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## STUDENTS STAGE MUSICAL SATIRE FOR MAY 1st PLAY



Pictured above is a scene taken from "Gunsmog," one of the acts of the May 1st Play. Left to right are: T. Doyle, D. Smolinski, T. Polzin, T. Zbikowski, T. Popma and R. Tisch.

### Entire Three-Act Performance Features Original Production

On Saint Joseph's feast day his seminarians presented a musical satire of television. What a show! Student written, student starred, student directed! M.O.C.K. TV comprised three shows, each satirizing one of the frequently viewed television program categories.

The first of these shows, written by T. Rinkevich and G. Willing, was called *The Cheerie O's*. It poked fun at the highly emotional family programs. W. Noonan (a sort of "Dennis the Menace") and his three brothers, Oreo, Oligarch, and Oleo, talked their "knowing what's best"

uncle into taking them to Persia, only to talk him out of it later. The script called for a violin section every second line, and every other line was a laugh.

T. Popma and K. Lewis, in their play, *Gunsmog*, then told the story in prose, poetry, and song of how Mr. Dillon (D. Smolinski), the Doc (R. Tisch), and Chester (M. Hawkins) came together in Dodge City. No laugh at television would be fair without a "dig" at the ever increasing number of not only child, but "adult westerns." The seminary's walls echoed even with a bit of the old Honky-tonk.

Then the epitome of television presentations of today (at least to some) bent its neck to the bitingly critical *77 Sunset Strip*. Its two authors, R. Walsh and J. Swiat, were the "gay, handsome, snazzy" private eyes who solved a case that completely baffled the Police. The demands for music, scenery, and costuming were all prefixed "as modern as possible."

Songs chosen by the rewriters were taken from each and every source. A few of them were: *Wonderful Guy*, *The Lord is Good to Me*, *Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better*. The chorus, reflecting our study of Greek tragedy, was the narrator and commentator. All of its selections were original poetry set to a basic cadence. Saint Joseph was probably proud of his jesters.

The play was presented at the Little Sisters of the Poor on the following Wednesday. Everyone agreed that it was geared to the humor of young and old alike.

John Vesbit  
II College

## Seniors Deliver Orations

Brainwashing, Amateur Radio, Automation - in all probability these topics were never discussed by Demosthenes or Cicero, but they are just a sample of the interesting and informative topics discussed by the II College orators in this year's oration series.

The schedule began on March 6. Ed Oberle began the series with an appropriate topic for this year, the Olympic Games - their origin and their purpose. Del Tilmann followed with an explanation of the controversial population explosion. The method and the effects of brainwashing were expounded upon by Bill May. Del Smolinski wound up the day's proceedings with a startling, yet realistic view of the slaughter on our nation's highways.

On March 20 the orations continued with four more speakers ascending the rostrum. Frank Murphy exposed the sad plight of the Negro in the North. On the lighter side, Chuck Howley gave us the story behind those clowns of the Hardwoods, the Harlem Globetrotters. The popular field of amateur radio was covered by one of its chief enthusiasts, Dick VanLente. Last, but to be sure, far from least, John Ves-

bit invoked us all to learn Esperanto, an artificial language created for international use.

The next Sunday, March 27, there were three orators: Chuck Kling-shirn, Mike McBarnes, and Jim Wieber. Chuck reviewed the rise and fall of Hitler and his Nazi regime. Mike discussed the possibilities of a Third World War and how the U.S. would fare in such a conflict. Jim gave us an insight into the wonderful work of the Alcoholics Anonymous.

The series was rounded out on April 10. The Church's problems in Latin America were brought to light by Larry Spitzley. John Schultz then surveyed the Conservation Department's biggest headache, Michigan's deer problem. Finally, Charles Sigmund, the last orator of the year, discussed automation - its advantages and disadvantages.

With the orations completed, the file boxes, notebooks, and reference books will be put away, and graduation invitations and pictures will take their place. Thus, the minor seminary training of another senior class draws to a close.

Dennis Wasco  
I College

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## Death, Resurrection and Life

Three days ago, the whole world laughed in scorn  
 At God, Whose limbs, all bruised and torn,  
 Upon that fatal cross of wood were borne;  
 Whose hands and feet and side  
 Were pierced and opened wide;  
 Whose blood, a living tide  
 Of grace and love came gushing forth - the price  
 Of sin - to fall on hearts of ice,  
 Upon our tearless eyes.  
 But heaven cried when Jesus died  
     Three days ago.

Then Sunday came; the silence of repose  
 Pervaded over former woes,  
 When, from His tomb, the Son of God arose  
 In garments spotless white,  
 Inscribed in blinding light,  
 In majesty and might.  
 But doubters all, we sceptics, much to blame,  
 Were moved to utter when He came:  
 "Our Lord, Our God" ...in shame.  
 But Heaven's height rejoiced aright  
     When Sunday came.

