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Bellefontaine's new freshmen are: (front row, l. to r.) Mike Sweeney, Ralph Folan, Tom Donahue, Mike Capazzoli, Huey McAllister, Broderick Johnson, Andy O'Donnell, Bob Trahan, Larry Abel, Mike Lambert, Joe Fluet. (Middle row, l. to r.) Tim Gola, Jerry Higgins, Louie Valentin, Devere Johnson, Bill Szweczyk, Ray Palermo, Mike Palumbo, Roger Beauregard, Bill Lambe, Joe LaFlamme, John Campasano, Dan Lafleur. (Top row, l. to r.) Bob Bresnahan, Pat Logue, Tom Stephenson, Steve Rioux, Tom Brown, Mike Hanson, Dan Sormani, Ed Whitesell, Roger Bevin, Pat Clonan, Joe Meserole, Mark Morrison, Sam Waters, and Dave Holodak. Missing are Bob Borstelmann, Mark Formel, Tim Keenan, and Dan McCusker.

BELLEFONTAINE GREETES CLASS OF '74

In September of this year forty-six new freshmen were welcomed to Bellefontaine. These new students make up the Class of 1974. They come from all over the eastern section of the United States. Since they have not been here very long, they are not completely familiar with the rules and regulations and their responsibilities as freshmen. The faculty and veteran students are guiding them so that in a little while they will, hopefully, know what is

going on and what is expected of them.

The members of this year's freshman class have already become involved in extra-curricular activities. They have joined various clubs such as Explorers, Mission Club, Glee Club, Red Cross Life Saving, and the Debate Club. This involvement in club activities will help to improve the spirit among the freshman class and also the spirit of the school.

New Courses Introduced at I.H.M.

As modern technology has advanced, an attempt has been made to expose the students to new subjects which will acquaint them with this program.

This year, the students of Bellefontaine are being introduced to four new courses: Physical Science, Comparative Political and Economic Systems, Modern Chemistry, and an Introduction to Behavioral Sciences.

Physical Science, open only to freshmen, offers an informative study of the scientific principles and properties of matter and energy. The course also entails a study of devices and inventions which illustrate the technical applications. The aim of the course is to develop the student's understanding of scientific concepts which will benefit him now and in the future. The course is taught by Mr. Charles P. Allen, a newcomer to Bellefontaine's faculty.

The second new course offered this year is Comparative Political and Economic Systems. During the first semester this course compares the political structure and ideology of the United States and the U.S.S.R.

For the second semester, the Economic Systems of both countries are studied and contrasted. This subject, taught by Father Robert Kurilec, S.C.J., is open to those in their sophomore year.

Another of the new courses is Modern Chemistry, which is open to juniors. Mr. Michael T. Samale, another new faculty member, is the instructor. The course gives an informative study of the basics of chemistry through lecture and laboratory experience.

Finally, the new course which is open to seniors, is an Introduction to Behavioral Sciences (Basic Psychology). The course describes man's attitudes and ideology in this sophisticated world. It presents man's reactions to his environment and the steps taken to solve these problems as they arise. The teacher of this subject is Mr. Michael Coan, who is new on the Bellefontaine faculty.

By combining the enthusiasm of the students and the teachers, it is expected that the courses will be successful in broadening the education of the students.

I.H.M. WELCOMES NEW SUPERIOR

Ten years ago, Bellefontaine opened its doors as the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, a pre-college institution of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. During those ten years, Father Robert McGuire, S.C.J., was Rector of the Seminary. This year, Bellefontaine welcomes a new superior, Father Joseph Potocnak, S.C.J.

Father Potocnak was born on May 13, 1933, in Berwick, Pennsylvania. At the age of eight he moved to Philadelphia, where he was graduated from West Catholic High School in 1951. After serving as a radio maintenance man for four years in the United States Air Force, he attended the University of Nevada where he majored in electrical engineering. He decided to go to Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Mass., after which he studied two years at Kilroe Seminary College of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Father Potocnak culminated his studies for the priesthood following four



Father Joseph Potocnak, S.C.J.

years of theological studies at Sacred Heart Monastery in Hales Corners, Wisconsin, when he was ordained in 1966.

Father's first assignment was at Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana, as the Vocational Director, and he held the same position at Dehon Seminary a year later.

Father Potocnak says that the biggest change he has encountered is the tremendous responsibility which accompanies the title of "Father Rector." He teaches first year Mathematics, and attends Iona College where he is majoring in Counseling and Psychology.

Honor Students Announced

The following students have achieved academic honors for the first quarter.

HIGH HONORS — Alexander Romanov, Gerard Hefner, Robert Borstelmann, Daniel Sormani, and William Szweczyk.

HONORS — Thomas Buchta, Richard Deslauriers, Jeff Kulik, Charles Vassilopoulos, Charles Perkinson, Mark Thompson.



