

S.C.J. RETURNS FROM VIETNAM

In early November, Father Nicholas Waytowich, S.C.J., former vocational director of *Bellefontaine*, returned to the seminary for a brief visit. Father Nicholas is presently serving as a chaplain of the Green Berets and is on leave from his tour of duty in Vietnam.

Ever since Father Nicholas was a boy, thinking of the priesthood, he also thought that he would like to be a military chaplain. Even while he was stationed here at *Bellefontaine* as head of the vocation department in 1966 and 1967, he never lost his hope of someday being in the armed service. In the fall of 1967, Father Nicholas received his wish and in the following winter he left *Bellefontaine* to begin his military training.

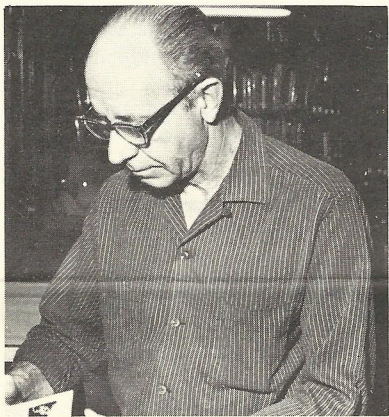
In May of 1969, after his intensive training in many parts of the United States, Father Waytowich, S.C.J., was assigned to Southeast Asia. During his tour of duty, Father Nicholas has flown in over five hundred missions. Once coming very close to death in a bombing raid by the enemy, Father was awarded the Purple Heart for bravery.

During Father's visit in November, he spent a great deal of his time meeting the students and telling of his many missions in Vietnam. The *Bellefontaine* staff would like to take this opportunity to wish Father Nicholas Waytowich, S.C.J., the very best of luck and God's blessings in all his missionary work in Southeast Asia.

COMMUNITY HAS NEW MEMBER

A new figure has appeared on the religious staff of *Bellefontaine*. His name is Brother Linus Zindorf, S.C.J. and he was transferred to *Bellefontaine* from Kilroe Seminary of the Sacred Heart in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Brother Linus was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1919. He felt a calling to the religious life and entered the Sacred Heart Brothers' Novitiate in 1948. After completing his novitiate, Brother Linus professed his final vows on March 19, 1951.



Brother Linus Zindorf

During the years of his religious life, Brother Linus has been a very active man. He has been stationed at many of the religious houses of the North American Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Among these houses are seminaries in Indiana, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and finally, Massachusetts. The position he now holds at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary is assistant faculty librarian. He will be helping Fr. Thomas Westhoven, S.C.J. in the maintenance of the school library.

The *Bellefontaine* staff and the students here wish Brother Linus success and many years of happiness here at *Bellefontaine*.

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Speech finalists: (seated l. to r.) Broderick Johnson, William Vassilopoulos, William Lambe; (standing l. to r.) Craig McKee, Charlie Vassilopoulos, and Gerard Hefner.

Orators Compete In Speech Festival

Each year the Diocese of Springfield holds an interscholastic speech tournament, the Diocesan Speech Festival. This year, eleven students represented *Bellefontaine* at the preliminaries which were held at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Massachusetts on November 20, 1970.

There are many categories which are open to students ranging from prose reading to oratorical interpretation. Larry Becker, Mark Hannahel, and Bill Lambe entered "Radio Broadcasting", which consists of a series of oral news reports to illustrate the qualities of a news broadcaster. Craig McKee, Tim Otto, and Rick Aston chose to enter "Prose Reading", a category in which the student chooses various readings of prose to present and he adds the proper dramatic content. Brian Stolte, along with Broderick Johnson, competed in the "Group Discussion" category. Bill Vassilopoulos was in "Poetry Reading"; he read a poem of his own choice. "Original Oration" was the category which Gerard Hefner chose. Charlie Vassilopoulos competed in "Boys' Extemporaneous", in which he was given a topic on which he had to speak after only five minutes for preparation.

After arriving and registering at Cathedral High School, the rigorous day of the Speech Festival began. At ten o'clock the first round was held. It lasted until eleven-fifteen. Round two commenced at eleven-thirty and continued until one o'clock. A brief

break was held for lunch and round three started at one-thirty. Finally, after all three rounds, the worst part of the day was upon the orators. That is, of course, waiting for the results of the judges.

On the whole, many of the students from *Bellefontaine* did well. This is shown by the fact that eight of the students qualified for the semi-finals. They were Craig McKee, Bill Lambe, Tim Otto, Brian Stolte, Broderick Johnson, Bill Vassilopoulos, Gerard Hefner, and Charlie Vassilopoulos.

These students were supposed to compete in the semi-finals to be held at Saint Joseph's Central Catholic High School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on December 12, but due to poor weather conditions this tournament was postponed until December 19, 1970. On that day, all of the contestants from *Bellefontaine* who qualified for the semi-finals received silver medals except Tim Otto and Brian Stolte who were not able to attend the contest.

The *Bellefontaine* staff expresses congratulations to those who received the silver medals and they would like to thank those who did not for at least making an attempt. This is just one example of the school spirit expressed by the students here at *Bellefontaine*. They have brought honor to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and the school thanks them for their efforts.

PRESS TIME

The second quarter exams were administered on December 18th and 21st.

The students left *Bellefontaine* for the Christmas vacation on December 21st and they returned on January 3rd.