Three days from now... perhaps a thousand years,  
 (For who shall know when that day nears,)  
 The sun, the moon, shall fall midst mournful tears.  
 And then a trumpet sound  
 Shall open up the ground;  
 The dead shall gather 'round  
 Their Judge. And on the left, a gruesome sight -  
 Hell's fetid filth; and on the right,  
 The saints in dazzling light.  
 Shall we be found with glory crowned  
     Three days from now?

Robert Lesinski  
 I College

## Talk Avails Nothing

"What did you think of SCAS this morning, George?"  
 "Boring!" "I agree with you all the way. Same old routine every week! I wish the SCAS officers would wise up and improve it." This, for the most part, is our attitude toward SCAS, always saying it must be improved.

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## Peace and Love

Gazing upon the risen Christ we cannot help but see the peace and love depicted in His very countenance. There is love because He died on the cross for us, and "greater love than this no man has, that a man lay down his life for his friends." There is peace because He has conquered the world, death, and hell. Even before His death, at the Last Supper, He spoke about peace and love. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

After His Resurrection Christ said to the Apostles in the upper room: "Peace be to you!" He wished to emphasize His gift of peace so much that He said these words three times. How often does He extend to us His peace and love, only to find our hearts hardened and closed to His offer.

From peace and love there arises true Christian joy, and the "Alleluias" of Eastertide constantly remind us of the joy of the Resurrection. Looking upon our risen Savior and finding peace, love, and joy, let us say with the Psalmist: "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice therein. Alleluia!"

## Recipe for Stewed Scandal

1 scruple of truth	Then add these ingredients:	
2 grains of ignorance	1 whisper	
2 ounces of envy	1 backbite	
2 ounces of malice	20 exclamation points	
2 grains of curiosity	10 shrugs	10 nudges
Stir them well.		1 afternoon for contacts
Watch it closely; stir it frequently.		
Guaranteed to keep for <u>years</u> !		

Recently the students of St. Henry's were given the opportunity of doing so by dropping suggestions in a box placed there. How many suggestions were put into that box in one month? Only two. What happened to all the back-seat presidents and board members, the so called reformers?

That old saying, "life is what you make it," applies to SCAS also. It's what we make it. With this in mind, we have only two courses to follow: improve SCAS by our cooperation and suggestions; or do nothing and stop complaining that SCAS must be improved.



## What's Been Happening Lately?

Since Otto went "50th Anniversary crazy" and highlighted some events of the past, we thought it only right to mention the current events of the day.

A month ago Father Guzikowski fell prey to unavoidable clutches of seminary rumor. (And you know sem rumors and what they are capable of accomplishing.) This one was the best in years. One evening two second classmen saw Monsignors Moran, Martin, and Shaw in Father Guzikowski's room. By morning it was all over the school that Father Guzikowski had been made a Monsignor, and that the three monsignors had been in his room congratulating him on his new honor. The real story was that they were all listening to Monsignor Martin's new album, "The Barber of Seville."

For all we know, Father Zaskowski may have set a new world record—the first one to golf ten months out of the year without leaving Michigan. He managed to squeeze a day or two out of January, but the heavy snows of February and March put an end to his dreams of a perfect record. Maybe next year, Father.

While walking around the path behind St. Henry's one day, some II College men found a Pepsi-Cola carton containing four full bottles of something which, I assure you, was *not* pop. They took their find to the Rector who chuckled and then asked "What happened to the other two bottles?"

Father Weisengoff went into the hospital on Palm Sunday to undergo an operation the following day. Father remained there about a week. That same Monday Monsignor Martin took sick and was confined to his room for three days. With two professors missing, classes during Holy Week slowed down to a snail's pace for all the Seniors.

On April 2, about 115 young men took the entrance exam here at the seminary. The whole exam lasted about two and one half hours. That same Saturday fourteen Second College men donned their black suits and went down to the Versluis Studios for graduation pictures. Fourteen black-suited "undertakers" walking down the street at the same time can cause quite a stir among the passers-by.

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## Solemn Mass Marks Three Feast Days

Father Zaskowski was the Celebrant of the Solemn High Mass on the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. Fathers McKinney and Rosloniec assisted him as Deacon and Sub-deacon. Msgr. Martin preached the sermon, in which he

summarized the Saint's words and emphasized that we should endeavor to come to a better understanding of his writings. The observance of St. Thomas' Feast Day was begun in 1923 on the sixth centennial of his canonization. In keeping with the wishes of Pope Pius XI this feast day has been celebrated



College students compare ideas for seminary brochure.

Life at St. Joseph's in booklet form is the goal of the informal "vocations propaganda committee." The group is collecting ideas and organizing material for an eight-page illustrated brochure which will describe the life of a diocesan seminarian and answer basic questions about vocations and the priesthood.

By next school year it should be available for interested persons — especially eighth grade boys.

At present, subcommittees are developing several tentative folders from which final plans will be drawn by Msgr. Moran and teachers familiar with the interests of the expected readers.