New faculty seated, from l. to r.: Mr. Charles P. Allen, Mr. Thomas Stanley, Mr. Michael Samale, and Mr. James Trainor. Standing, from l. to r.: Frater Charles Kelly, S.C.J., Mr. Francis Fazio, and Mr. Robert E. Edwards. Missing are Mr. William Coan and Mr. William Blanchard.

BELLEFONTAINE ANNOUNCES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

This year Bellefontaine is privileged to have added ten new members to its teaching faculty.

Reverend Joseph Potocnak, the present rector of the seminary is the professor of Algebra I, a course offered to students in their first year. Mr. Charles P. Allen, originally from Concord, Mass. has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Nichols College. Before coming to Bellefontaine, Mr. Allen taught at Rockwood Academy in Lenox, and at Forman School in Litchfield, Conn. Here at Bellefontaine he teaches Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, and Physical Science.

Mr. William Blanchard, from Pittsfield, Mass., teaches Geometry here at Immaculate Heart. This is Mr. Blanchard's first year of teaching since graduating recently from Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics.

Mr. Michael Samale is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Boston College. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacology, and an M.S.T. degree in Chemistry and Pharmacology. He teaches Chemistry here at Bellefontaine.

Mr. James Trainor, a native of Lowell, Mass., teaches Biology. He is an alumnus of North Adams State College. Before this year, he taught at Middlesex Training School, and presently also teaches at Pittsfield High School.

Mr. William Coan teaches Psychology (Introduction to Behavioral Sciences), a new course offered to the seniors. He is a graduate of Bridgewater State College with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. He earned his Master of Arts Degree in United States History at Northeastern University. Previously, he taught at Wilson Junior School in Natick, Mass. He also teaches at Pittsfield High School.

Mr. Robert E. Edwards, at present a resident of Lenox is originally from Worcester, Mass. He attended Clark University, and also the French Summer School at Middlebury College. While in college, he majored in French and Spanish, and minored in German and Physical Geography. Prior to teaching Spanish at Bellefontaine, Mr. Edwards taught in the Worcester Public Schools, Russell Sage College, Pittsfield High School, Lenox Boys School and Shadowbrook in Lenox, and now is chairman of the Department of Foreign Languages at Taconic High School.

Mr. Thomas Stanley, another Spanish teacher is from Pittsfield. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Spanish at St. Bonaventure University, and a Master of Education at North

Adams State College. Mr. Stanley also teaches at Pittsfield High School.

Frater Charles Kelly, S.C.J., a native of Norwalk, Conn., has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Latin. He is teaching the sophomore and senior Religion courses and is an Assistant Dean of Men. Frater is also the faculty infirmarian.

For Mr. Francis Fazio, this is his second time on the faculty of Bellefontaine. He taught here previously in 1968. Mr. Fazio teaches Spanish II. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Holy Cross College, and a Master of Education from North Adams State College.

CARD PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

Bellefontaine boasts its largest crowd at the 9th annual card party held on September 16, 1970. It was estimated by Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., whose effective planning helped make the event the biggest success in its history, that six hundred local residents attended the gathering held in the school auditorium.

This year, as in years past, the proceeds of the card party will be used to supplement the seminary's income, and thus help more young men seek and find their true vocation. Thanks to all who attended the gathering, and to those who bought raffle tickets, we were once again able to attain our goal.

Throughout the evening, the seniors, juniors, and sophomores parked cars, sold raffle tickets, and served refreshments. The student body, the faculty, and friends of the seminary helped sell chances during their summer vacation for the grand prizes. First prize was a trip for two to Bermuda; second prize was a hundred dollars in cash, and the third prize was fifty dollars in cash. Besides the grand prizes, door prizes and special gifts were raffled off throughout the course of the evening.

As the closing moments of the card party arrived, Fr. Joe Potocnak, the new Rector, drew the three grand prize winners. The winner of the trip to Bermuda was Mr. Alfred Roy of Plainfield, Connecticut. The hundred dollar cash award was won by Mr. Salvatore Di Peri from Brooklyn, New York. The third prize of fifty dollars was won by Mr. Walter E. Lahart of Lenox, Massachusetts. Mr. Lahart was the only grand prize winner present at the card party.

A Day in the Life

— Craig McKee

Hi! Many of you have probably wondered what our average day is like here at Bellefontaine. Now you'll see a general picture of how a student at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary lives and what he does.