Rev. Robert Donlan, S.C.J. is the new vocational director at

Bellefontaine. He has filled the position formerly held by Rev. Peter Stempfen, S.C.J., who is now at the Sacred Heart Adult Vocational Seminary in California.

The students and faculty again met in the annual student-faculty basketball game. Of course, the students graciously permitted the faculty to win, 70 - 61.

CONSULTANTS EVALUATE PROVINCE

A New York-based management consultant firm, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc., is presently doing a complete analytical study of the North American Province of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In the fall of 1970, the Sacred Heart Fathers asked help from a Booz-Allen & Hamilton study team. The three men in that team have talked to more than half the members of the congregation, and have received many questionnaires back from most of the congregation.

A "packet" on Purpose, Role, and Objectives was prepared by the BA&H team, and distributed to each member of the Province in November. It set forth, in short, the results of the team's work to date in that area. According to the firm, the material was "intended to stimulate - even provoke - discussion of this important topic" by all the members of the S.C.J. American Province, and to let them "follow" its thinking as it developed various approaches to defining purpose, role, and objectives.

In 1968, the Research Bureau of the University of Scranton, under the directorship of John J. Baldi, conducted an opinionnaire of the North American Province. The conclusion of the Baldi Report coincides with the initial findings of BA&H in its emphasis on the necessity of the agreement of S.C.J. members on fundamental areas such as the objectives of the Province.

The final results of the study are expected some time in 1970, when the firm will make its final compilations, conclusions and suggestions to the Province.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At the end of every school quarter, students are rewarded for their scholastic achievements. A student who achieves 90% and above and who has an A or B in application in all subjects, has achieved First Honors. Application refers to the amount of hard work, individual initiative and interest displayed by the student in the particular subject. In recognition of his academic achievement, the student is not obligated to go to any of the scheduled study periods, but he must continue to do all class work and assigned homework.

The student who obtains 85% and above and who also has an A or B in application in all subjects achieves Second Honors. This gives the student the privilege of not having to attend weekend study periods.

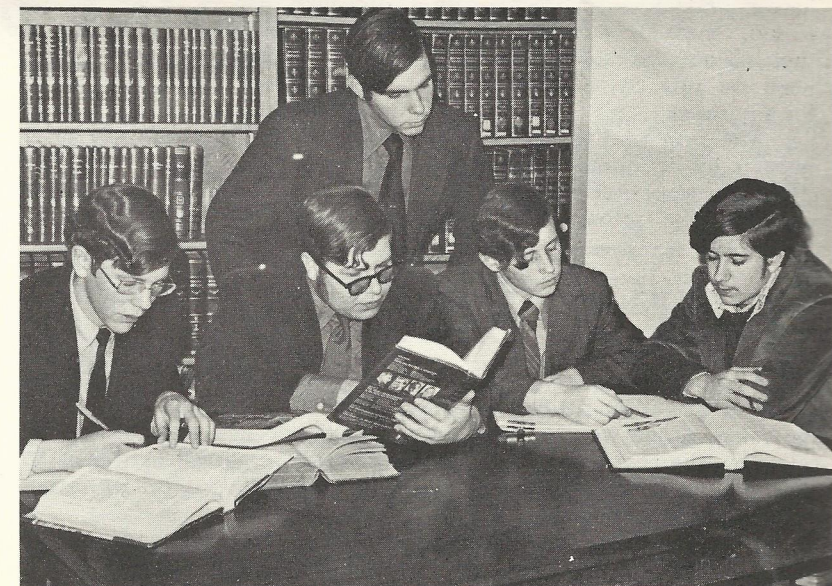
Honor students for the second quarter are:

FIRST HONORS:

Mark Thompson Junior
Gerard Hefner Sophomore
David Holodak Freshman
William Szewczyk Freshman

SECOND HONORS:

Richard Deslauriers Senior
Edward Kilianski Junior
Ralph Plumridge Junior
Daniel Sormani Freshman



Varsity debaters (seated l. to r.) are Thomas Buchta, Charlie Vassilopoulos, Douglas Watson and William Vassilopoulos. Standing is George Boisse.

DEBATE SOCIETY BEGINS SEASON

The Dehon Debate Society, so far this year, has met with promising success. It is led by the speech teacher and debate coach, Father Walter Nabity, S.C.J., and by Father Thomas Corcoran, S.C.J. The varsity debate team has won four debates and lost two in the Berkshire Forensic League and has won five debates and lost three in the Diocesan Debate League. The Junior Varsity debate team has also done well with a won-lost record of 6-0 in the Berkshire Forensic League and 5-3 in the Diocesan Debate League.

The reason for this success is, of course, due to the hard work of the members, Tom Buchta, president, and Charlie Vassilopoulos, of the varsity affirmative team; Doug Watson, Bill Vassilopoulos, and George Boisse of the varsity negative team; Craig McKee and Gerard Hefner of the junior varsity nega-

tive team; and Bob Borstellmann and Hugh McAllister of the junior varsity affirmative team. However, their success is also due to diligence in preparing early by scheduling practice rounds among themselves and by participating in interscholastic practice debate rounds and in debate workshops.