### Victory Noll Nun Speaks on CCD

The Catholic Religion is something active, but experience has shown that it takes more than an eighth grade training in religion to make it active. This is shown by the fact that the number of fallen-away Catholics exceeds the number of converts to the Catholic Faith in one year. These thoughts were clearly exemplified by Sister Joseph Marie on her visit to the seminary on April 6. Father Gallagher asked Sister Joseph Marie and her companion, Sister Mary Paula, to come and speak to the older students who are interested in C.C.D. work. Sister is a Victory Noll Sister and is working in the Grand Rapids Diocese at the request of our Most Reverend Bishop.

This religious congregation was founded in order to cope with this very important problem of the Church.

The C.C.D. has much the same object in mind, and so we find it working together with the Victory Noll Sisters.

Norbert Bufka  
I College

### Seminary Observes Holy Week Rituals

Once again pious feelings of sentiment were felt by every one as the Liturgies of Holy Week were observed.

Holy Week started out with Palm Sunday's song of praise, the "Hosanna Filio." Palms were distributed and blessed as usual. Then the whole student body walked in procession from the new chapel to the old. The Passion according to St. Matthew was sung by Monsignor Moran, Father Thome, and Father Fay.

On Holy Thursday the Mass of the Last Supper was celebrated, during which Father Zaskowski gave an impressive sermon. Following the Mass, the altars were stripped and the Blessed Sacrament was carried in solemn procession to one of the side altars.

Immediately after Tre Ore, the Liturgy of Good Friday was begun. It consisted of four parts: the Lessons and Passion according to St. John, which was sung this year by Father Rose, Father Thome, and Father Rosloniec; the Solemn Prayers; the Adoration of

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with a Solemn Mass every year since then.

On the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, a Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Moran assisted by Frs. Zaskowski and McKinney. In keeping with the 50th Anniversary, the Mass was one of Thanksgiving in honor of our Patron. With his vast knowledge of Palestine at his finger tips, Fr. Weisengoff delivered a rather unique sermon for the occasion. Laying aside all "pious tales," Father gave us a probable picture of St. Joseph's real life.



The Feast of the Annunciation was also marked by a Solemn Mass celebrated by Msgr. Shaw. This feast commemorated the thirteenth Anniversary of Bishop Babcock's coronation. The entire diocese, but especially the seminary, owes Bishop Babcock a great deal of gratitude for all that he has done during his administration as Bishop of this diocese.



# Through Fifty Years

## Looking Back

Looking back over the years we see that many things have changed. So it is with a seminary. The students, for the most part, remain the same. But many traditions are either changed over the years or else they evolve into something else. Here are just a few examples.

From 1914 to 1919 the Juniors used to give a banquet for the graduating Seniors. Formal graduation exercises that we now have began in 1921.

In the first few years there were "pericula coram Episcopo." These final exams were oral in the presence of the Bishop and clergy.

In 1921 all students had to reside at the seminary. Prior to this time, city students could enroll as day scholars until the completion of the fifth class.

In 1909, the first students totaled 22. The century mark was reached in 1922. In 1957 there was a record enrollment of 240.

One last note. Until 1919 some classes were taken at Catholic Central under the Sisters.

The Recorder staff is very grateful to Mitch for his help on this page. It took him about fifteen hours to complete the list of the professors. Many thanks, Mitch.

## Milestones

- 1909 The property at 175 Sheldon Avenue was purchased and the frame building on it became the first home for the new seminary.
- 1910 Property south of the temporary seminary was purchased as a location for a new seminary.
- 1910 (Oct.) Bishop Richter dedicated the new seminary.
- 1919 The property at Union and Burton was purchased.
- 1919 (Nov.) Cornerstone laid by Bishop Kelly.
- 1920 (Dec.) Students moved into the present seminary residence.
- 1921 (Jan.) Bishop Kelly dedicated the seminary.
- 1933 A centennial Mass commemorating the first Mass said in Grand Rapids was celebrated at the seminary by Bishop Pinten.
- 1934 The seminary celebrated its 25th Anniversary.
- 1956 The new activities building was dedicated by Bishop Babcock.
- 1957 Bishop Babcock dedicated St. Henry's Hall, the new College Building.
- 1958 The new chapel addition and new refectory were completed.
- 1959 The seminary commemorated its 50th Anniversary.

## Memories

We think that a few sandburs on the campus these days are something terrible, but only the alumni of the "good old days" can tell you how they used to be. In September the students used to do nothing but pick sandburs. Msgr. Shaw has a picture which shows students gathering them in bushel baskets. "The scourge of the Past," the sandbur has come to be little more than part of seminary tradition.

Listed immediately below are all the bishops of Grand Rapids. All of them will always be esteemed as generous benefactors of the seminary.