- 6:40: Time to get up. It seems awfully early and the bell sounds harsh, but then any sound would seem harsh at that hour. Father shouts out "Vivat Cor Jesu" and we try to answer "Per Cor Marie" — May the Heart of Jesus reign through the heart of Mary.
- 7:05: Morning Prayers. It is only proper that a future priest should regard God as his primary concern. The students start the day out right by first offering their whole day to God.
- 7:15: Breakfast and Housework. After caring for their soul, it is just about time to begin to think of the stomach. After a hearty breakfast, it's off to housework. This is the students' home and they try to care for it as they would their own home.
- 8:00: First and second classes. Usually regarded as the hardest part of the day. Sometimes it may be difficult to keep awake but the intention is there. That's all it takes, plus a few cups of coffee at breakfast.
- 9:35: Break. Boy! It's good to get a rest. Never thought I'd make it through those two classes. I should take a walk outside since the fresh air will do me good and keep me awake!
- 9:50: Third and fourth classes. Back to the books. I felt better after that walk.
- 11:30: Holy Mass. We now gather and participate in the Holy Sacrifice. This is the center of a seminarian's day and the most important action of his day. We don't always succeed but we try to make the Mass a meaningful experience for each of us and then we try to go out and live the Mass for the rest of the day.
- 12:15: Lunch. Thank God for our wonderful Sisters who spend so many hours cooking for us. The food may not be what Mother serves but we all still seem to grow tall and strong from it.
- 1:00: Fifth, sixth, and seventh classes. Gee! . . . more classes. I don't see how they can fit so many courses into one day. They say it's so we can have more electives. Sometimes from the students' point of view it seems like a diabolical plot.
- 3:17: Work period or free time. During work periods we start to realize just how big this place is and how hard we have to work to keep it clean.
- 4:15: Free time. Good. Now out for some sports or down to the Promised Land for a bite to eat and a bottle of soda.
- 5:00: Study period. Have to get all my homework done. Boy, these teachers sure know how to pile it on! English, Religion, French, Latin, Geometry, Biology. When will it ever end?
- 5:40: Meditation — Benediction. It has always been a custom in our Congregation, the Priests of the Sacred Heart, to work for reparation to the Sacred Heart for all the injustices committed. We do this in a special way at Benediction.
- 6:00: Dinner. I'm starved. I sure hope the Sisters have cooked something good. Hope Mr. Seager, our professional baker, has baked another of his desserts for tonight.
- 7:00: Study period. More homework, two subjects down, four to go.
- 8:30: Night prayers. End of the students day. Now by commending our spirits' to our God we can truly be at rest for the evening!
- 8:45: Recreation. Time to let off some steam. You'd be surprised how much steam I have to let off after just one day. A good game of basketball or ping-pong should do it. Back to the Promised Land to add a few more calories.
- 9:45: Bedtime. Now to settle down to a nice soft pillow and get some well deserved rest. To maintain health and that youthful vigor the student was born with, it has been provided by the Great Provider to give the students ample time to sleep and thus better prepare him to face the situations that tomorrow will bring.

What is Your Slot Number?

— C.A. VASSI

More and more, day by day, we seminarians are being measured by people. According to what people see us do, hear what we say, they categorize. People continue to judge a person's character by his looks or by his position in life. So people judge — or prejudice — a seminarian.

When I say I am a seminarian, I know what goes through an adult's mind — what a loyal, honest, clean-cut, trustworthy boy he is. I know what goes through an adolescent's mind — what a faker, what a holy Joe! To the adult I am the epitome of virtue; to the adolescent I am too clean for his blood.

A seminarian finds it hard to have fun when he meets new people; sometimes he can't have fun even with old friends and acquaintances. Adults do not accept the seminarian for what he is but rather for what they think a seminarian should be. They pile on the praise whenever they see him. The adolescent does not accept the seminarian and offers only a

few words of greeting.

These varying views make it difficult for the seminarian to be himself. Well, you say, what is a seminarian?

A few examples will give you an idea. The first boy you see could be a seminarian. The boy in the supermarket who gave you the wrong change by mistake; the boy who gave you a hard time beneath the boards in basketball; the boy with the cute girl who gave you the seat on the subway; yes — every one of them could be a seminarian. And don't be surprised if the young man who just kicked a football into your petunia bed happens to be a seminarian.

The word 'seminarian' can be a burden to a man who wears the title. You can make it easier on him by trying to "cool" your prejudgments. There is a saying, *Today the seminary, tomorrow the world.* You have to know both the seminary and the world before you pass judgment on the seminarian.

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Father Kurilec, new guidance counselor, giving academic advice to one of the students.

NEW GUIDANCE COUNSELOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Father Robert Kurilec has recently been appointed to the newly established position of Guidance Counselor here at Bellefontaine. His main duties will be to assist the students in the academic field. This includes the selection of courses, discussions on academic problems, administering of standardized tests, and talks on the methods of study.

Father Kurilec has been with us for two years now. This year, besides being Guidance Counselor, he teaches American History, Political Science, and Comparative Political Systems. He is the Institutional Representative for Explorer Post No. 101, and he is the faculty moderator of the Radio and Photography clubs. He is also a photographer for the school yearbook, COUNSELS '71, and for the Bellefontaine newspaper.