An example of their participation in interscholastic practice rounds is shown by their trip to Melrose High School in Melrose, Massachusetts. The debaters not only had a chance to debate teams from a totally different area but also to judge some debates. As in past years, the debate team profited by the Boston College Debate Workshop. The workshop has always been an enjoyable way to introduce freshmen to debate before they actually debate so that they have a chance to learn debate procedures as well as some interesting facts.

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends:

The lyrics of a recent song notes: "There's a new day coming". The hope of these words strikes me.

As we begin a New Year, it is only natural to consider the year that is past. But most of all, we must consider the new day coming — with hope. We realize that conditions and situations sometimes are difficult. At times, life seems hard. But hope regards problems, small and large, as opportunities.

Beethoven composed most of his musical works only after he lost his hearing at the age of thirty-two. Louis Braille, developer of the Braille system of reading for the blind, was sightless himself.

Hope looks for the good in people instead of harping on the worst. Hope opens doors, whereas despair closes them. Hope discovers what can be done instead of grumbling about what cannot.

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:7). "They who put hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar up as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

This is our prayer for the New Year — that we will hope all things, and not grow weary or faint on the way, but soar with the eagles for our strength is in the Lord. Happy New Year!

God Bless all of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Potocnak S.C.J.

Father Potocnak, S.C.J.

All May Soon Be Lost

C.A. Vassi

Americans today are disheartened and discouraged by violence, crime, and war. These social evils should be feared but what is to be feared more is that the American people may lose that special quality that has helped them through so many similar crises. This quality is hope.

If the American people lose hope, then all is lost for them. Hope alone does not alleviate problems; hope with hard work does. But what man seriously works for a cause that he considers hopeless? As long as we have hope and base our actions on reason, there is no crisis today that cannot be solved. Without hope we rule out all possibilities for an answer.

The man who truly possesses hope is by definition an optimist. Although an optimist is often discouraged by setbacks, he still

strives for that which is better, whatever that "better" may be. This is in sharp contrast to the pessimist who, since he always expects the worst to come, rarely experiences deep disappointment and discouragement, and also rarely works for the betterment of mankind. The pessimist achieves nothing; he believes that what is present cannot be changed and that to strive to change anything is hopeless. Therefore, it is the optimist, the man of hope who strives for and produces change which is the foundation for development.

To continue contrasting the idea of pessimism with that of hope, one sees that a lack of hope leads to apathy. Now if apathy were to play a major role in the lives of good citizens, then those who advocate violence, crime, and war would most certainly rule and

NEWSPAPER STAFF CONDUCTS POLL

Recently the students of Bellefontaine were polled to get the opinion of the student body on various contemporary issues. Out of the 111 students polled, 92 completed the questionnaire. The poll consisted of four questions which could be answered with yes or no. Those students who were undecided said so on their paper. The students were asked to complete the short questionnaire with honest and well thought-out opinions.

We, the Bellefontaine staff, will not attempt to make any inferences as to the results of the poll. One thing that the poll does show is that the students hold the same opinions as those held by a majority of students throughout the United States.

The first question was: "Do you think that 18 year old citizens should have the privilege to vote?" On this question it was plain to see that the students were settled on their opinions since no student was undecided. Out of 92 students, 78 students said that 18

year old citizens should have the privilege to vote, while only 14 students said they should not have the privilege.

The second question was a very controversial one: "Do you think marijuana should be legalized in the United States?" Two students were undecided on the issue. There were 26 students who were in favor of the legalization of marijuana and 64 students against it. Some students were against the legalization of marijuana but they stated that the law should be relaxed so that the punishment won't be as harsh on first offenders.

The third question: "Historically, every civilization has reached its peak and then has had its downfall. Do you believe that the United States is headed for a downfall?" showed only one student undecided. There were 55 students who said that the United States is headed for a downfall as opposed to 36 students who said it was not. Some of those who answered yes were not sure when the downfall would come but felt certain it would come.

The fourth and last question was: "Do you think capital punishment should be abolished in the United States?" There were 2 students who were undecided on this question. There were 45 students who were in favor of the abolishment of capital punishment and 45 students against it. The polling was close and showed the diversity of opinions on this issue.

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In Truth

Raymond Krutsinger

Must I be what I must be?

Must I be?

Do I see what I should see?

Do I see?

Can I figure out the mystery

That is me?

May I lie to keep your secret?

May I lie?

Should I cry when I am lonely?

Should I cry?

Will I go on living

When I die?

WHAT IT TAKES

Richard Deslauriers

In the eyes of many, the world seems to be in bad shape and the civilization that we have built for ourselves seems to be crumbling. All around us we can see the evidence of the affluent society we have developed, the factories, the stores, the government, the schools, and many other establishments. But this is not the only side of American life. The other side is the darker aspect of life. The slums, pollution of our natural resources, war, and immorality, all add up to the sore side of life. But we must take the good with the bad, as we must take life with death, and pure with impure. Do not be negative and just say, "That's life," but go out and try to change the world in a small way.

It is taken for granted that the world will never be free of problems, but each and every one of us can make the world a better place to live in. A smile, a handshake or a friendly word, all of which cost us nothing, could help somebody else realize that life is worth living. If everybody in the world did this — an ideal which seems improbable — brotherhood would exist.

Everything depends on the individual. It depends on YOU. You can start the ball rolling.