- Most Rev. Henry Joseph Richter 1883-1916
- Most Rev. Michael James Gallagher 1916-1918
- Most Rev. Edward Dionysius Kelly 1918-1926
- Most Rev. Joseph Gabriel Pinten 1926-1941
- Most Rev. Joseph Casimir Plagens 1941-1943
- Most Rev. Francis Joseph Haas 1943-1953
- Most Rev. Allen James Babcock Installed as Bishop May 20, 1954

- +Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony Volkert 1909-1943
- Rector 1909-1919 (Nov.)
- Rector Emeritus 1927-1943
- +Most Rev. Michael J. Gallagher 1909-1911
- Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids 1915-1916
- Bishop of Grand Rapids 1916-1918
- Bishop of Detroit 1918-1937
- +Rev. Andrew Narloch 1909-1912
- +Rev. George O'Brien 1910-1912
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. George O. Dequoy 1911-1916
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. John F. Sonefeld 1911-1919
- +Most Rev. Charles D. White 1911-1927
- Rector 1919 (Nov.)-1927 (Feb.)
- Bishop of Spokane, Washington 1927-1956
- Rev. Stephen Narloch 1912-1919
- Rev. Leo Farquharson 1913-1924
- +Rev. George Flanagan 1914-1921
- +Rev. John P. Ruba 1915-1926
- Most Rev. Thomas L. Noa 1917-1946
- Rector 1927 (Feb.)-1946 (Mar.)
- Coadjutor Bishop of Sioux City, Iowa 1946-1947
- Bishop of Marquette 1947-
- +Rev. August Hovorka 1920-1922
- Rev. Raymond Drinan 1921-1922
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Albert Kehren 1921-1923
- +Rev. Henry Simon 1922-1938
- +Rev. S. J. Morrison 1922-1929

Listed here are all the professors who have taught at the seminary since its founding fifty years ago. Those living are listed by their present title; the others by the title held at the time of their decease. Those now deceased are prefixed with a cross.

- Rt. Rev. Msgr. James A. Bryant 1923-1936
- Rev. Speer Strahan 1923-1924
- Rev. Clement Niedzwiecki 1925-1932
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond Baker 1924-1938
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis Flohe 1926-1938
- Rev. Joseph E. Kohler 1927-1938
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond Sweeney 1929-1932
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund F. Falicki 1930-1957
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anthony P. Arzulowicz 1932-1941
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Murphy 1933-1935
- +Very Rev. Msgr. Louis J. Verreau 1933-1958
- Rev. Clement P. Sigmund 1934-1938
- Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas O. Martin 1935-1938; 1957-
- Rev. Emmeran L. Quaderer 1936-1938
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Shaw 1937-

- Rev. William J. Hoogterp 1937-1948
- Rev. T. Vincent McKenna 1938-1948
- Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Walen 1938-1943
- +Mr. E. E. Winters 1939-1944
- Rev. Louis B. LaPres 1941-1948
- Rev. Joseph E. Murphy 1943-1944
- +Rev. Joseph E. Ciesluk 1944-1948
- Very Rev. Msgr. Charles A. Salatka 1944-1946
- Mr. Joseph E. Bellardo 1944-
- Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. Moran 1945-
- Rector 1957-
- Rev. Joseph J. Zaskowski 1946-
- Rev. John W. McGee 1946-1948
- Rev. John J. Thome 1946-
- Rev. John N. McDuffee 1946-1948
- Rev. John M. Matusas 1948-1950
- Rev. Herman H. Zerfas 1948-1949
- Rev. Ernest J. Bernott 1948-1949
- Rev. William F. McKnight 1948-1953
- Mr. Frederick Hall 1948-1949
- Rev. John P. Hoogterp 1949-1954
- Rev. Louis VanBergen 1949-1951
- Rev. Edward J. Bielskas 1950-1955
- +Rev. Adam Joseph 1951-1954
- Mr. Antos Pancurello 2nd Sem. 1953
- Mr. G. Edward Phillips Apr., May, and June 1953
- Rev. Francis L. Hackett 1953-1957
- Rev. Joseph C. McKinney 1954-
- Rev. William E. Zuidema 1954-1957
- Rev. Leo S. Rosloniec 1955-
- Rev. Robert J. Rose 1956-
- Rev. Noel P. Fay 1956-
- Rev. John P. Weisengoff 1957-
- Rev. Gerard F. Guzikowski 1958-



# Documents of the Past



Pictured above is the Seminary's official coat of arms. It appears to be rather simple, but, of course, every symbol has a distinct significance.

The uppermost figures on the shield, resembling fleurs-de-lis, represent the budding staff of our patron, St. Joseph. Beneath these is a carpenter's square dividing the shield in two. The wavy lines represent the diocese of Grand Rapids, since they depict the "flumina rapida - the rapids." Superimposed on the rapids is the scale of justice which has a rather subtle meaning. In German the word for "judge" is "Richter." Since the scale of justice stands for the office of a judge, it was used here to represent Bishop Richter, the founder of the Seminary. Below the shield is the Seminary motto: "Come, follow Me."