Fr. Kurilec has received his Master of Arts degree in American History from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. At present he is working on his Master of Education degree at North Adams State College.

Before coming to Bellefontaine, Fr. Kurilec spent one year at Kilroe Seminary College of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. While there, he taught English and History and was the Assistant Dean of Men.

By the institution of the Guidance Counseling Service, it is expected that the students will derive better comprehension of their courses and the responsibilities involved.

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Students Undertake Social Work

At a time when the word involvement seems to turn people off, the students here are showing their response to the commitment of Christ: to help all people. They do this through the Apostolic Program. Although only in its second year, this program is enabling the seminarians to go into area institutions and show by deed just what it is to be a Christian.

Unfortunately, though, this program has not been able to achieve its full purpose. More student participation in the program is needed. But the program is going well with the somewhat limited resources we have.

Under the direction of Frater Charles Kelly, S.C.J., faculty advisor, and Jim Neceda, student co-ordinator, the students are now engaged in Saturday afternoon activities in the Pittsfield area. The most prominent assignment is hospital volunteer work. Two groups of students are working at Pittsfield General Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. Another assignment is the tutoring program in which a student goes to the home to help a child who has trouble in school. A few students work in the Catholic Youth Center (CYC) where their activities are concerned mainly with the youth of the area.

This entire program has many positive values as noted in the words of Frater Kelly, "It forces the high school student to become an adult, and to mature. He is, to the youngsters that he works with, an authority figure. My only regrets are that the program is not widespread enough, and that there is not a greater amount of student participation."

Each of the students derives a different value from the Apostolic Program. It gives them a chance to prove their maturity. They regard it as rewarding and gratifying work. Charlie Vassilopoulos, a senior, says, "I find it quite enjoyable, and the program has broadened my relationship with the people I work with." Pete Grazulis, a junior, states, "The Apostolic Program gives a person a chance to get out and meet people and to help them out at the same time." Besides the satisfaction that the students get from their activities, they feel that it also increases school spirit among the students of Bellefontaine. It makes them proud to be seminarians at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Junior, Ed Kilianski, feels that, "We have a good program this year. It gives me a chance to develop the true meaning of seminary life." Tony Skrocki, a senior, states that in his opinion, "The program gives people who are outside the seminary a better chance to get a person-to-person relationship with the seminarians. And it helps the seminarians to realize the true value of the individual."

The following is a short excerpt from the poem *Life and Love*, by Cynthia Boris. This best sums up the feelings of everyone about the Apostolic Program.

God is an adventure!

I can find Him best in the people he lived and died for.

I can find Him in the hospitals, strengthening the suffering.

I can find Him in the tenements and slums.

These are the poor and He loves them.

Dearest Lord, so many times I can see myself taking all and giving none.

Let me see that I must love these, my brothers.

Lord, give me, most of all a loving heart.

If I can't love — I cannot live.

PRODUCE, PRODUCE, PRODUCE . .

—C.A. VASSI

Produce, produce, produce. There has long existed among teachers the feeling that a student must show work. If the work he shows is good, his knowledge of the subject is good. This, however, is not true.

The student forced to show what he has done will tend to make written work his only priority and fail to go into depth in study for the subject matter.

To add to the student's worry, the teachers add a time interval in which they say this amount of work must be done in this given amount of time. Therefore, the student is asked to learn what it took all mankind centuries to learn. This is not really that hard, however, and not more than half an hour is necessary for the ideas to be absorbed and to make the information worth anything in the student's life. Yet, the student solves the problem by memorizing for the test the next day which is supposed to show how much knowledge he has gained.

I will grant you that, if he wants to, a student would and could spend more than one half hour on one subject, and he probably does, but he also has five or six other subjects and we would not want to deny him a social life, would we?

Time is not that important a

factor unless it is joined by the comparison of one student with another. I find this comparison factor totally unethical. Who is to judge the knowledge gained by one person over a certain period of time?

Because of the reasons already stated, I would have to conclude that teachers do not care how much knowledge a person obtains or for how long he retains this knowledge, but that they are only interested in what they can see a student is doing.

Actually I do not believe teachers really think this way. This manner of thinking is only part of an old fashioned psychology and an archaic method to force a student to produce. These old norms are not necessary in dealing with mature people, and should be abolished where mature people are concerned. Day to day performance should not be expected but some sort of scheduling should be set in which the student has more time to spend on a specific subject instead of worrying about studying for five other subjects for the next day.

This system is being increasingly used in college. Now I think it is time to adopt it more in high schools where it can prove to be beneficial to the student.

YEARBOOK MAKES PROGRESS

Work has begun on this year's edition of the school yearbook, *COUNSELS '70*. The staff has been organized and particular jobs have been assigned.

