

College Program Relocated

Within recent weeks it has been announced that the college seminary program of the Sacred Heart Fathers will be relocated to the campus of Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois, starting in September 1971.

The scholastics and lay seminarians now attending Kilroe College in Honesdale, Pennsylvania will be admitted into Loyola University. There they will complete their four years of college before entering the Theologate in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

The committee for the relocation of the college program, headed by Father Jerome Schaad, S.C.J., stated that the need for the training of a modern priest prompted their study of more than one hundred and fifty colleges and universities throughout the United States before selecting Loyola University as the new sight. Father Thomas Burns, S.C.J., who represented IHM on the committee, explained to the students that, "The new program at Loyola presents a more realistic atmosphere with an opportunity for real social contacts and the opportunity for greater breadth in academic choice of study." He also said that, "The program would give college seminarians the chance to live and react in a small group community in a familiar atmosphere, and thus help each student come to a better realization of his vocational choice."

Debating Ends

Since the beginning of the year, the I.H.M. debate teams have labored long and tedious hours for their achieved success. March 20 was the closing date of the Springfield Diocese Forensic League. Ceremonies after the final rounds were held at Saint Michael's High School in Northampton, Massachusetts. Although no trophies were awarded to our teams, Bellefontaine is proud to recognize Doug Watson and Craig McKee, both of whom were awarded plaques for the league ranks of fifth speaker in their divisions of varsity and novice, respectively.

The double rounds held at Saint Joseph's High School in Pittsfield, brought the conclusion of the Berkshire Forensic League. That day of April 6 produced the final results of the year's work. The varsity team ended with an 11-7 record. The novice team's final record was 14-4. This standing in the novice division was identical with that of Saint Joseph's High School, in North Adams, and, therefore, it was not until the year's individual speaking points were tallied that Saint Joseph's proved to be in first place. Immaculate Heart of Mary was awarded second place and a handsome trophy. No speaker awards were given in this league.

In celebration of a successful year, the entire debate club (Varsity: Tom Buchtan, Charlie Vassilopoulos, Doug Watson, and Bill Vassilopoulos; Novice: Craig McKee, Gerard Hefner, Hugh McAllister, and Bob Borstelmann) enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Yellow Aster in Lenox.

Our expectations for next year are even greater. A few of our debaters are considering attending various summer debate workshops held at such institutions as Boston College, Georgetown University, and the University of Vermont. With this additional training, plus our previous experience, an even more successful season may be expected for the school year 1971-72.

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New school officers are (l. to r.) Secretary Ed Kilianski, President John Jackson, and Vice-President Doug Watson.

Students Elect New School Officers

Immediately after returning from Easter Vacation, the student council met to nominate those they thought would best meet the qualifications needed to become school officers. Behind closed doors, the Student Council debated about their good and bad points. After their lengthy debates they chose three nominations for president, three for vice-president, and three for secretary. After they finally decided upon these nominations, they presented them to the faculty for their approval prior to the general elections by the students.

After a fierce battle between the candidates for president, John Jackson was the man whom the students elected on the fourth ballot. Douglas Watson became vice-president after another close election. Finally, in the last election, the student body chose Edward Kilianski as secretary. Ed was the only officer to be elected on the first ballot.

Our new president, John Jackson, comes from Sayreville, New Jersey. John has been Student Council Representative, and this past year he was the Explorer Quartermaster. John has also proven himself in the field of academics by being inducted into the National Honor Society and achieving Academic Honors. His main activities this past year were Varsity Hockey and soccer. Next year John's duties will be those of President of Student Council, and President of the Senior class.

From Menlo Park Terrace, New Jersey, comes the vice-president, Douglas Watson. Doug has

been very active this year. His main activities were Varsity Debate and Explorer vice-president. Doug has also served on the Student Council as the Freshman Representative before they held their first elections. Doug's main task next year will be to organize the housework crews. Doug will also aid John as the Senior Class vice-president.

The secretary of the school, Edward Kilianski, comes from Buffalo, New York. Ed has proven himself, as have John and Doug, worthy of the job. He has had former experience as a class officer this year. He also played on the Varsity Soccer team and was the equipment manager for the Varsity Hockey team. He headed the Decorating Committee, was the president of Explorer Post 101, and represented his class on the student council. He has also achieved Academic Honors. Ed's responsibility as secretary will entail taking minutes of student council meetings, taking care of all official student council correspondence, and assisting John and Doug in performing their duties. He will also be the secretary of the Senior Class.

It is fitting at this time to express our appreciation to the outgoing officers who worked hard this year: President Anthony Skrocki, Vice-President Marc Boutenot, and Secretary Raymond Krutsinger. Thanks to their leadership and inspiration, and to that of the entire class of '71, Bellefontaine continued to grow for another year.

CHECKMATE !!

Due to the extensive interest in the game of chess that has arisen this past year, Bellefontaine has joined the Connecticut Valley Interscholastic Chess League. This is the first year of this league which includes many of the schools in the surrounding Berkshire area. A number of sub-divisions were made and Immaculate Heart belonged to the division comprised of private schools. Other schools in this "H" division were Buxton Academy, Windsor Mountain Prep and Berkshire School for boys.

Leo Mahoney, president of the club, along with Mike Van Durme, John Campasano, Warner Myles, Bill Vassilopoulos and Mike Capazzoli have represented Bellefontaine in our first year of chess competition. John Campasano states that, "We have a great deal of talent in the club and we hope that we will be able to raise our talent to the highest level possible and come out on top next year." Together with these members and aided by the advice of Father Thomas Corcoran, S.C.J., the chess team's coordinator, the team finished the season with a 2-3-1 record putting them in third place in their division.

Explorers Elect New Officers

With the election late in April of the new officers for the 1971-72 school year, the major activities of the present Explorer Club officers have come to an end.