Copy of Parchment  
enclosed in corner stone of the Seminary\*

Dei Optimi Maximi  
Gratia Favente

Deiparae Ejusque Inclyti Sponsi Intercessione assidue invocata a. d. XII Kalendas Decembres anno MCMXIX lapis hic angularis positus est in aedibus Seminarium ad Sanctum Josephum noncupati construendis a Reverendissimo atque Excellentissimo Domino Eduardo D. Kelly, hujus Grandormensis tertio Episcopo Summo Pontifice Benedicto XV feliciter Romae regnante, praeside horum Statuum Foederatum W. Wilson, Ipsiusque Seminarium secundo Rectore Carlo D. White. Caeremoniis assistebant omnes Seminarium magistri Ant. Volkert, Joannes Ruba, Leo Farquharson, Georgius Flanagan, Thomas Noa, Jacobus Reardon neonon alumni in aedibus prioribus hoc ipso anno scholastico scholam frequentes Diocesis Grandormensis Principi Henrico Joseph Richter, amico clerici, alumnorum altiori, optimeque merenti de primis hujus Seminarium fundamentis neonon Reverendissimo gloriose regnanti Episcopo Eduardo D. Kelly hae aedes construuntur monumentum perenne zelo animarum salutis clerique integritati devoti, munificentiam clerici, populi que fidelis pietatem testantur, Ipsiusque Summi Dei gloriam praecones extollunt.

\*Sic scriptum erat.

Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Mich.

June 22, 1909

Rev. dear Father:-

We intend to open a Preparatory Seminary in the City of Grand Rapids in the beginning of next September. The students who have already, with Our permission, entered a Seminary will continue their studies therein, but all those who have not as yet been in a Seminary must enter the one which We are about to open in Grand Rapids. "The Holy Synod ordains," says the Council of Trent, "that all Cathedral Churches...shall be bound, each according to its means and the extent of the diocese, to maintain, to educate religiously, and to train in ecclesiastical discipline, a certain number of youth of their city or diocese, in a college to be chosen by the Bishop for this purpose near the said churches."

You will, please, at your earliest convenience, and not later than the 15th of July next, inform Us if you have any candidates for the Seminary in your parish, so that proper preparation for their reception may be made. All candidates must have finished, at least, the seventh grade of the Grammar School.

I remain, Dear Father,

Yours sincerely in Xto

HENRY JOSEPH  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



At the left is an exact copy of the first official document regarding St. Joseph's Seminary. Bishop Richter realized that the young diocese under his jurisdiction was lacking something - a diocesan seminary. As soon as plans for a seminary became feasible, Bishop Richter lost no time in making his plans a reality. The Bishop's plans materialized in September of 1909 when 22 students entered his newly established seminary on Sheldon Avenue.

Our seminary has grown considerably since that September of 1909. If Bishop Richter could see St. Joseph's today he would be more than proud. After he founded the seminary, the Master let him live seven years to view the fruits of his labor.

We owe a lot to Bishop Richter. Here is an excerpt taken from the Ray of Light of 1916. "He had done a great life's work; he had built up a diocese that is most firmly established, he had erected many institutions of charity and education. But his heart seemed especially centered in this seminary, the nursery of the future workers in his vineyard. May we long cherish his memory with hearts overflowing with gratitude; may we throughout our lives pray for the repose of his great soul."



# Otto Recalls Bygone Days

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

Not that spring fever has put me in a poetic trance, but I thought it only fitting in this issue to recall some of the tidbits of times past. Strangely enough my browsings have led me to the conclusion that time and age do not alter in the least the spirit of seminary life.

After praising the Sisters as good cooks, the Ray of Light (1914-1915) continues in somewhat New-manic style; "In the Sisters also we have not only attentive nurses but efficient doctors who can immediately diagnose the ailment of a suffering student and soon fit him again for the continuation of the mental grind."

April 19, 1919 ought to ring a bell, or rather sound a siren for the old timers. For in the early hours of the morning the fire department invaded the building. Some bloke who was passing by mistook the red sanctuary lamp for a fire. That reminds me of the false alarm we had a couple years ago, and also the little fire in the basement of the convent in 1955. The fire department must have seen too much of this place, because we have not had a fire drill in quite some time now.

During the school year 1921-1922 the open field west of the seminary was cleared of trees and divided into lots for housing. And in the Ray of Light we read: "The calf that last year so faithfully lulled us to sleep each night by its melodious lowing will leave us to shift for ourselves in the future." You are not the only ones who missed little Elsie, now that we have to put up with factory whistles, buzzing traffic, soaring airplanes, and screaming fire engines.

The older priests are always complaining that we have it too "soft" nowadays, for instance that our vacations last too long. But let some of them recall this one from the "old" days. Back in 1918 the students departed on December 13 for the longest vacation on record. Maybe they did have the flu, but still they enjoyed freedom from the books for nearly a month.

One familiar landmark that will long be remembered by many is the old

pump which was sunk in 1928. The "old reliable" is no more, however. Two or three years ago it froze up during the winter and burst. The pump is gone but the well is still there.

Those who do not like the sight of report cards eight times a year should have been around before 1932. Besides, I bet it was easier for the pros, too. They probably did not have to give so many monthly tests.

Being a rather sentimental soul, I should like to go on and on discussing the past years of seminary life. But all good things must come to an end. Besides, as I have mentioned before, my boss is of the moody type and should I happen to take up too much space I would probably be fired on the spot.