NEW YEAR CHEER

Richard Deslauriers

Make the best of your New Year. I am now reminded of the sermon which a priest gave to his parish on New Year's morning. Basically the sermon read:

"My dear parishioners, I will not give a long sermon this morning since I understand that many of you have headaches and are fatigued. All I want to say is that this is a new year. Some of you will die this year; some of you will go to Heaven, and some of you will go to Hell. The choice is up to you. Happy New Year!"

TO SMOKE or not TO SMOKE

Raymond Krutsinger

The belief that smoking causes disease is probably as old as the use of tobacco itself. With the marshalling of more and more evidence correlating the two, our society is beginning to pause and think a little longer after each puff.

Each year, the U.S. Public Health Service publishes a supplement to its 1967 report, *The Health Consequences of Smoking*. Previously the Public Health Service dubbed smoking as being "the main cause of lung cancer in men" and probably a contributing factor in heart and respiratory diseases. Further and more recent research indicates that smoking is "the most important factor" in emphysema and other respiratory diseases. But the most alarming part of this 1969 report is its data on smoking and pregnancy. New studies revealed that a woman who smokes during pregnancy may actually increase the odds of spontaneous abortion, stillbirth, or very early death for her child.

Statistics and reports on smoking are no longer heeded as emissaries of good advice. They have become, to the society from which they are derived, commonplace and, unfortunately, grossly ineffective. However, in an area concerning life or future life of another human being, let alone one's concern for his own well-being, they are too important to ignore.

One's repartee when being reminded of the immorality of smoking may very well be, "Ridiculous! It's my life and, therefore, I can do with it what I please." As a concerned member of society, and as a Christian, I contend that there are two basic discrepancies in this view. An advertisement on national television claims that for every minute one smokes, he loses, on the average, one minute of life. According to this, in the year 1963 Americans lost about 43,500,000 hours of human life due to cigarette smoking. In his *Meditation 17*, John Donne averred that, "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind." In agreeing, I believe that, in the same way, if an individual smokes, he is depriving society of all the contributions he could have made in the time that he would have lived had he not smoked. Also, I believe that it is justifiable to compare cigarette smoking to a prolonged session of Russian roulette, which is deliberately endangering human life. Therefore, its license would conflict with the fifth commandment.

I am absolutely unable to think of one good, logical reason why a person would or should smoke. One who smokes may feel that the statistics, evidence, and views that I have presented are rather silly. But . . . who's laughing?

A NEW LEAF

Richard Deslauriers

The New Year is upon us. The year of 1970 has been ripped from the calendar and we now have another new page in the almost eternal calendar. The new page is 1971. Next year this page will be ripped off and still another new page will present itself, we hope. But let us not reflect upon that now.

The year of 1971 will be as good as you make it and not any better. It is hoped that you have learned from the mistakes of last year and will not make the same mistakes over again. Activities which you did not accomplish last year may actualize this year if you want them to. Order is necessary in our lives, so if last year you were in disorder, then now is the time to put yourself in order and to keep this order throughout the years ahead. I am referring to order in the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life.

Physical order is acquired by straightening out your personal belongings, presenting a neat appearance of yourself to others, and by living some sort of an ordered or systematized way of life. This means conforming to society, but still retaining your own individuality. A neat appearance consists of being well-groomed, neatly dressed and above all, being clean. Teachers say to students that an uncluttered desk represents an uncluttered mind. I think that this is also true of life. An orderly life represents, more often than not, an orderly mind. A person with an orderly mind usually has a real sense of direction.

Mental order in life, as I have already stated, is acquired by first putting physical order in life. Mental order usually falls right into place as the pieces of a puzzle do. An orderly mind is not cluttered by thoughts of ideas which are valueless and useless. A person with an orderly mind is able to present his ideas in a logical manner and to get his message across. Mental order is difficult to attain. It takes time and effort before anybody can come close to attaining it.

The third aspect of life which must be organized is the spiritual side of life. This is the most important aspect of life, by far. Your spiritual life is, for the most part, personal. God should be a major part of our life and if He is not, then life becomes meaningless and empty. True happiness can only be attained by following the ways of God. You, yourself, know how you can best accomplish this in your own life.

Yes, a New Year is upon us and you can make this the best year of your life. Start today to improve every aspect of your life because tomorrow may be too late. "Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

Dear Reader . . .

In order to improve the quality of this paper we, the Bellefontaine staff, would like to have your opinions and comments on our news stories, feature stories, editorials, and on the paper in general. We would like to start a column titled, "Letters to the Editors." Please send your letters to:

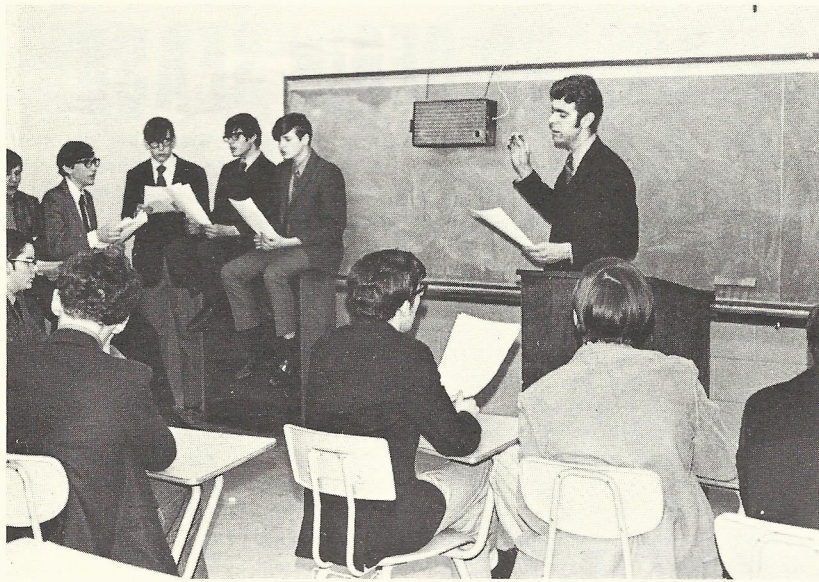
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Glee Club conductor, Mr. Paul Brandt, conducts Glee Club practice.