Two major goals have been set for this year's edition. The first goal is to get the school seal imprinted on the front cover, and the second is to produce a yearbook that will be original in ideas and context.

As last year, each student has been asked to bring in at least \$20.00 worth of ads from businesses or patrons to raise money for the yearbook. The patrons will be listed in categories according to the amount donated for the yearbook. The Bronze Patrons are

those who donate \$2.00 to \$5.00; and the Gold Patrons are those who donate more than \$10.00. The editor, Tom Buchta, and the Yearbook Staff have many new plans. Very few plans will materialize, however, if adequate funds are not raised. This demands a great deal of cooperation from the students.

The theme for *COUNSELS '70* this year is: gratitude. The theme will be developed throughout the book by photographs and copy.

If all the students cooperate, it is hoped that it will be the best yearbook that *Bellefontaine* has ever had.

BOBBY KIDNEY SUNSHINE CLUB PLANS NEWSPAPER

The Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club was organized for the purpose of bringing a little sunshine into the lives of shut-ins. One of the ways that the club does this is through the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Club Paper. This paper contains a variety of literary pieces and original contributions from students of Bellefontaine. Poems, songs, short stories, are all included in the paper to make it enjoyable and worthwhile reading.

In the past, the Bobby Kidney Sunshine Paper came out semi-annually, but with the beginning of this new season, according to its editor, Tim Otto, and assistant editors Doug Watson and Harry McAllister, it will be released quarterly. Since the paper

will come out more often, it is hoped that more sunshine will be put into the lives of the shut-ins.

The first issue, the Fall-Thanksgiving issue, is due to come out in the first week of November. The Christmas issue will be circulated in the third week of December. The next issue is the Spring-Easter issue which will probably be out by April 1, 1971. The concluding issue of the year is the Summer issue which should be completed by the last week of May.

The Bobby Kidney Sunshine Paper is printed to perform an apostolic service for shut-ins. It is appreciated by the shut-ins and the students enjoy putting out the paper.



Two Explorers prepare camp at Camp Chesterfield.

EXPLORERS REVIEW ACTIVITIES

So far this year, Explorer Post 101 has been quite active in their activities. It has already had two campouts and has another one planned. As in past years the Explorer Post is the largest club in the school. The Post has weekly meetings to plan out their future activities and to take care of their club business.

The Explorer's annual training campout was held on the grounds of Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Mass. Dehon is the Priests' of the Sacred Heart Seminary for adult vocation. Approximately 52 students went to this training campout on September 18, 1970. The purposes of the campout are to acquaint the new candidates with the activities of the Explorer Post; to train them in the basic skills of camping and last, but not least, to provide them with a good time. The Explorers were all prepared, as Explorers are

supposed to be, to overcome any problem which might arise between them and nature. The sophomore and junior Explorers, veterans of the Post, served as "big brothers" to the new candidates. On Saturday evening, September 19th, Brother Eugene Traversa, S.C.J., took the junior Explorers to the Barrington Fair, an annual event held in Great Barrington, Mass. The Explorers returned to Bellefontaine on September 20, 1970, and were fatigued by the campout, but all of them were satisfied that they had spent a worthwhile weekend.

The second campout which the Explorers had, took place on the Columbus Day weekend, October 9-11. On this weekend, the Explorers separated into two groups and they had two separate locations for their campouts. One group, composed of the freshmen and sophomore Explorers, camped at a campsite on Mount Greylock in North Adams, Mass. This group camped with Boy Scout Troop 66 of Lanesboro, Mass. They came back on Sunday in time to participate in Sunday intramural sports. The other group, which consisted entirely of the junior Explorers, spent the weekend at Mrs. Forino's cabin. Mrs. Forino taught Spanish here last year and this year, teaches sophomore English. The cabin is on Lake Cheshire in Pittsfield, Mass. On Saturday, the juniors lent a helping hand to do odd jobs around the cabin. This group also returned in time for Sunday sports.

The Explorer Post has many other plans for the rest of the year. If all these plans are carried through it is fairly sure that the Explorers will have an enjoyable and worthwhile year.

Residents Honor Father McGuire

The night of August 2, 1970, officially ended an era with a testimonial dinner given by some residents of the local area in honor of Rev. Robert P. McGuire, S.C.J., Bellefontaine's former Rector, at Eastover Resort in Lenox, Massachusetts.

Approximately six to seven hundred attended this tribute to Father McGuire. Father Gogan was the toastmaster. Father Tim Champoux, master of ceremonies, expressed, along with several other speakers, their gratitude and appreciation for the many things that Father McGuire did for Bellefontaine and this whole area of Massachusetts. Father Corcoran represented the students and faculty of Bellefontaine as well as the whole S.C.J. community. Father Corcoran thanked Father McGuire for the time and effort he spent building Bellefontaine and making it the school that it is with its academic and disciplinary standards. It is truly justifiable to call Father McGuire the "Father of Bellefontaine." In all the work he has done for the seminary, he has still not changed the feeling that this is "home." Mr. William Roche spoke for the civic community when he expressed heartfelt thanks for Father McGuire's help in the surrounding area.