To be on the safe side, then, I will close here. Till next time I am still yours truly,

Otto

## CURRENT EVENTS from page 3

As a last note to bring you up to date, we might mention that four alumni priests celebrated their Silver Jubilee here at the seminary during Easter vacation. They were Msgr. Francis J. Kupinski of St. Mary's, Spring Lake; Fr. Thomas W. Ryan of St. Brigid's, Midland; Fr. Julius J. Amman of St. James, Montague; Fr. Charles E. Steves of St. Joseph's, Belding. Ad Multos Annos!

## HOLY WEEK from page 3

the Cross; and Holy Communion.

For the climax of Holy Week, the Easter Vigil services, the students returned home to attend services at their own parishes.

George Fulk  
I College

Even the professors will attest that the roughest day of vacation is the day after.

# Student Spy Lets Out Secrets

Every year about this time everyone is curious to know what the professors and the Sisters did with their Christmas gifts. We have the answers. We sent a spy out on the job and this is what everyone did with his gift.

Msgr. Moran could not use the red shoelaces because, as he explained, they were not liturgically correct. They had too much white in them. The Community Affairs Committee is probably to blame for this oversight. However, Monsignor still has them just in case the regulations are modified.

Msgr. Shaw was handed some hand lotion. He had it on hand for a few days and then used it. It must have been a handy present.

Msgr. Martin: We are not so sure that he used his gift. He received a little slave boy to help correct papers and thereby leave less papers for the students to correct. Some, however, think that the slave must be on vacation.

Fr. Weisengoff left for the hospital before we could ask him what he did with his bullwhip. However, his College Greek class is really whipping through Antigone and his bullwhip might have a hand in this.

Fr. Zaskowski's tank serves a twofold purpose: 1) to keep the work crews in hand; 2) to discourage "boobs" from bothering him in his room.

Fr. Guzikowski gave his

money changer to a nephew. Father may have slipped and handed it over full because we have not had a movie since then.

Fr. Fay might have used his reducing gum, but, if he did, the effect is not evident. Father probably should have received a bigger supply.

Fr. Thome played his record, "The Happy Reindeer Song," during the winter but lately it has been elbowed out by the Easter Bunny.

Fr. McKinney received a big cigar. Some say that he smoked it right away. Others seem to think that he still has it and smokes it some mornings at six o'clock in the tunnel.

Fr. Rosloniec still has his toy ambulance on his window sill. He has not had any use for it since Bob Walsh nearly sliced his hand off in the Recorder room.

Fr. Rose did not put his steering knob on his car. As far as he was concerned he found a much better use for it as a paper weight.

Sister Robertina said that the nuns still have the banjo over in the convent. Sister added that they would bring it over some day and play it for us.

Mr. Bellardo gave the toy blocks to a grandchild, (probably in exchange for a slide rule).

Mitch found good use for his humorous signs. He has them hanging in the office.

# Odds 'n Ends

## Clutter

## Corner

On Holy Thursday Msgr. Moran was a bit late in returning from the Cathedral for dinner. Fr. Zaskowski took his chances and usurped the middle place only to have Msgr. Moran make a sudden appearance.

One day Bill Koenigsnecht was telling Tom Doyle about the wicked ball his father used to throw when he was younger. Much impressed, Tom said, "It must have been a knuckle ball." In all sincerity Bill answered, "No, it was a baseball!"

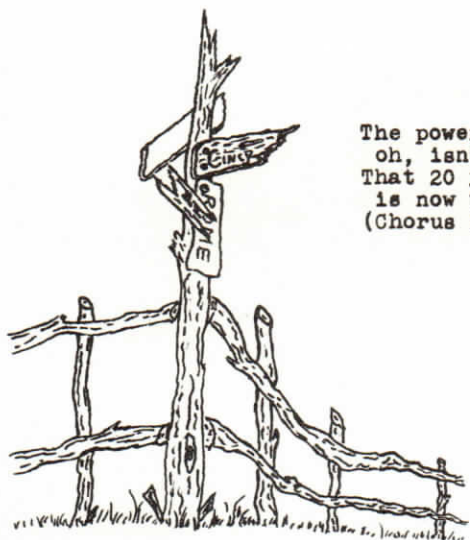
For the singing of the Passion on Palm Sunday, Fr. Fay, who has a very high tenor voice, took the part of the synagogus. After the Mass George Fulk passed the remark: "What happened to Msgr. Shaw's voice this morning? It's getting higher all the time!"

During a College Religion class, Msgr. Shaw was explaining the solicitude of God for all created things. For emphasis he used the quote: "The very hairs of your head are numbered."