GLEE CLUB FINDS NEW IMPETUS

The Bellefontaine Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Paul Brandt, who teaches music here, went Christmas caroling to various institutions in the area. This special activity is done by the Glee Club each year.

The first place visited was the Crestwood Nursing Home in Lenox, Massachusetts. The big yellow bus full of cheerful students pulled up to the home and everyone piled out. On this day a Christmas Party was planned for the residents of this nursing home. They thought it would be appropriate if someone would come to sing Christmas carols. The Bellefontaine Glee Club was there and this made it an even more enjoyable day for all. This was one way the Christmas spirit was brought to those who could not get out to their own families for the Christ-

mas holidays.

Then came the hospitals in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. One is St. Luke's Hospital, and the other is Pittsfield General Hospital. The students of Bellefontaine work at both of these hospitals on their apostolic activities on Saturday afternoons. The Glee Club was invited to sing at both of these hospitals, and so again, responding in the affirmative, they boarded the bus and headed for Pittsfield.

Many of the patients were very happy to hear the carols and they thanked the students for coming to visit them. The section of the hospital where the students enjoyed singing the most was in the Pediatrics' Ward.

After returning home, all the students felt that it was a worthwhile activity and were hoping to continue this practice next year.

AN IMAGE

CRAIG McKEE

One of the most common questions which people ask me when I am home for vacation is "Why do you do it?" By this they obviously mean what is the reason behind my choice to attend Bellefontaine, and just what keeps me here. Well, the answer is very simple, and I think that this answer will be valid for every student here at the seminary.

When a person makes a decision, which in some cases may be viewed as a major step in the choice of his career, he does have to give a reason for his choice. One of the most common reasons is that this certain career is what I feel I can and should devote my life to. This is my answer, I feel that by entering the seminary I can best use the talents God gave me, and even more important, serve my fellow man.

At first the thought of a seminary seems to startle many people, but as time goes on they seem to get used to it. They feel that it is a worthwhile cause and that in this world of today every person who is willing to lend a hand to better the world is desperately needed and wanted.

But what of the image of a seminarian? How many people really know about the seminarian and what he stands for? In the last issue of this newspaper, the daily schedule of the seminarian was published. This was an attempt to introduce you, the reader, to the way we spend our day. It shows you that the students here are not "holy joes" who walk around with their hands folded all day!

The seminarians are for real!

They are, contrary to popular belief, human beings. They have emotions and do not close themselves off from the rest of society. They are very involved with all of their extracurricular activities. In this way, they show their concern for the community in which they live.

To a person who has never been to a seminary, or does not have a relative or a friend in a seminary, this must seem very strange, but nevertheless, it's true. We seminarians don't make any great commitments to a religious congregation. Just because we are in a seminary does not mean that this will always be our choice. The reason for a seminary is to find out what the priesthood and religious life are about, and if we possibly have a religious vocation.

Sometimes when people see a seminarian they are sort of frozen in their attitudes toward him. They feel that since he is a seminarian that perhaps if they act their normal selves he will be surprised at such behavior. I'm not condoning the wildest behavior. There is, of course, a limit. But this is not what we want. We really want to be regarded as normal people, but, believe it or not, this is not always the case.

Some time ago, I attended a party for some seminarians who were in my diocese, and although they were much older than me, I found it was very easy to associate. The reason is the same all over, no matter what seminary one is in. It is the close living, the development of close friendships, and the general openness that comes with

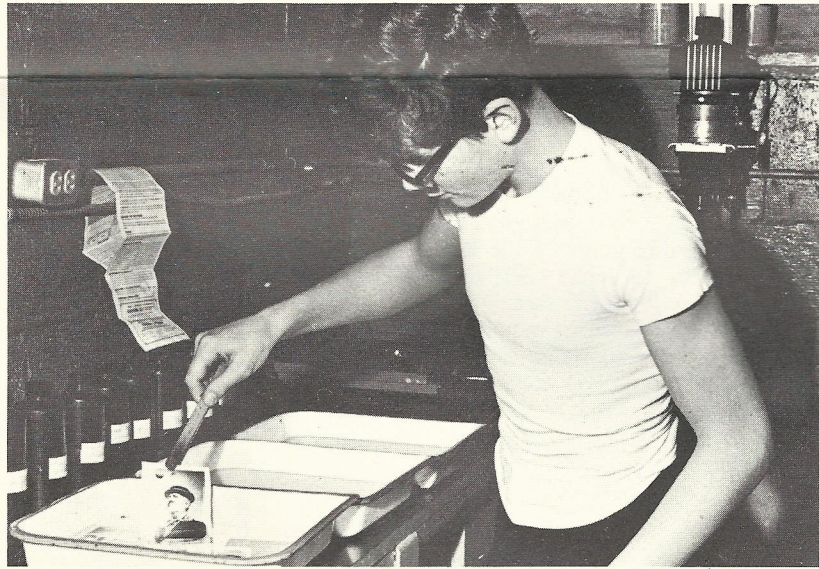
community life.

