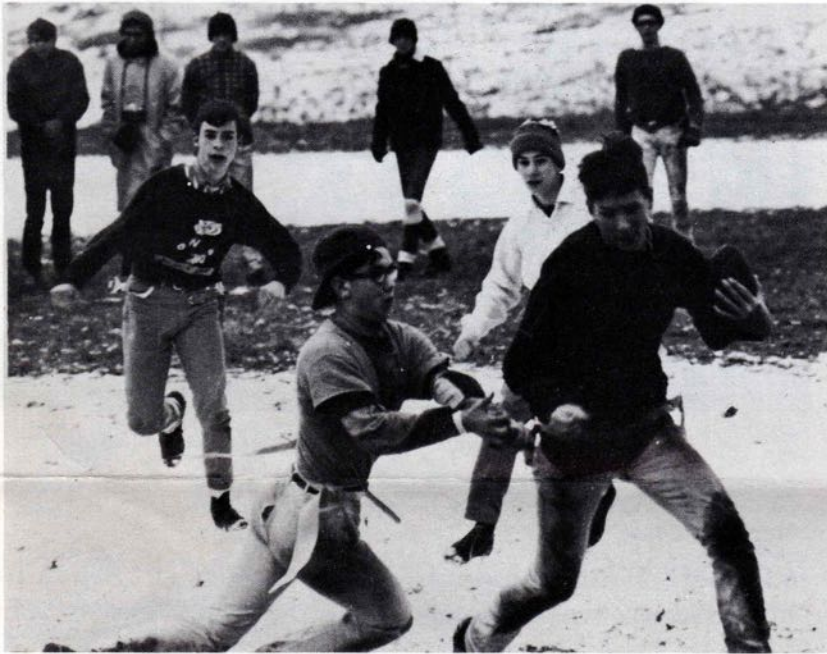
In November, on the 12th, Post 101 hosted a visit of Post 666 from Holyoke, Mass. to Bellefontaine. The visitors attended a Post meeting and afterwards participated in football games with the student body.

Post 101 is still in preparation for its super activity, a one hundred mile canoe trip down the Raquette River later in the year.



Some Explorers prepare to shove off in a practice canoe run for their super activity later this year.

SENIORS EDGE JUNIORS AS SOPHOMORES TROMP FRESHMEN



Senior Dick Harcar stops a threatening junior touchdown by Steve Moore as juniors Mike Philipp and Howard Woodard rush to Steve's help. Seniors won 14 - 12.

"RATS" SHOCK THE "MACHINE" AS "KORPS" CAPTURE TITLE

Father Krahe remarked that it was "one of the best seasons we've ever had" and the students agreed as Bellefontaine's 1967 Football season came to a close on November 17th.

The most melodramatic ending in the seminary's history took place in the A league this year. Going into the final contest, George Lopuch's team, "Mickey's Machine" (7-3), held a ½ game lead over Greg Blanchfield's "Afrika Korps" (6-3-1), breathing down the "Machine's" neck. In third place stood the "Desert Rats", Dick Harcar's grid-iron men, at 4-6-1, barely ahead of the "Viri." The ensuing results were unbelievable. The "Desert Rats" shocked the students by clearly up-ending "Mickey's Machine" who got off to a 6-0 record before losing 4 of the last 5. The final score was 19-6. Meanwhile, the "Afrika Korps" grabbed first place by ½ game by defeating the "Viri" 20-8. The final standings show the "Korps" in first with the "Machine", the "Rats", and the "Viri" next in order.

The combination of Aaron Ockimey to ends Greg Blanchfield and Mike Philipp paved the way to the top for the "Korps". The "Machine" ticked early in the season on passes from Q.B. Joe Nunes to George Lopuch and Joe Tilleli, along with the aid of Ed Lach on sweeping runs. Gerry Holup and Bob Trahan proved invaluable on the line. The "Desert Rats" rolled on passes from Bob Cunningham to ends Steve Moore and Rich Harcar. The "Viri" showed fine spirit and talent. Their plays were mainly daring bombs to Ken Collard, Louis Sanabria and Joe Alexander vis the fine throwing of Tom Taylor.

B league also showed itself to contain valuable talent which will be shown in future A league years. Phil Walent piloted his team to first place in the standings with a 9-3 record. Denis Bouvier's team finished in second at 6-6 with Dave Smith's team on their heels at 5-7. In the cellar was Gary Zielinski's team which also showed itself quite a threat to the rest of the league.

No one knew what the final score would be as the juniors and seniors marched onto the field for the most talked about Turkey Bowl game in Bellefontaine's football history. It was the common estimation of both faculty and students alike that the seniors were clearly the under-dogs in the contest.

November 19th was the day the seniors fought from behind to upset the odds and beat the juniors, 14 to 12.

Captained by Greg Blanchfield and Louie Sanabria, and coached by Father Russo, the seniors spent several weeks in preparation for the game. The juniors, with Joe Nunes and Gabe Guarante at the helm, equalled these practices.