# CROSS ROADS

## 544 Alumni Fill 'Hall of Fame'



The power of dreams,  
oh, isn't it keen,  
That 20 years earlier  
is now the scene.  
(Chorus from "Gunsmog")

## The Good Old Days

### Some Alumni Off Guard

"Yellow journalism went out of style 50 years ago." So goes a line in a recent horror movie. Alumni, we hope you will not take offense at our page of retrospection: we are not trying to use yellow ink. These bits of "information" come from old Recorders, Prep Newstettes, and Rays of Light, and are, more or less, public matters. Most of these items have been taken from the '35 to '45 decade, the first 10 years of St. Joe's second quarter. And be assured, alumni, that, though our pen may cut, we certainly do not intend it to draw blood!

#### Bielskas, Architect

1932  
"Fr. Niedzwiecki was late for supper tonight. Somehow or other he locked himself in his own room and had to use a crowbar to get out... Eddie Bielskas, architect and contractor, today completed and occupied his huge snow house at the rear of the garage. This new edifice, a credit to the construction skill of Mr. Bielskas, accommodates no less than

20 seminarians, and very comfortably, too."

1935  
"John Brietenstein is the hero of the upper house. Today he won the pool ball championship from Carl Cahill, the former title holder. John crammed an entire pool ball into his mouth and hid it from view."

1936  
"During the study period Lamarre asked Fr. Shaw,

## Who Was When

1912....4	1925....11	1937....8	1948....19
1914....7	1926....8	1938....10	1949....18
1915....7	1927....15	1939....5	1950....16
1916....16	1928....8	1940....9	1951....10
1917....9	1929....7	1941....10	1952....19
1918....10	1930....10	1942....10	1953....9
1919....9	1931....14	1943....11	1954....10
1920....8	1932....14	1944....11	1955....17
1921....7	1933....9	1945.F.13	1956....19
1922....7	1934....11	1945.O..7	1957....20
1923....13	1935....12	1946....1	1958....18
1924....10	1936....7	1947....15	1959....25

1933-1937 - these classes took Philosophy here.

1945 F. - graduated in February of 1945.

1945 O. - graduated in October of 1945.

In keeping with the "decennial enumeration of the population," our census takers made a nose count (literally) of the second floor "Hall of Fame." As nearly as we could determine, 544 graduates have passed through St. Joe's. Of these, about 269 have been ordained, while 89 are still in various major seminaries. There have been 47 graduating classes, averaging 11.57 members each. The largest class was 25 in 1959; the smallest was 1 in 1946 (see table at bottom of page).

(Editors' note: The second floor corridor became the official "Rogues Gallery" on September 19, 1936.)

the custodian of the sheep, if he could go to see his Algebra professor. Fr. Shaw, who, incidentally, happens to be his professor in Algebra, refused him the privilege, under the impression that the said professor was out."

1938

"New spirit has been injected into the junior baseball league since Fr. Martin has been playing second base."

#### Beahan's Back

1939

"This afternoon, well toward 4:00, a car drove up to the front, a smiling father and son got out, entered the hall, and the son stopped smiling. There were none of the fellows around. They would have to ask the Rector what was the trouble. Upon entering Monsignor's room, a horrid doubt flashed upon him - perhaps he was a day early. But, oh, his chagrin upon finding he was a day late. And then we had a new set of talk for supper: 'Gee, fellas, Beahan's back!'"

1940

"Mr. Crocker, the barber, gave Fr. Falicki a scare this evening. While he was performing the tonsorial operations in the barbershop, James Hickey nonchalantly walked in, surveyed the scene with - we trust - unseeing eyes, and walked out, turning off the light. Taken by surprise at this sudden blackout, Mr. Crocker let the shears slip - but Father did some fast ducking.."

#### Auf Wiedersehen

By the time you read this, two new Alumni Editors will be planning the graduation issue. Before we go, we'd like to say "Thanks for everything" to our Moderator, Editor-in-Chief, Typists, and other helpers. And especially, this card of thanks goes to you, alumni, who have made this page what it has been.  
Good luck next year.

#### Fraternal Charity

It takes a sermon from Fr. Falicki on fraternal charity and an extra heavy supper to explain this one: Ray Mulka awoke this morning having dreamed that he ripped a blanket in two during the night to share with his room-mate. And on looking at the foot of his bed this morning, he spied the blanket, ripped neatly in two parts and folded on the bed... Semester exams begin with the usual music test in the lead off spot. And as usual, Bill McKnight writes to the bell."

1941

"Fr. Verreau calls on Hermes today to recite a little Plato. Father means Zervas, admits he gets Keres, Hermes and Zervas all mixed up. These classical characters are perplexing."

#### Masonic Proofs

1944

"Today's prize boner was contributed in religion class by Joe Battersby. In response to Fr. Shaw's request that he give the Mesianic proofs for the divinity of Christ, Joe began his thesis as follows: 'The Masonic proofs for the divinity of Christ are two,...etc.' The class laughed, Fr. Shaw gulped, and Joe kept right on going."

1946

"Magr. Shaw says a few words rather loudly in religion class and Tom Niedzwiecki falls out of his chair rather loudly."



# ST. JOSEPH'S RECORDER SPORTS

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## BASKETBALL BOWS TO SPRING SPORTS

### CLASS GAMES

#### 6 - 5

The most exciting class basketball game of the year and probably one of the closest terminated in a hair-raising 40 to 38 victory for the 6th class over the 5th. Although the 5th class was a slight favorite going into the game, the 6th class turned the tables on them by turning in their hottest game of the season.