After an extremely close election, Charlie McClain was elected to lead the post as president and Dennis Chaffee was chosen as vice-president. Bob Piernock will fulfill the duties of secretary. Wally Lukasik will serve as treasurer, Rick Dufault will function as the quartermaster, and the cabinet representatives will be Craig McKee and Bill Lambe. "Each of these newly elected officers have served the post well in the past years," said ex-post president, Ed Kilianski. He quickly added, "They will be a vital asset to the growth of the club." The inauguration of the new officers will take place at the Explorer banquet in May.

This year has been highlighted by various campouts to different parts of Berkshire county. For the future, the new officers are presently making preparations for different activities and are planning the revision of the Post Constitution for early next year.

A note of thanks should be expressed to the outgoing officers: President Ed Kilianski; Vice-President, Doug Watson and Secretary Dom Specca. Father Bob Kurilec, S.C.J., also did an outstanding job as the Post Institutional Representative and Faculty Advisor.

Students Visit Albany, N.Y.

On Wednesday, April 21, the Political Science class went to Albany, New York, to tour the New York State Capitol. The purpose of the excursion was to demonstrate how a state government operates.

After arriving at noon, the students entered the Capitol building. However, they were immediately confronted with a small problem. The class had been scheduled to tour the Capitol two days before. A short wait was followed by an escorted tour through the complex. Although the students did not get the opportunity to see the Assembly at work, they were able to see the Senate in action.

The class then had the option of watching the remainder of the Senate session, or exploring Albany. Father Kurilec, the Political Science professor, chose the latter. However, he received compliments of the City of Albany, a souvenir - a parking ticket! The class then departed - souvenirs and all - for the short trip home.

PRESS TIME . . .

* Sixty girls of the Sing Out Group from Lenox Memorial High School performed here for the I.H.M. students on April 29.

* New members were inducted into the Father Francis Hudson Chapter of the National Honor Society on May 21.

Seminarians Host Get-Acquainted Weekend

On the weekend of April 23-25, some forty-two prospective seminarians attended Bellefontaine's annual "get-acquainted" weekend. The energetic eighth graders arrived Friday afternoon from nine different Eastern Seaboard states. The purpose of the weekend as expressed by Father Bob Donlan, S.C.J., Immaculate Heart's vocational director, is to "give the future seminarians a real taste of the daily activities of a modern day seminarian".

After the visitors arrived at the seminary, they were given the opportunity to meet their "big brothers" for the weekend, as well as the faculty and their future classmates. The remainder of the evening was spent in various activities ranging from basketball and ping pong, to just sitting around and "getting acquainted."

The schedule for the remaining two days consisted of work sessions, recreation, and spiritual exercises as well as a placement test on Saturday morning. A series of talks on the seminary program of study, work, prayer, and recreation were delivered by Father Donlan and a group of four seminarains.

The weekend was coordinated by John Jackson, who was assisted by Ed Kilianski. Their job consisted of greeting the visitors and making sure the program ran smoothly. Thanks to their efforts, the efforts of Father Donlan, and the tremendous hospitality of the freshman and sophomore classes who served as the big brothers, the weekend was marked as a great success.

Two Students Tour Italy

On Tuesday, April 6, 1971, two of Bellefontaine's juniors, George Keenan and Brian Stolte, departed from their hometown of Sayreville, New Jersey bound for Milan, Italy.

George, Brian, and approximately one hundred-seventy Sayreville High School students arrived at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City at 7:30 p.m. They boarded the Pan-American 707 jet at 9:00 and, after a three-hour delay due to poor weather conditions, finally took off at midnight, New York time.

They arrived in Milan at about 2:00 in the afternoon (8:00 a.m. New York time). They immediately departed for a three-day stay in Venice. There they rode in the "water taxis" and "gondolas" down the renowned canals of Venice. While there, they made a visit to nearby Verona.

The next stop was Florence, an excellent shopping city for tourists. The travellers marveled at the beautiful cathedral, which is the third largest in the world. The group then visited Pisa, famous, of course, for its Leaning Tower. While there, they spent their Easter Sunday by the Mediterranean Sea swimming, and enjoying other forms of recreation.

On Monday evening they entered beautiful, immortal Rome. The students saw the Roman Coliseum, the Forum, and the Circus Maximus. On Wednesday an audience with Pope Paul VI was scheduled. On Friday, April 16, after three days in Rome, the students returned to Milan for the trip back to the United States.

* Commencement exercises for the Class of '71 are to be held on May 23, at 4:00 p.m.

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

First, we want to congratulate our seniors for a job well done. Graduation time is here. The sun is higher in the sky and the earth seems to be full of bright colored life. Things are changing. There is expectation in the air but also a sadness. The experiences and friends our seniors shared these past four years may soon become only memories.

Graduation is a time of contrasts. A job well-done, completed; yet uncertain future looms ahead. We lived up to our expectations; but more is expected.

The Preface from the Mass of the Resurrection comes to mind, "Life is not ended, but merely changed." Perhaps we are always graduating, always changing. What seems to be an ending is just the beginning of a new way of living.

It is my belief that life should become richer as we grow. Christ said, "I have come that you have life and have it more abundantly."

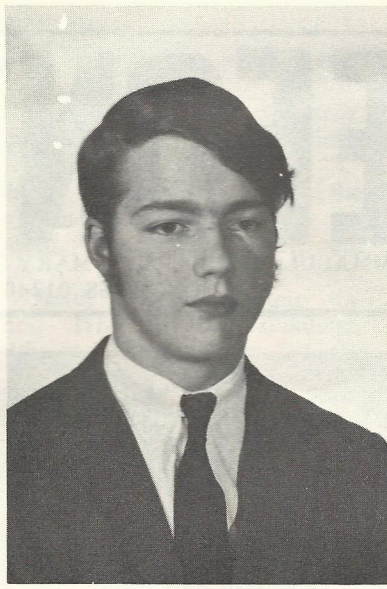
This is our prayer for our graduating Seniors, that they have life and have it more abundantly. That they will continue to graduate, to grow richer each day in their love of God and man, and in so doing, grow into the mature manhood of the Sons of God.

God Bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Potocnak S.C.J.

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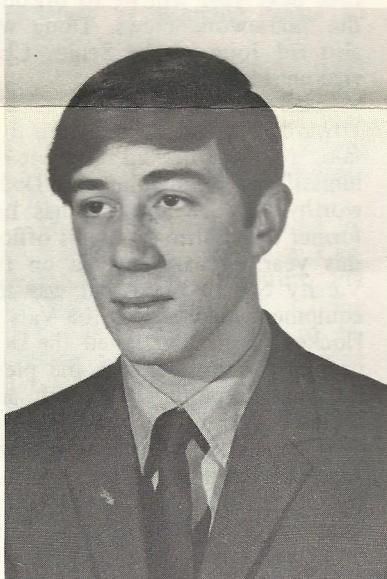


MARC ANTOINE BOUTTENOT

Marc Antoine Bouttenot is considered to be a hard working member of the senior class. He was born in Auburn, Maine, on January 4, 1953. Before coming to Bellefontaine in 1967, Marc attended Saint Louis Elementary School in Auburn, where he now resides.

"King" has always been active in extra-curricular activities and as the school vice-president, he has proven his interest in school development. Marc spends a good deal of time on the sports fields of competition. In his four years here he has been involved in Mission Club, Glee Club, Sodality, Monogram Club, Explorers, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Hockey, Apostolic Activities, and a folk group from nearby Pittsfield.

His favorite sport is Hockey. He enjoys playing the guitar, and Calculus is his favorite subject.



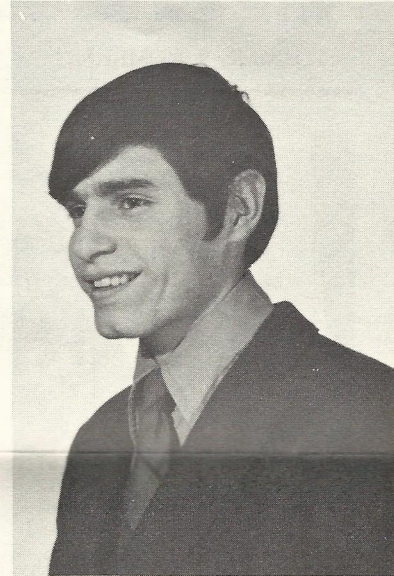
RAYMOND MICHAEL KRUTSINGER

Born on March 22, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Raymond Michael Krutsinger attended Maternity B.V.M. Grammar School. After graduating, he attended Divine Word Seminary in Bordentown, New Jersey. Ray came to Bellefontaine in 1968.

In his three years here, "Krut" has had an impressive record. He has been a class officer and was elected school secretary in 1970. He was also the Head Sacristan and editor of the school newspaper *Bellefontaine*.

Ray has been quite active in extra-curricular activities. He has been involved in the Apostolic Activities Program, Liturgical Commission, Yearbook, Explorers, Band, Forensics, Glee Club, Varsity Basketball, Special Choir, Student Council, and Sodality. He was the president of the Glee Club this year, and was co-captain of the Varsity Basketball team. His main hobby is playing the guitar and he has a genuine interest in folk music and all that it encompasses. His favorite sports are basketball and boxing, and his favorite subjects are Biology and Physics.

Congratulations

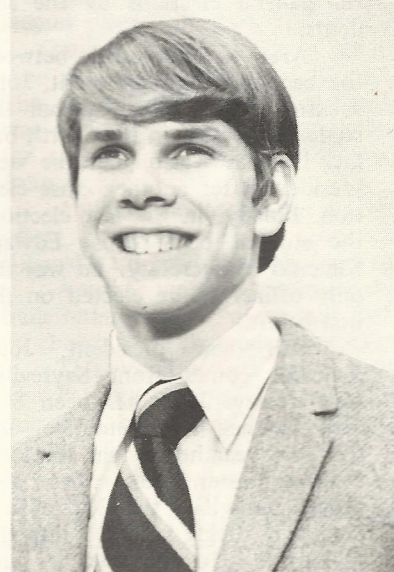


MICHAEL JAMES MATOCHIK

Michael James Matochik was born on June 6, 1953, in the city of Ithaca, New York, and now resides in Fort Edward, New York. In 1967 he came to Bellefontaine after graduating from Saint Joseph's Grammar School in Fort Edward.

As a senior, Mike had the job of maintaining all the cars in our community. Mike ranks History and English as his favorite subjects.

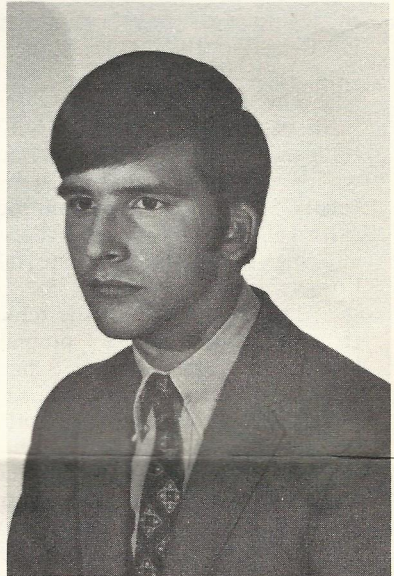
In the past four years, Mike has been active in extra-curricular activities. He has been involved in Yearbook, Glee Club, Special Choir, Mission Club, Explorers, Monogram Club, Liturgical Commission, the Apostolic Activities Program, and Varsity Basketball. Mike has been working at Saint Luke's Hospital every Saturday afternoon. He ranks basketball as his favorite sport.



JEFFREY STEPHEN KULIK

From Massapequa Park, New York, comes Jeffrey Stephen Kulik. He was born in Mineola, New York, on March 21, 1953. Jeff came to Bellefontaine in his freshman year after attending Parkway Oaks Grammar School and Mill Lane Junior High School.