Besides the dinner and cocktails there was also dancing. This social event was enjoyed by all those who attended and many people commented on the success of the evening. This dinner was a fine tribute to Father McGuire who meant a lot to many people.

Student Council Sets Goal

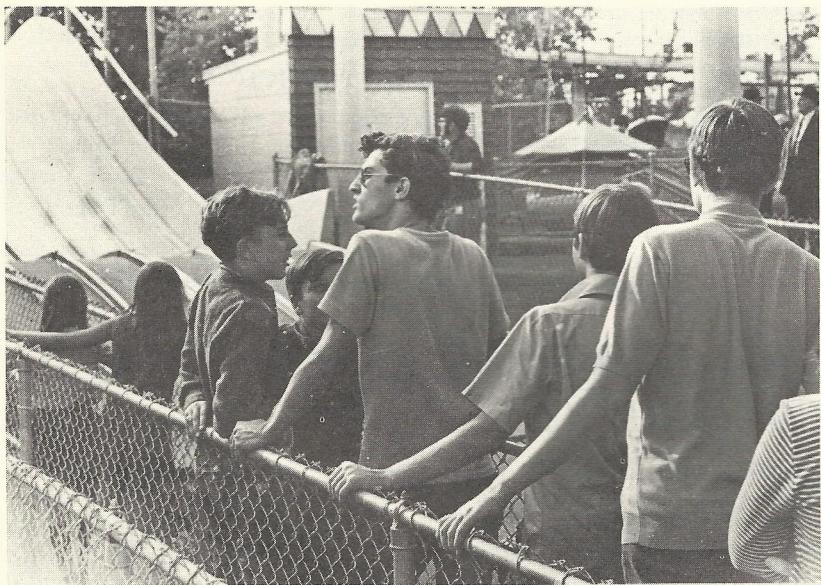
This year the goal which the Student Council has set is: betterment. The Council has taken this theme because it hopes to make our students more aware of their surroundings and the need for improvement today, so that they will be better citizens of tomorrow. It is hoped that if the students become concerned for Bellefontaine and other people, they will become concerned citizens. And concern is necessary for betterment since they go hand in hand.

In past weeks the issue of changing the smoking rule was brought up. Presently, smoking is not allowed at Bellefontaine. The first meeting on this proposition showed a negative view from the council. However, many students believed that it was not given fair treatment. So they wanted to bring up the measure later on. The individual classes held meetings to discuss the measure and came to a conclusion among themselves. In the next meeting of the Student Council, the issue was brought up again but was defeated. The matter was then closed. Even if the Student Council had passed the change in the rule, it would have to be approved by the faculty since they have the final word in all the important school matters.

The Student Council is able to make amendments to its Constitution. This year an amendment was proposed and voted in by the Student Council, and now only awaits a two-thirds majority vote from the student body. The amendment states, "All class representatives shall be informed of topics for Student Council meetings and will discuss these topics with their respective classes, so that the class representative, in accordance with the feelings of his class, can vote; but the representative has the last say in the matter."

This year, as in years past, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary Student Council belongs to, and is an active member in, the Western Massachusetts Association of Student Councils.

The Student Council is striving to make Bellefontaine a better home in which to live. Bellefontaine will be improved if the students attain the council goal of betterment in all areas of school life.



RIVERSIDE PARK TRIP — Awaiting a ride at Riverside Amusement Park in Agawam, Mass. (scene of the annual fall outing) is Bob Trahan, Mike Cappazoli, Buddy Jenkins, Bob Piernock, and Rick Aston.

WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP?

— Richard Deslauriers

While reading, I came across a passage which expresses in words what I think is most difficult to express. I'm sure many of you will feel as I did when I read "A Definition of Friendship."

"Friendship is the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring all right out just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful, friendly hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of comfort, blow the rest away." (Anonymous).

It is very unusual in today's society to have a friendship like that. Today almost everybody takes friendship for granted or as something which is given to someone else in return for a favor he has done for you. "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," is the old proverb. But this is not the way it should be at all. Let Christ be our example. Christ loved all men regardless of race, creed, social status, or way of life. There is no reason why we can't follow the example which Christ has given us, or at least try to follow it.

STANDARDIZED TESTS TO BE TAKEN BY STUDENTS

In preparation for their college education, the seniors, as in past years, will take a test known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Some of the seniors will be taking this test, which lasts for three hours, on November 7, while the others will take it on December 5. The test location will be Lenox Memorial High School. The SAT is designed to measure the student's mathematical and verbal aptitude.