#### 5 - 4

A low scoring yet exciting game marked the clash between the 4th and 5th classes this year, in which the 5th class came out on the upper end of a 28 to 23 score. Although neither class was hitting from out court, the excellent defense demonstrated by the 5th class proved to be too much for the 4th.

#### 4 - 3

The 3rd vs 4th class game, although low scoring in the first half, broke open in the second half with the 4th class coming from behind to win 43 to 41. The 3rd class led the game until the last minute, when the 4th scored five quick points in the closing seconds to gain the lead and the victory.

#### 3 - 2

After a slow start, an exciting game followed in which the 3rd class held a small lead throughout the entire game. Nevertheless, the 2nd class displayed a threatening power and a strong opposition, but yet unequal to the 3rd class who won the game by a score of 38 to 31.

#### 2 - 1

The 1st class had a well organized team and managed to edge ahead in the early part of the game. However, undaunted by their strong opposition, the 2nd class surged ahead and kept the lead for the rest of the game. This clash ended in a 27-19 victory for the 2nd class.

### HANDBALL

#### FINALS

The Blues are back in the sports race with a double victory in the handball tournaments. They won in the Seniors with C. Howley and C. Klingshirn forming the winning combination, and also in the intermediates. However in the Juniors, D. Tabor and P. Casey won for the Reds. The Juniors' and Intermediates' games were wrapped up in two games by the winners, but the Seniors had to go the full length match of three games.

As of now the score in the Reds-Blues trophy race is the Reds 42 and the Blues 36.

### College Edges High School

Defense was the "law of the land" in this year's College-High School basketball game. This year's final score looked like the half-time score of last year's decisive College victory.

The High School quintet realized that they could not contend with the College in a wide open game and so played a "cagey" game. Their offense was of the slow, deliberate type concentrating on ball possession, while their defense was impenetrable near the basket. No more than six points ever separated the two teams.

The game proved to be a moral victory for the High School and they are deserving of much credit for giving it that "old college try." Final score, 27-23.

### Diocesan Games

Saginaw-Lansing dioceses won the diocesan basketball games in all three leagues. In the Seniors they won 31-28 in a close contest, in the Intermediates by one point 41-40. In the Juniors Saginaw-Lansing showed superior play and defeated Grand Rapids 47-24.

### THE GOOD OL' SPRINGTIME

Once again as you walk on the campus you can hear the old familiar sound of baseball against glove, ball against bat. Already at the first signs of bare ground some of the eager beavers were out playing baseball. But Spring this year was somewhat fickle. One day was nice and warm, and the next would be cold and snowy. So the gymnasium still had its players for an unusually long time.

#### Sem Sports

#### After 50 Years

Since this school year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of St. Joseph's Seminary, the sports staff deemed it a fitting time to make note of the sports facilities we have here, some of which might be called a huge anniversary present to the seminary from the diocese of Grand Rapids.

When the seminary was established on Sheldon Avenue in Grand Rapids, the students did not have the spacious area in which to recreate that they now have at the present Burton location. Throughout fifty years the sports agenda has seen many changes. The kinds of sports played today are very much the same as those played in the beginning, since the American boys' basic program has changed little. There have been some minor subtractions and additions; whereas the earlier students could climb trees, we have pulled them out to play Frisbee.

But the big difference now is the sports facilities. We have now a huge cleared area with room for three diamonds, three grid-irons, two tennis courts, and a large, new gym with three basketball courts and four indoor handball courts and seven handball courts outside. Yes, in fifty years the seminary's sports have not changed drastically, but the facilities have.

But now Spring is here to stay. The basketballs will probably not be touched again until next year, except by the Athletic Committee. Handball is still played but most of the students take advantage of the warm weather. Not only have the students switched to baseball, but also to the other out-door sports. The tennis nets have been up since the early part of April, and the courts have been given a good workout. And then outside handball is played with great gusto, and likewise the game of badminton. And then, too, the Reds and the Blues have been practicing their track and field events in preparation for the big Field Day track meet. Yes, Spring has sprung and everybody is playing spring-sports.

#### Clergy Game?

For the first time in recent seminary history there is serious doubt whether there will be a Student - Clergy baseball game this year. It is hoped that this is only a rumor and will not materialize for what is Field Day without the classic Student - Clergy baseball game?

However, as we go to press we hear reports - especially from Saginaw way - that there will be a game.

#### FIELD DAY '60

Again the Community Affairs Committee is back at work battling the elements, trying to repair the pole-vault, shot-put, and other pits for the quickly approaching Field Day battle between the Reds and Blues. Work crews are busy each day and avid athletes are limbering their muscles eagerly practicing and awaiting "their big day." Upon the outcome of Field Day rests the probable winner of the first Seminary All-Sports Trophy. The senior captains this year are D. VanLente of the Blues and J. Schultz of the Reds.