Jeff's favorite sport is Hockey. His favorite subjects are Spanish and Psychology. He says that playing the guitar is his favorite pastime. As the only senior who attends school at Bellefontaine while living at the Marian Seminary in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, Jeff was the Marian Student Representative on the IHM Student Council. He has been active in Liturgical Commission, Glee Club, Newspaper, Yearbook, Explorers, Apostolic Activities, Student Council, Varsity Hockey, and Varsity Soccer. He has been on the Honor Roll, and is a member of the National Honor Society.



TIMOTHY JOHN OTTO

Among this year's seniors is Timothy John Otto. Tim was born on January 23, 1953, in Farmingdale, New York. Before he came to Bellefontaine in 1967, he graduated from Saint Kilian's Grammar School in Farmingdale, where he now lives.

Tim's senior responsibility was the job of managing the student snack bar, "The Promised Land," and the student supply store. His favorite subject is psychology.

Tim has also been active in extra-curricular activities. Throughout his four years he has been involved in Explorers, Yearbook, Newspaper, Sodality, Glee Club, Monogram Club, Special Choir, Liturgical Commission, Mission Club, and the Apostolic Activities Program. As an active explorer, he received the Eagle award and was president of that club in his junior year. Tim spent Saturday afternoons working at Saint Luke's Hospital in the emergency ward. Tim's favorite pastimes are playing the guitar, which he did in a folk group, and listening to music. His favorite sport is baseball.



ANTHONY ALLAN SKROCKI

Anthony Allan Skrocki was born in Yonkers, New York, on January 23, 1954. "Skrock" calls Yonkers his home. There he graduated from Saint Casimir Grammar School in 1967. Tony has a good record here at Bellefontaine. He has been on the honor roll. He has held the office of president of his class and was elected School President in 1970. Tony says that reading about sports and listening to music are his favorite activities. As for sports, Football, Basketball, and Hockey hold his interest most. Over the past four years he has been active in Yearbook, Newspaper, Sodality, Mission Club, Apostolic Activities, Varsity Basketball, Photography Club, and Monogram Club. This past year, Skrock has been vice-president of the Monogram Club.

THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN TEENAGER

Gerard Hefner

So much is written these days of the American teenager. His image is one of a bell-bottomed, bearded, long-haired youth who participates in every riot, disturbance, or disorder against parents, educators or police. He is a person who, it is said, has no values, goals or morals. It is said he is recoiling from society and involved with drugs and sex. Yet is this the American teenager? He is told by his parents how during their youth money was scarce and, therefore, appreciated and valued more. But what does this mean to a person who for all his life has lived in the most affluent society in the world? He is told by the Church that sex is supposed to be a sacred and pure thing. But what does this mean to a person who sees the wonders of sex exploited in every newsstand or book store, on every marquee, in magazines? He is told of the dangers of drugs and their effects on his life. But what does this mean to a person whose friends all urge him to "try it or you'll never know" or who can obtain a "joint" almost as easy as he can obtain an alcoholic beverage.

Therefore, we see that the American teenager is caught between the values of his elders and a world completely contrary to their teachings. We see a person who is at a very vulnerable period of his life, adolescence, and who must face up to the harshness of today's world. No other generation has ever gone through a more confusing period of growth than today's teenager faces. Yet, from this confused state of affairs the American youth has, in many respects, turned out to be the most noble generation in the world. The teenage society is against war. Is this bad? The teenage society endorses peace and love. Is this bad? Are any of these idealistic ideas of today's youth wrong. Certainly not! You may disagree with methods used to attain these goals, but it is remarkable that these ideals even exist in a society where a teenager is faced with his elder's reputation as a World War II hero; where he sees the dog-eat-dog policy of today's business world; or where the phoniness of middle class America has destroyed his very homelife.

The American teenager is one who has the high ideals of his peer group, the same goals as his parents, the love preached by Christ, and the courage to make his life beneficial to mankind. The youth of our society are unique people who should be advised and encouraged in their struggle against the vices of mankind and in their fight to establish their high ideals in the world.

American youth? They're searching. We all are searching for something better. Will you, the elders of the world, give us, the young people, the concern, the time, the chance to at least try to attain the America we want and feel is needed?

Dear Readers . . .

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. Printed below is a letter we received from a reader. Please continue sending your letters to:

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Dear Editors:

I am not a "griper" but did not care at all for your paper, personally, until this last one. It seems to me to be a great improvement. I don't think it hurts to put in a little spiritual pep talk, especially since the paper is from a Seminary. Someone may really need a little encouragement.

Sincerely yours,
Miss Rosalin Elfrink
St. Louis, Missouri

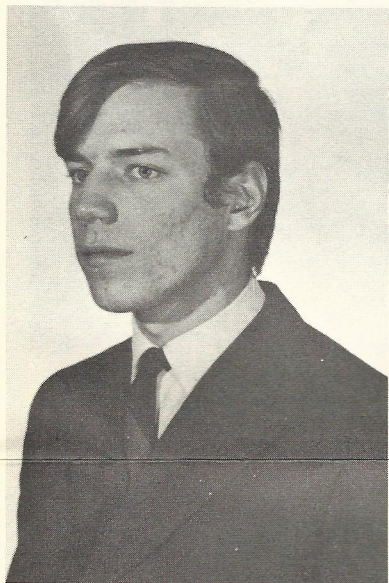
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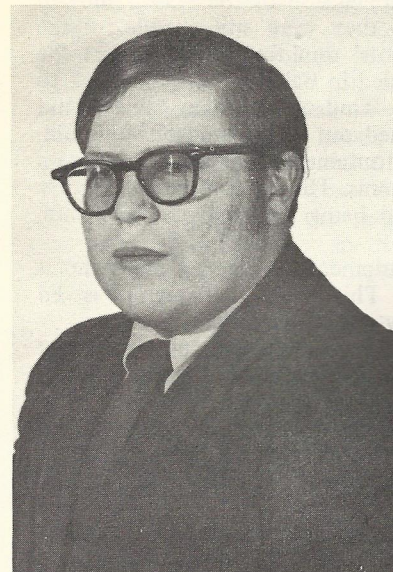


DENNIS PATRICK SMITH

From Clark, New Jersey, comes Dennis Patrick Smith, who was born on September 22, 1953, in Charleston, West Virginia. Dennis attended Saint John the Apostle Grammar School. After this, he attended two other high schools before coming to Bellefontaine in 1970.