After the seniors failed to move the ball after the junior kickoff, the Class of '69 drove sixty yards across the field ending in a clean sweep touchdown by Benny Vallandingham. The extra point was missed. The seniors retaliated with a 70 yd. drive to the junior 5 yard line spearheaded by a 30 yard pass play from Q.B. Blanchfield to Rich Harcar, and running yardage by Louie Sanabria. It was stopped however, by a Mike Philipp interception. The score stayed the same into the half, 6 to 0.

The second half repeated the first until late in the third quarter. The juniors had the ball on their 15 yard line and tried a short pass. From his position in the defensive secondary raced George Lopuch to snatch an interception and gallop across the goal line. After a successful conversion from Blanchfield to Yvon Sheehy, the score stood 7-6 seniors. But this wasn't



Sophomore Ken Collard jumps to pass over the head of onrushing freshman Horace Small as Father MacDonald checks the action. The Sophomores won their half of the Turkey Bowl, 27 - 0.

enough as the seniors quickly followed up a pass to Louie Sanabria who raced 40 yds. for the seniors' second score. This time the conversion was made by Rich Harcar and the score stood 14-6.

The fourth quarter saw a strong defense by the seniors, both on the line and in the backfield, but on a do or die fourth down play very late in the game junior Steve Moore made a beautiful diving catch of a Tom Taylor pass in the end-zone for a touchdown. These were the final points of the game as the happy seniors cheered their 14-12 victory.

SOPHOMORES DEFEAT FROSH

In the second game of the Turkey Bowl on November 20th, Aaron Ockimey and Joe Alexander led the sophomores in a 27-0 de-

feat over Tom Brennan and Dan Drennan's freshmen team.

Although it looked at first that the freshmen line would prove a real menace to the sophomore backfield, the holes were soon closed as quarterbacks Aaron Ockimey and Bob Cunningham went to work. The four second year touchdowns were scored by Bob Monahan, Ken Collard, Joe Alexander, and Aaron Ockimey, each one in a different quarter. Three of the four conversions were made.

Despite their lack of experience in playing as a team, and especially against a team made up of many varsity league players, the freshmen did an excellent job in their attempt to defeat the sophomores.

slides, on his parish and work in Sumatra.

The Mission Club has also sponsored chapel visits on the feast days of saints who are patrons of the Missions, three movies, and contests for posters and most active members. These are added to the speeches on the Missions given in the refectory, and the regular club discussions.

An outing for the members was held at the Indian Mission in Stockbridge, Mass. Here they learned the manner in which many poor and homeless Indians were first given refuge by John Sergeant, who owned the Mission House.

In the future, the club is planning more outings, movies, and two plays to be enacted at Talent Nights. The Mission Club is growing and is active.

A MANGLED MESS OF MEN

After Thanksgiving the students embark on their annual soccer season. Some, who more readily refer to it as "slushball", consider it their favorite sport because no other one offers the opportunities of both athletics and a beautiful mud bath.

Let us examine the typical soccer season. The game is played only in very cold weather at Bellefontaine, usually during a blizzard. A blazing sun has been known to come out, but only when there was two feet of snow on the ground. It is also an unofficial rule here that soccer can only be played - in mud. Any thought of wearing clean clothes to a game is absurd, unless you plan on sitting on the goal posts for the whole game.

Now we come to a typical soccer game. It usually starts out with two unevenly matched teams and one confused referee. With both centers starting out nearly killing each other for possession of the ball, the game soon progresses into a mangled mess of men. The poor player who misjudges the ball usually lands up in the mud, to be trampled upon if he's not fast enough. Some people can't seem to find the ball until it finally hits them on the head, and the goalie still can't see it till it's past him into the net. Meanwhile, the referee grows more and more confused.

Finally, after the season closes with a grand total of three games, the teams celebrate their

coming through alive, and look forward to the coming ice-hockey season.

Mission Club Activities Grow

Some students ask "What is the Mission Club Doing?" They wonder if it is still in existence. But the Mission Club is Active.

So far this year the club has sponsored presentations to the student body by two of the Congregation's missionaries. Father Peter Miller, S.C.J., gave a talk on his work in the slums of Chicago, and Father Thomas Fix, S.C.J., gave one, along with a showing of

Dear Sisters,

Christmas Greetings from Bellefontaine!

I'm on an overnight stop in Lenox and the editor of the school paper asked me to write a short letter to you. For the first time they are sending the Bellefontaine to you who have helped us in our vocation program. It is a nice way to keep you informed on just what our Seminary is doing. The paper can tell you much better than I, as I have to be away much of the school year.

I wish I could thank you all personally for your wonderful cooperation; it has made my job enjoyable and a lot easier. No doubt, I will meet many of you on my travels interviewing future candidates and I look forward to thanking you then.

It is interesting to hear the many varied opinions that Sisters have about the prep-Seminary and at times it is challenging. Maybe that's what helps us to keep improving the training for young boys to the priesthood. I hope we can talk about it when we meet.

Well, Sisters, I just wanted to get a short note off to you. I know you will find the BELLEFONTAINE interesting; our students publish it four times a year. If you would like to receive it regularly, please write and let us know. I hope you have a Blessed Christmas and get a few days rest during the holidays.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Father Peter S.C.J.

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