After completing their SAT's, they will be taking a series of tests known as the Achievement Tests. They have the option of taking these tests either on December 5 or January 9. The purpose of these tests is to determine the student's ability in certain subjects such as English Composition, French, American History, Physics,

and several other subjects.

The Junior Class took their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests (PSAT's) on October 24. The test was taken at Bellefontaine. This test is based on the same idea as the SAT. It is designed to measure the aptitude of the student in the areas of English and Mathematics.

The freshmen and sophomores are scheduled to take the National Educational Development Test (NEDT) on February 13, 1971. This consists of a series of tests in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Natural Science, and word usage. They are designed to measure each student's ability in applying learned skills rather than merely his ability to memorize facts.



Freshman, Larry Abel, dribbles the ball downfield in the soccer game against Marlboro Academy.

Soccer Team Starts First Season

This year is the first year that Bellefontaine has been in a soccer conference and thus far the school soccer team has proved itself worthy to remain in this conference. Up to this date, the team has played two non-conference games and two conference games. The two non-conference games were against Marlboro Academy and Lenox Boys' School. The first game of the season was played against Marlboro Academy and Bellefontaine won 3-0. Pete Jackson scored two of the goals and John Bolton scored the other goal. The team's second game was against Windsor Mountain School. The final score was 3-0 and once again our team was the victor. Pete Jackson played a good game and scored all three goals. The third game brought about the team's first defeat. The game was against a non-conference team, Lenox Boys' School. The final score was 6-2 which isn't bad considering that Bellefontaine was missing a few players from the starting line. Mark Thompson and Mike Perry held the honor of scoring the two goals. Bellefontaine's fourth game resulted in our second defeat. In this game, Bellefontaine pitted its strength against Schuyler Preparatory School, another conference team. The score was 4-2. Larry Abel and Mike Van Durme scored the two goals.

The opinion of the coaches of Bellefontaine's soccer team is that the team is improving with every game it plays. The coaches are Rev. Richard MacDonald, S.C.J., and Brother Mike, M.I.C. Brother Mike, says, "There are many outstanding players, but most striking is the unselfish teamwork of all as well as their unrelenting hustle." The team's captain is Alex Romanov with Pete Jackson and Chuck Perkinson acting as co-captains of offense and defense respectively. They are all members of the junior class. The team is made up of seniors, juniors, sophomores, and one freshman. The starting line consists of Alex Romanov, Chuck Perkinson, Jim Neceda, Paul Kiley, Larry Becker, George Keenan, Tim Zelazo, John Bolton, Pete Jackson, Henry Smith and Mike Van Durme. Jim Neceda, a lead man on the defense, says,

"The defense of our team depends upon each individual displaying cooperation and teamwork with his teammates."

The team has a heavy schedule for the future. The Bellefontaine staff would like to congratulate the team on its past success and it hopes that the team keeps up the good work in future games.



Faculty pitcher, Father Potocnak, hurls his team to a 6-1 victory in the Student - Faculty softball game.

Press Time

- * November 14, the students had a Talent Night. The Masters of Ceremonies were Tim Otto and Dennis Smith.
- * The first quarter exams were on October 29th and 30th.
- * Rev. Robert P. McGuire, S.C.J., Vice-Provincial and former superior of Bellefontaine, returned here for a short visit on the week-end of October 18, 1970.
- * Brother Linus Zindorf, S.C.J., is now a new member of Immaculate Heart Seminary's Community. He will be working in the library.
- * The students lost again to the faculty in the student-faculty softball game. The score was 6 to 1.

STAMP CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

This year we would like to continue the Stamp Campaign for S & H Green Stamps. Last year the stamps that were donated to us were put to good use in buying sports equipment for the students of Bellefontaine. This year our Varsity Hockey Team is in need of hockey equipment. It would be

greatly appreciated if our readers would send their stamps to:

Stamp Campaign
c/o Immaculate Heart Seminary
Lenox, Mass. 01240

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Intramural Football Season Begins

"A" LEAGUE

Charlie Vassilopoulos's team is led by the quarterbacking of Ray Krutsinger. Charlie's team also possesses two equally talented ends, Charlie Gallagher and Luke Sprenger. Charlie Vassilopoulos, Jim Neceda, and Tony Skrocki lead the massive line.

Dick Deslauriers's squad should give Charlie's team a real run for the money. Quarterback Bob Fitzgerald has two fine receivers, namely Chuck Perkinson and John Bolton. Steve Roy leads the formidable line.

A real threat to the other three teams in "A" league is the football-machine captained by Tim Otto. Alex Romanov, the quarterback, can run with the football as well as he can pass it. Jeff Kulik and Henry Smith are the two able passing targets that Alex has. Tim and Dom Specia are the machine's outstanding linemen.