In the one year that he has been here he has been active in the area of extra-curriculars. He has been involved in the Glee Club, Special Choir, Yearbook, Mission Club, and the Photography Club. In his social work, Dennis has been working in the rehabilitation center of Pittsfield General Hospital on Saturday afternoons.

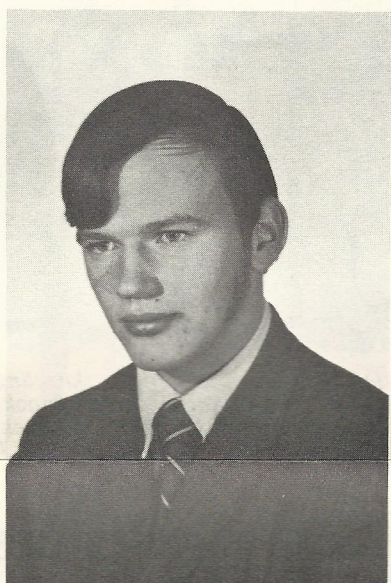
Dennis' main hobby is fishing. His favorite subject is Calculus. His favorite sport is Baseball.



CHARLES ARTHUR VASSILOPOULOS

Hailing from Rockville, Connecticut, is Charles Arthur Vassilopoulos. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on August 28, 1953. After attending Saint Joseph's Grammar School for eight years, Charlie came to Bellefontaine in 1967.

Since coming to IHM in his freshman year, he has been active in several clubs and activities, namely: Sodality, Explorers, Mission Club, Student Council, Glee Club, Liturgical Commission, Varsity Soccer, Apostolic Activities, Yearbook, Newspaper, Monogram Club, and has been a member of a folk group from Mount Carmel Parish in Pittsfield. Charlie's senior job this year has been that of Head Librarian. Perhaps that explains his familiarity with and interest in literature, particularly English. "The Greek" likes to play the guitar, his favorite subjects are English and mathematics, and his favorite sports are Football and Hockey. "Vassi" is notably proud of his obviously Greek heritage.

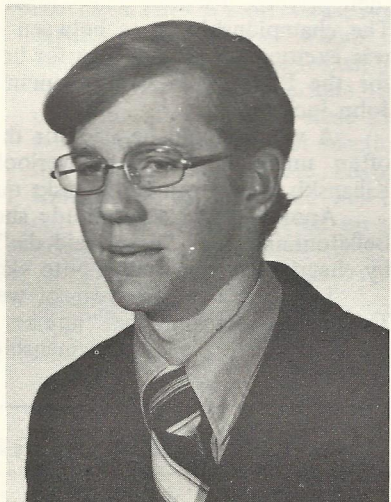


JAMES JOSEPH NECEDA

James Joseph Neceda is one of Bellefontaine's fine athletes. "Chief" was born on September 3, 1953, in Mahopac, New York. Before coming to Bellefontaine, he attended Saint James the Apostle Grammar School in Carmel, New York, where he now resides.

Jim's favorite subjects are his two honor courses, Physics and Calculus. As a senior, he was the kitchen man. In his four years here at Bellefontaine, he has done well in the school's sports program. His favorite sports are Basketball and Football. Jim's favorite activities are listening to records and bowling.

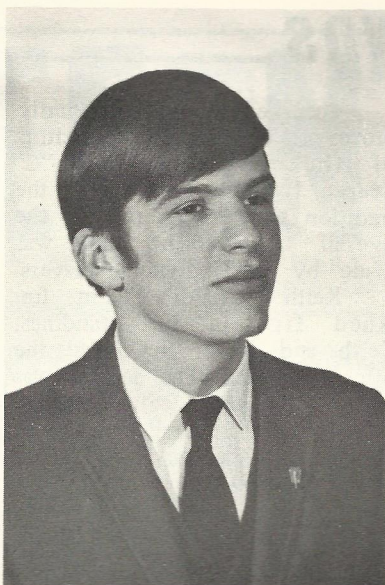
"Chief" has devoted much time to extra-curricular activities. He has been involved in Yearbook, Glee Club, Sodality, Mission Club, Student Council, Varsity Basketball, and Varsity Soccer. Jim has also been active in Monogram Club, of which he was president this last year.



THOMAS PATRICK BUCHTA

Thomas Patrick Buchta was born in Glen Cove, New York, on June 21, 1953. He now resides in Glen Head, which is also part of Long Island. Tom graduated from Saint Patrick Grammar School and entered Bellefontaine in 1967.

Tom ranks Football and Soccer as his favorite sports. Political Science and American History are his favorite subjects. He enjoys singing, which he did with a folk group from Saint Mark's Parish in Pittsfield. No matter how busy he is, Tom always finds time to listen to Simon & Garfunkel. Over the past four years, he has been active in Apostolic Activities, Liturgical Commission, Yearbook, Mission Club, Photography Club, Explorers, Debate, Forensics, Glee Club, Special Choir, Newspaper, Student Council, and Sodality. He has served as Infirmarian, Choir Director, Yearbook Editor, and president of Debate in his senior year.



RICHARD JOHN DESLAURIERS

From Northfield, Vermont comes Richard John Deslauriers. He was born on February 6, 1953, in Montpelier, Vermont. Rick graduated from Northfield Public Elementary School in 1967 and came to Bellefontaine that same year.