We work, play, share, study and, most important, pray together. In all of our endeavors we are united. On the basketball court the spirit and enthusiasm is present everywhere — even when someone is sort of awkward with a basketball! In school we are gaining knowledge and in doing so helping ourselves to advance. Yes, everything about community life is united under one roof.

In reality, the seminary is one family. Sure there are disagreements at times, but what family does not have them? There is a real spirit of brotherhood, which is fostered by the religious community. Everyone is a brother and everyone is here for one purpose — betterment. This is attained while helping others.

So, as you can see, the seminary is like a garden. In freshmen year we are "planted", and as the years advance, we begin to bloom and flower into mature adults. This is the whole purpose of the seminary; to prepare men for adulthood and, even more important, the religious life.

In the words of Saint Joan of Arc, "Men will fight and God will give the victory." Yes, the seminarian is, indeed, a man who will fight. He will go out and fight for what he knows is right. He will fight for the poor man; he will fight for the rich man; he will defend, in whatever way he can, the rights of all people. As a priest, he will lead people to God, and by doing so, God will, indeed, "give the victory."



Photography club member, Mike Hanson, begins the photographic development process.

FR. KURILEC HEADS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

For the past few years there has been a photography club in this school but its activities have been practically nonexistent. This year, things have changed as far as this club is concerned since it is now starting to become one of the more active clubs of the school. Many of the students have become greatly interested in the difficult, yet enjoyable, art of photography.

Under the direction and leadership of Father Kurilec, S.C.J., the chief photographer for both the Bellefontaine newspaper and 'Counsels 71', the club has gotten off to a tremendous start. This club is open to all students of the seminary and it presently contains approximately twenty-nine members, with membership likely to increase as the year goes on and the club becomes more active.

As stated by Father Kurilec, "The two-fold purpose of the photography club is both recreational and educational, giving its members the opportunity to learn the skills and techniques of developing photographs while having an

enjoyable time."

With Father Kurilec as its moderator, it is certain that the Bellefontaine Photography Club will prosper for years to come. In an indirect way, the club will benefit not only the members but the entire student body as well.

REV. CHIPMAN GIVES LECTURE

After a free day filled with excitement and activity, the students here listened to a talk given by Rev. Edward Chipman of Gould Farm in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Gould Farm is a special hospital where mentally disturbed people are treated and rehabilitated. On December 8, 1970, at seven o'clock in the student chapel, Rev. Chipman was introduced by our Rector, Rev. Joseph Potocnak, S.C.J.

Rev. Chipman is retired from active parish work. He was asked

Berkshire Christian College held its first annual talent competition here in the seminary gymnasium on Friday, December 2, 1970. The talent competition was under the direction of the sophomore class at B.C.C. The students at the college hold these talent competitions to raise funds for the annual banquet for the students in May.

There were twenty-three acts which were judged according to talent, originality, and presentation. In order to enter the competition, a student had to have a sponsor. This sponsor was to pay

the entrance fee of three dollars for the contestant. For the most part, the students of individual dorms sponsored the acts.

The Master of Ceremonies was Ron Fordham, the president of the sophomore class. He was assisted by Miss Jody Allard, who was Mistress of Ceremonies. It was their job to keep the show running smoothly and to introduce all the acts.

After all the competition had taken place, the crucial point of the evening came. The judges went into deliberation over who the grand prize winner would be.

Finally they returned to the stage and gave their decision. The first prize winner was Miss Cathy Knightly for her oratorical rendition of "The Sign of the Cross." This speech was concerned with the persecution of the Christians during the Roman conquest of the world.

Overwhelmed with tears, Miss Knightly stepped forward to receive the first prize purse. In the words of Miss Knightly, "I hope that by this, everyone was able to gain as much as I did, and it is with great honor that I accept the first prize."

to act as resident chaplain at Gould Farm. This task entails preparing all the religious services and activities of the people who are there. He began his pastorate there last September and he said that he enjoys it very much.

Rev. Chipman is a renowned poet who has had quite a few of his poems published. During his lecture, he presented a few excerpts from his book *Poems for Lent and Advent*. Since his talk was in preparation for Christmas, his choice of verse was directed to this theme.

He gave various comments about how seminarians should be preparing for Christmas. Rev. Chipman said that Advent is a time of peace and joy because Christians are awaiting the birth of Christ. His poems gave ideas of what Christmas is and how a person should prepare for it.

At the conclusion of his conference, he was thanked by Fr. Potocnak, and received a hearty round of applause from the students.

SEMINARIANS ATTEND PLAYHOUSE

Many of the students who study French here at Bellefontaine are concerned with the culture of France. To inspire an even greater interest in the students the members of the French department decided to allow the students to see the play *Tartuffe* by the famous French author, Moliere.