Tom Buchta's team could turn out to be the surprise team of varsity football. George Keenan is most effective whether he is running with the pigskin or throwing it to one of his two ends, Tom Buchta or Terry Langan. The team's speed is provided by half-back Mike Matochik. Dennis Smith and Mark Garrow lead the impressive line.

"B" LEAGUE

The team with an excellent chance of taking first place in "B" league is Mark Thompson's. The team's good offense led by quarterback, Tim Zelazo, who when passing, has two reliable targets — Kev. Kulik and Harry McAllister. Larry Becker provides the speed of the team as a half-back.

Joe DiPeri's squad can give Mark's team some trouble due to the rewarding performances from quarterback Steve Raymond and ends Charlie McClain and Pat Clonan. Joe's squad also receives equally rewarding performances from the line, especially from Doug Watson and Craig McKee.

A major threat to the other teams of this league is captained by Ralph Plumridge. The offense is sparked by quarterback Brian Stolte, and ends Rich Roman and Dennis Chaffee. The defense is led by lineman Wally Lakasik.

Leo Mahoney's team possesses both a capable offense and defense. Quarterback, Mark Hanahel, has proved that his running and his passing to ends Pete Grazulis and Billy Vassilopoulos is effective. Bill Connolly deserves recognition as the top lineman.

"C" LEAGUE

Tim Keenan's team should provide tough competition for their opponents due to the passing ability of quarterback Broderick Johnson and end, Tim Keenan. Tim's team relies heavily on the line and especially on lineman Joe Meserole.

One of the truly tough opponents that Tim's team will be up against is the squad captained by Devere Johnson. Roger Bevin, quarterback, leads the offensive attack by either running with the ball or passing it to his end, Devere. Bill Owen is the squad's top lineman.

Larry Abel's footballers are basically an offense ensemble due to the quarterbacking of Hugh McAllister, and the pass receiving of both Larry and Ralph Folan. The hard-fighting line is led by John Campasano.

A highly-skilled and highly-spirited team is that of Ray Palermo's. The quarterback is Tom Brown and his forte is passing. He usually passes to either Ray Palermo, or Mike Sweeney, his capable ends. This team also possesses a well-equipped line. One of the line's outstanding performers is Bob Bresnahan.

Seniors Take Trip to Kilroe

There was a light drizzle of rain when the eleven seniors from Bellefontaine left for Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. October 23, 1970, was the day they were to make the annual trip to the college of the North American Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. About twelve miles and many bumps after its departure, the big yellow bus stopped at Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Mass., where nine more seminarians joined the original eleven. The five hour trip was spent singing, talking and . . . sleeping. When they arrived at Honesdale at 6:00 p.m., the men from Bellefontaine and Dehon were just in time for supper. This gave them a chance to mingle with the men at Kilroe and the men from Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana, who arrived some twelve hours earlier. The stage was set for a pretty active weekend, which was highlighted by three conferences, a basketball game, and a soccer game.

On Friday evening at 10:00 p.m., Father Frank Wittouck, S.C.J., of Divine Heart Seminary, addressed the visitors on the proposed lay seminarian program in Detroit, Michigan. Father Tony Russo, S.C.J., Dean of Lay Seminarians at Kilroe, spoke to the visiting seminarians about the various apostolic work possibilities there. Saturday evening the college men challenged their guests to a basketball game, which they won 148-102. To give the losers second opportunity, the hosts challenged their guests to a re-match in soccer on Sunday afternoon, which they won 2-1. Later, at 4:45 p.m., Fathers Schaad, Garvey, and Russo, S.C.J., talked to the visitors about the academic, spiritual, and administrative aspects of Kilroe Seminary. After supper, the men from Bellefontaine and Dehon left Kilroe and headed for home.

VARSITY FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

First Place Charlie Vassilopoulos
Second Place Richard Deslauriers
Third Place Tim Otto
Fourth Place Tom Buchta

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

First Place Mark Thompson
Second Place Joe DiPeri
Third Place Ralph Plumridge
Fourth Place Leo Mahoney

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

First Place Tim Keenan
Second Place Devere Johnson
Third Place Larry Abel
Fourth Place Ray Palermo

BELLEFONTAINE ENTERS TACONIC CONFERENCE

This is the first year in which Bellefontaine will be competing in organized interscholastic conference sports. The Taconic Preparatory Conference consists of schools and other educational institutions in the vicinity of the boundary line between New York State and Massachusetts. Its purpose is to promote an athletic program with emphasis on good sportsmanship for the benefit of

all who compete within the Conference. The other members of the Conference are: Windsor Mountain School, Marlboro Academy, Schuyler Prep School, Stockbridge School, Berkshire Farms, and Hoosac Academy.

Besides competing in soccer, our school will also be taking part in basketball within the Conference.

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