Richard ranks Hockey as his favorite sport. He says that his favorite subjects are English and Psychology. His favorite hobbies are fishing, hunting, tennis, swimming, reading, and writing compositions. Over the past four years, Rick has been an active member in Explorers, Eucmenical Choir, Glee Club (vice-president), Mission Club, Monogram Club, School Newspaper, Apostolic Activities, Sodality, Student Council, and Varsity Hockey. This past year Richard has served as editor of the school newspaper. He is an Eagle scout, has been on the Honor Roll, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

THE 18-YEAR-OLD VOTE

Richard Deslauriers

The 18-year-olds have finally obtained the privilege to vote in national elections. But, ironically, in a majority of states an 18-year-old youth is not allowed to vote for the state officials — yet, he is able to vote for the President of the United States. Isn't the office of the presidency more important to the welfare of the country than a state position? Then why is it that 18-year-olds can vote for the president but have not been permitted to vote for state officials? Does the older generation not believe in the integrity and sensibility of the youth of today?

Many reading this may say, "Just because youth got the privilege to vote for the president now they want to vote in state elections. Give them an inch and they'll try to take a mile." One of the main reasons that 18-year-olds were given the privilege of voting was to provide our political system with new blood and new answers. The youth prod the old into new measures and new actions.

The right to vote is a privilege, but one of the major problems in our voting system is the literally millions of Americans who rarely, if ever, use that privilege. In the 1964 presidential election there were 112,184,000 persons of voting age, yet only 70,643,526 (63%) actually voted in the election. That means some 42,500,000 persons of voting age — nearly two out of every five — did not vote in the presidential election of 1964. The reason that most of these people did not vote is simply because of lack of interest in political affairs. This problem is on a much larger scale at the state and local levels.

God Bless America!

Raymond Krutsinger

I am eighteen years old — old enough to vote in some elections, old enough to drink in New York, and old enough to know that there is something drastically wrong with the country I love.

Last month hundreds of thousands of young people gathered in Washington, D.C. to protest, among other things, the war in Vietnam. What can you say about a country in which killing brings its citizens together? And — if we are to believe television, newspapers, Senate investigations, and military courts-martial — Americans are responsible for the killing in Vietnam, for the bombing of peasants, and for the thousands of young people in this country who have been tear-gassed, arrested and beaten. Is anyone listening to the cries of youth?

What can you say about a country in which thousands of people publicly excuse the actions of a soldier who allegedly killed, en masse, unarmed civilians? And although it is true that Lt. William Calley and thousands like him are the product of a corrupt military regime, he is still responsible for the moral neglect on his part. However, even more disgraceful, is the fact that one man is held solely responsible for actions that were the result also of the immoral commands of those in positions of higher authority.

Obviously, President Nixon agrees that we should not be in Vietnam. Otherwise, why would he be so willing to accelerate the rate of troop withdrawals. Does he really believe that his plan for Vietnamization will really work? On one occasion, Mr. Nixon criticized a group of student dissenters for their extremist methods of protesting the war. Probably most students who demonstrate are not really radicals. They are people who are concerned about an America, which, through no fault of their own, thrives economically on a war that has killed some 50,000 other young Americans. We must wipe out the concept that all demonstrators are our enemies.

What do you say about a country in which a person is denied a job just because he wears his hair longer than most other people? But a man can learn to use a carbine just as well with long hair. What do you say about a country in which unarmed students are shot down in cold blood? What do you say — God Bless America!

A NEW SPIRIT FOR MANKIND

C.A. Vassi

Time is running out for the older generation that gave us, the younger generation, life in the atomic age and we must prepare ourselves for the task of ruling the world. I do not mean just young people of the United States but the young people of the world.

The youth of today seems bitter toward the achievements of the older generation who, with their great technological advances caused a Sword of Damocles to hang over their children. The older generation brought about these achievements for the purpose of bringing security to their children. The achievements have not brought about the children's security but instead has made them restless in their search for a new meaning to life.

The major powers of the world are in an arms race, piling up for themselves weapons in the belief that they are attaining military security. But, in fact, they are only achieving a false security. Each nation fears the power of the other nation and this produces internal anxieties in the very core of the nation. An arms race for the purpose of defense tends to destroy the chances of a positive solution.

The civilization of man says it seeks peace, but the civilization of man has not found peace. Man has lost sight of what will truly make him happy and he has succumbed to mere substitutes for happiness.

The earth has shrunk through the speed of international jets, the quickness of world communication and technological progress which involves all nations. People cannot close the door to communication. People have much to gain by opening up the doors of communication but if a person does not wish to open the doors, we must respect his privacy and at the same time try to foster some link in communication.

The younger generation will have a great part in solving the problems that face the world today. But before they can find a solution to the ills of our society, they must learn to communicate with the older generation, which has much to offer to the youth of today. Even more, the young people of today and the young people of yesterday must first learn to communicate among themselves. Before we solve the conflicts of the world, we must be sure that we have already solved our own internal conflicts as well as conflicts involving those with whom we are in immediate contact.

In order to improve communication we must have love, understanding and trust. We must learn to love ourselves truly, so that we can know how to love others. We must understand and listen to the problems of each other, so that we can work together for a solution to the ills of society. We must trust ourselves and others, so that a bond may exist and we may grow as one.

Is this a dream? Yes, but it is a dream that can become a reality. It is necessary for man to realize that there is no true happiness without peace.

I believe that youth is concerned about who runs this country and that they will vote in full strength when election day comes. The youth in this country want to be heard and this is one way in which they will get their views expressed, non-violently. There is an estimated 11.5 million 18 to 20 year olds in this country who will be able to vote. These people will provide new blood for our tired political system.

Could they not also add new blood to the state political

system? It is evident that adults who have the privilege to vote are not using that privilege to the fullest extent. Why not let the youth of this country use that much neglected privilege?