On December 12, 1970, about thirty students attended the play at the Berkshire Playhouse in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

The play itself is considered to be one of the French classics since it deals with the way of life which existed in France during the seventeenth century. The theme of the play is an example of the deceit present during that time. *Tartuffe* is the main character. He plays a religious hypocrite who is given shelter by a pious old man. In the beginning he is respected and revered by all. But as the play progresses, things do begin to happen.

Other members of the family suddenly become aware of Tartuffe as he really is. They can see that his ulterior motive was only for worldly gain and not a life of public penance, as he continually stated. But the family encounters one very difficult problem. That is, of course, how to convince their father of this fraud.

Finally, the mother devises a scheme by which to trap this man and expose him as he really is. Since she realizes that he has tried to seduce her, she in turn, puts on an act to seduce him. This plan works and the father realizes his erroneous reasoning and at once sets to correct it.

Trouble is in store for them when they find that the father has signed over all his worldly possessions to Tartuffe. But, as in all other stories, this one also has a happy ending. Tartuffe is exposed as a fraud and placed in jail.

INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL ENDS

"A" LEAGUE FOOTBALL

The end of the season found Charlie Vassilopoulos' team in first place. Ray Krutsinger's quarterbacking and a massive line led by Charlie Vassilopoulos and Tony Skrocki proved to be an almost unbeatable combination all season long.

Not far behind in second was Rick Deslauriers' powerful squad. Quarterback Bob Fitzgerald and End Chuck Perkinson led the offensive attack. The team's tough, strong defense was led by Rick himself and Ed Kilianski.

When the season came to a close, Tim Otto's team was tied for third place with Tom Buchta's. Tim's team was led by quarterback Alex Romanov's running and an impressive line led by Jim Neceda and Tim Otto.

Tom Buchta's squad, which was tied for third with Tim's, was led by George Keenan's play-making talent. The team's strong defense was led by George Boisse and Terry Langan.

"B" LEAGUE FOOTBALL

This year, "B" League Teams had a rough schedule due to the fact that a few games were cancelled because of conference soccer games. As predicted, Mark Thompson's team finished first, with passing as one of their strong points and the double reverse play to back it up. Tim Zelazo quarterbacked the team to a first place lead by one and one-half games. The second place team was captained by Leo Mahoney. Speed was the team's most dangerous weapon and it was provided by the quarterback, Mark Hannahel. The third place team was captained by Ralph Plumridge. The team's quarterback was Brian Stolte and their major offensive attack was sparked in the air, backed up by a formidable defense. The captain of the last place team was Joe DiPeri. Quarterback Steve Raymond moved the offense with his passing ability.

"C" LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Ray Palermo's team, first place, turned out to be a big surprise in the league. Their capable quarterback, Tom Brown, passing to his ends, Ray Palermo and Mike Sweeney, proved to be a real asset for the team and a real threat for the other league teams. The other power behind the team's success was the big line headed by Bob Bresnahan.

Larry Abel's team, tied with Devere Johnson's team for second place, was quarterbacked by Hugh McAllister with Larry and Ralph Folan as his ends. They proved to be a basically offensive team with a strong line headed by John Campasano.

Devere Johnson's team was a strong contender for first place this year with Rodger Bevin as quarterback and Devere as end. The team's line was centered on Bill Owen. But when Devere's team met Larry's equally matched team, they both had to settle for second place as a tie.

Tim Keenan's team provided plenty of competition for the league with quarterback, Broderick Johnson, and end, Tim, and Joe Meserole leading the line. But the team was not strong enough to stop the attacks of the opposition.



Captain, Marc Bouttenot (number 3) and opponent (number 19) face off as teammates look on.

VARSITY HOCKEY PREVIEW

This year the varsity hockey team, recently renamed the Bellefontaine Patriots, started the new season with a victory over Lenox Boys' School's "Black" team, 5 to 2. The Patriots, coached by Brother Eugene Traversa, S.C.J., and Father Thomas Corcoran, S.C.J., is a well-balanced team combining a fine offense with a tough, hard-hitting defense.

The scoring portion of the team is led by Pete Jackson and Marc Bouttenot. Their playmaking abilities, plus the accurate shooting of Charlie Gallagher and Rick Deslauriers, should do nothing but move the talented offensive squad. The noteworthy defensive performances of Mike Van Durme and Joe DiPeri, coupled with the outstanding goal-keeping of George Boisse, should prevent quite a few goals from being scored against the Patriots.

This season, the team is competing in a newly-formed league, the "Central Berkshire Hockey League". The league includes the Lenox Boys' School's Black and Yellow team, the Lenox Regional High School's Green and Maroon teams, Windsor Mountain School, and the Bellefontaine Patriots.

THE BELLEFONTAINE PATRIOTS

Bouttenot, Marc	3	center forward
Deslauriers, Rick	2	right forward
Kulik, Jeff	7	left forward
Van Durme, Mike	12	right defense
Perry, Mike	14	left defense
Gallagher, Charlie	10	left forward
Jackson, Pete	11	center forward
Romanov, Alex	15	right forward
DiPeri, Joe	8	left defense
Specia, Dom	9	right defense
Boisse, George	30	goalie
Piernock, Bob		goalie
Jackson, John		sub.
Roman, Rich		sub.
Zelazo, Tim		sub.
Koepfler, Jim		sub.

THE PATRIOTS' SCHEDULE

Dec. 4	Lenox Boys' School Black (Bellefontaine, 5-2)
Dec. 11	Lenox Boys' School Gold (Gold, 4-3)
Jan. 7	Windsor Mountain School
Jan. 14	Lenox Regional High School Maroon
Jan. 22	Lenox Regional High School Green
Jan. 29	Lenox Boys' School Black
Feb. 11	Windsor Mountain School
Feb. 18	Lenox Regional High School Maroon
Feb. 20	(exhibition game) Hoosac School
Feb. 26	Lenox Regional High School Green
Mar. 2	Lenox Boys' School Gold

PLAYOFFS

1st place team	Winner
3rd place team	Championship - March 11th
2nd place team	Winner
4th place team	The losers will meet March 9th (consolation).

FINAL STANDINGS OF THE 1970 FOOTBALL SEASON

A-LEAGUE -	RECORD	GAMES BEHIND
Vassilopoulos	6-1-0	---
Deslauriers	4-3-0	2
Otto	2-5-0	4
Buchta	2-5-0	4
B-LEAGUE		
Thompson	5-1-2	---
Mahoney	4-2-2	1
Plimridge	3-4-2	2½
DiPeri	1-6-2	4½
C-LEAGUE		
Palermo	7-1-0	---
Abel	3-4-1	3½
Johnson	3-4-1	3½
Keenan	1-5-2	5

MAGICIANS BEGIN SEASON

The Magicians, Bellefontaine's varsity basketball team, has entered their third season. This year, the team is a strong combination of veteran and rookie ball players. The members of the team are: Jim Neceda, Tony Skrocki, Ray Krutsinger, George Keenan, Bob Fitzgerald, Bob Logue, John Bolton, Terry Langan, Steve Raymond, Wally Lukasik, Devere Johnson, Dan McCusker and Tim Keenan.

The Magicians have gotten off to a good start this season by winning three of their first four games. The opening game of the season was played against Berkshire Christian College's Junior Varsity Team. It was a close game up until the final buzzer. The final score was the Magicians 64 and Berkshire Christian College 59. George Keenan scored 30 points which made him the high scorer for the Magicians.

The second game was the first away game of the season. It was played against the Cavaliers of Cornwall Academy in their gym. The game was extremely close all the way, but the Magicians managed to win with a final score of 68 to 67. Jim Neceda was high scorer for the Magicians with a total of 25 points scored.

The third game of the season was played against Windsor Mountain Preparatory's B team. The score was close throughout the game but Windsor Mountain's team obtained a lead over the Magicians in the fourth quarter. The final score was Windsor Mountain 59 and the Magicians 56. The high scorer for the Magicians was George Keenan with 19 points.

The fourth game of the season was played against Lenox Boys School's B team in the Lenox gym. When fifteen seconds were left in the game, the Lenox team was leading 53 to 52. Jim Neceda then made a crucial foul shot which tied the game and put it into overtime. Steve Raymond scored 6 points in the overtime and won the game for the Magicians. The final score was 59 to 53. George Keenan was the high scorer with 14 points.

The Magician's five highest scorers so far in this season are:

1. George Keenan - 85 points
2. Jim Neceda - 56 points
3. Ray Krutsinger - 31 points
4. Bob Fitzgerald - 28 points
5. Bob Logue - 24 points

SOCCER TEAM ENDS FIRST SEASON

The conclusion of the first soccer season at Bellefontaine has come. This was the first year for interscholastic soccer and, on the whole, the team was very successful. The Bellefontaine Magicians found the going difficult in the beginning since the team was forced into organization after only about two weeks of school. However, the team was fortunate in having as its coaches: Brother Michael Costello, M.I.C., and Father Richard MacDonald, S.C.J. Brother Michael did an outstanding job in the position of head coach, as did Father MacDonald as assistant coach.

The scoring portion of the Magicians was provided by the following: Pete Jackson (who led the team in most goals scored with nine), George Keenan (three goals) Mike Perry (three goals), John Bolton (two goals), and Leo Donovan, Henry Smith, Mike Van Durme, Larry Abel, and Bob Fitzgerald who scored one goal each.

The strong point of the Magicians was their defense. Partial credit for this goes to goalie Alex Romanov. The dependable offense, led by Pete Jackson, contributed much to the team's success. Recognition should also be given to the strong bench which on a few occasions came through when the starting eleven could not click.

No damaging weakness hurt the team. However, the Magicians did lack speed and could have used some improvement with their dribbling.

THE BELLEFONTAINE SOCCER MAGICIAN'S 1970 SEASON

I.H.M.	3	Marlboro	0
I.H.M.	3*	Windsor Mountain	0
I.H.M.	2	Stockbridge	3
I.H.M.	2*	Schuyler	4
I.H.M.	1*	Marlboro	5
I.H.M.	5*	Berkshire Farms	1
I.H.M.	2	Lenox Boys'	6
I.H.M.	2	Cranwell	3
I.H.M.	0*	Hoosac	2 (homecoming)
I.H.M.	2	Cornwall	2

TOURNAMENT PLAY:

I.H.M.	2	Marlboro	0
I.H.M.	0	Windsor Mountain	1

* conference

conference record: 2 victories, 3 defeats.

over-all record: 3 victories, 6 defeats, 1 tie. (not including tournament play).

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