The youth of today are asking for a chance to be heard by authority. I believe that young people have some good answers to the problems besieging the U.S.A. The young will be heard in the federal elections of 1972. Why not let them be heard in the state and local elections also? Is that asking too much?

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL ENDS

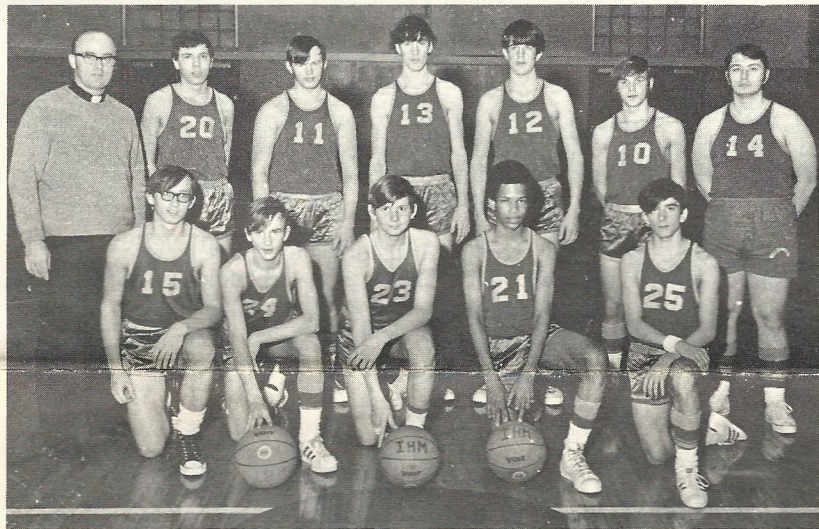
"A" League, as usual, consisted of the above-average basketball players at Bellefontaine.

Tim Otto's team captured first place due to the accurate shooting of Devere Johnson, Tim, and Alex Romanov. Steve Raymond's dribbling forte contributed much to the team's success. The rebounding on the team was strong.

Mike Matochik's team became sole possessor of second place. Mike's fine shooting, coupled with Rich Roman's ability to score, were valuable assets. Tim Keenan also did much to move this team. The rebounding attack was led by George Boisse and Pat Clonan.

Marc Bouttenot's basketball squad finished in third place. Nevertheless, this team possessed a competent offensive and defensive attack. Marc, Mike Perry, and Charlie Gallagher led the scoring attack.

Tied for third place was the team led by Dennis Smith. The scoring was taken care of by Wally Lukasik and Dan McCusker. Dom Specca's ability on both offense and defense proved valuable despite the fact that this team did not win many games.



The Bellefontaine Magicians: (kneeling l. to r.) Wally Lukasik, Tim Keenan, Pat Clonan, Devere Johnson, Steve Raymond, (standing l. to r.) Bob Fitzgerald, Jim Neceda, Bob Logue, Dan McCusker, George Keenan, and Tony Skrocki. Missing when picture was taken: Ray Krutsinger.

Magicians Take First Place

With the conclusion of the 1971 Varsity Basketball season, the Bellefontaine Magicians find themselves as the champions of the Taconic Basketball League.

The man probably most responsible for Bellefontaine's championship is Immaculate Heart's athletic director and basketball coach, Father Richard MacDonald, S.C.J., who gave much of his time and knowledge of the sport to the members of the team. An unselfish and dedicated individual, Father MacDonald has spurred the Magicians onto victory many times and thus is considered by the team to be a real coach. Father's coaching ability was shown this past season in the starting five consisting of: Jim Neceda, Bob Logue, Bob Fitzgerald, George Keenan and Ray Krutsinger. With these, and with an able bench including, Tony Skrocki, Dan McCusker, Wally Lukasik, Devere Johnson, and Tim Keenan, the team at times looked unbeatable.

Jim Neceda, who had a total of 105 points, contributed much to the Magician's success by his excellent rebounding and his timely baskets. He was often the "spark plug" that got the team moving in many games.

Ray Krutsinger, co-captain of the team, though out for a good portion of the season due to an ankle injury, was a valuable man to have around when he was able to play. His talent on the court was revealed through his "heads up" playing on both offense and defense.

Tony Skrocki's competent shooting and reliable rebounding helped the team on many occasions. His dedication to the team was displayed throughout the season by his excellent spirit.

These seniors have played their last game here at I.H.M., and will truly be missed in the seasons ahead. However, the Magicians hope to continue their winning spirit with a fine crop of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen ready to take command on the court.

George Keenan, co-captain of the team, is one of the fine junior players. The team's highest scorer, George possesses impressive skill on both offense and defense. In this past season, George has scored a remarkable 263 points which helped to lead the Magicians to their first place position.

At this time, recognition should be given to two men who are often overlooked on the team, the managers. Luke Sprenger, assisted by Henry Leszkowicz, has done an outstanding job showing his dedication to the team many times throughout the entire season. A note of thanks should also be expressed to the loyal fans whom the team feels played a vital part in their victory.

"B" League, this year, consisted almost entirely of junior-varsity basketball players from the Saturday church league.

Joe DiPeri's team captured first place due to the scoring accomplishments of Dennis Chaffee and Ray Palermo. Kevin Kulik also added much to the team's scoring success. The defense was led by Joe DiPeri.

The number two position in the league was held by Harry McAllister's team. The scoring was provided by Lester Redfield, Mark Hannahel, and Broderick Johnson. Henry Leskowicz and Lester Redfield led the rebounding attack.

A team that possessed a great amount of talent was led by Brian Stolte. Warner Myles led the scoring with help from Brian and John Jackson. John and Rich Dufault got their fair share of rebounds off their opponents.

Finally, in last place was the team led by Pete Grazulis. Pete, Ed Whitesell, and Mike Van Durme were responsible for the shooting assault. Rebounding was provided by Mike, Dan Sormani, and Richard Deslauriers.

The League that ordinarily proves to be the least exciting of the four leagues is "C" League. However, this year, the tradition was broken due to the overall improvement that was made by the individual players.

Keith Renaldi's team finished first in the standings. Keith and Roger Bevin led the offensive attack. The defense was equally talented, featuring Tom Brown and Bill Vassilopoulos.

Bob Piernock's squad achieved second place mainly because of the scoring accomplishments of Bob, Vince Symanski, and Hugh McAllister. Bob and Mark Garrow led the potent defense.

Tied with Bob's team for second place was Larry Becker's team. The environment and atmosphere of this team was charged with a healthy amount of laughter and entertainment. Steve Roy and Jim Koepfer starred as the court jesters, bringing a tranquil and enchanted lift that brought unity to the team.

Bill Connolly's team proved to be tough and competitive, but, nevertheless, the team finished in third place. Doug Watson and Ralph Plumridge led the offense with help on defense from Jim George.

The word that best describes "D" League is "unpredictable".

Steve Rioux's team took first place. This team possessed both a talented offense and a talented defense. John Campasano and Mike Palumbo proved themselves as valuable assets to the team.

Bob Borstelmann's team proved a threat to the remainder of the league. Bob and Jerry Higgins led the scoring attack backed up by a reliable defense led by Joe Meserole.

Third place was captured by the team piloted by Mike Capozzoli. Mike, Luis Valentin, and Bob Bresnahan led the scoring attack. The difficult job of rebounding was successfully carried out by Bob Bresnahan.

The last place team of Tim Gola showed great spirit and impressive talent. Tim, Mike Hanson, and Tom Donahue were the most outstanding players of this squad.

TRACK TEAM PLANS MEET

Bellefontaine's track team will be competing in an interscholastic track and field meet to be held in Hoosac, New York. The date for the big meet is May 16th at 1:00 p.m. Bellefontaine's official opponents in this meet are Schuyler Prep, Hoosac School, Berkshire Farms, and Windsor Mountain Prep. The different schools will be competing for prizes.

The track events will be the 100 yard dash, the 220, the 440, the 880, the mile run and the half-mile relay which will involve four men representing each school.

The various field events will be the shot-put (12 lbs.), the discus, the high jump, the broad jump and pole vault. Mr. Gene Peters, athletic director of Berkshire Christian College in Lenox, will be giving his time to those going out for the field events.

Father Richard MacDonald, S.C.J., coach of the Bellefontaine track team, is also giving of his free time so that the team will succeed.



The Bellefontaine Patriots: (kneeling l. to r.) Dom Specca, Mike Perry, Joe DiPeri, George Boisse, Bob Piernock, Rich Roman, (standing l. to r.) Ed Kilianski, Alex Romanov, John Jackson, Mike VanDurme, Jim Koepfler, Marc Bouttenot, Charlie Gallagher, Jeff Kulik, Rick Deslauriers, and Peter Jackson.

Patriots Captures Championship

The end of the 1970-1971 hockey season saw the Bellefontaine Patriots as champions of the Central Berkshire Hockey League. This achievement could not have been attained without the direction of the team's remarkable coach, Brother Eugene Traversa, S.C.J. At the beginning of the team's first practice, just before the start of the season, Brother Eugene stated to his players, "It will be difficult, but the attainment of the ultimate goal will be for the benefit of the team."

The Patriots' formidable opponents were Lenox Prep's Black and Gold teams, Lenox Memorial High School's Green and Maroon teams, and a team from Windsor Mountain Prep.

Brother Eugene's admirable guidance in coaching the Patriots shone through because of the distinguished improvement in the team.

One of the most difficult positions on a hockey team is that of goal-tender and on the Patriots this position was filled by ace goalie, George Boisse. His ability to foil would-be scorers was revealed to all in the fact that he stopped an amazing 86% of all shots on goal. Bob Piernock, who did not see much action as goalie, nevertheless acquired the experience he will need when called upon in the future.

The leading scorers on the team were Richard Deslauriers with a total of 17 points and Charlie Gallagher also with a total of 17 points. These two men, together with the remainder of the team's able offense, contributed much to the Patriots' success.

Recognition should also be given to the fine work done by all of the defensemen on the team, particularly Joe DiPeri, Mike Van Durme and Dom Specca.

The Conference standings at the conclusion of the season showed Bellefontaine in fourth place; however, they were still eligible for the Championship playoff games. The Patriots' semi-final game against the second place team, Lenox Prep Gold ended in Bellefontaine's favor, 7 to 2. The winner of the Lenox Maroon - Windsor Mountain game would then play the Patriots. The winner turned out to be Windsor Mountain. The championship game between Bellefontaine and Windsor Mountain was exciting and a challenge for both teams. The outcome was a victory for the Patriots, 4-3, the winning goal being scored by a substitute, John Jackson.

A word should be said for the equipment manager, a man who is often unappreciated and overlooked. This year that man was Ed Kilianski. Ed performed his tasks quickly and efficiently.

Another word of gratitude should be given to the students here at Bellefontaine who "never said die" and always provided moral support by cheering the champions onto victory.

This was the first year of well-organized hockey at Bellefontaine. The Patriots became the "number one team", proving the great determination, effort, and sportsmanship that Bellefontaine's school athletes exhibit.

Bellefontaine Plans Sports Banquet

Bellefontaine will hold its Annual Sports Banquet on Monday evening, May 17, 1971. It is on this night that the athletes of Bellefontaine are recognized for their ability and sportsmanship. One of Bellefontaine's athletes who has excelled in ability and sportsmanship in all major sports will be awarded the Father McGuire Sportsman of the Year Trophy.

The guest speaker for this year's banquet will be Mr. Buddy Byron who teaches at Taconic High School in Pittsfield. In his talk, Mr. Byron will attempt to encourage all the seminarians to try harder in all aspects of sports.

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