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MSGR. FALICKI CELEBRATES SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

Christmas Play with Christmas Spirit

KNIGHT'S LODGING, WITH LARGE CAST,
PRESENTED DECEMBER 16, 17, 18

As in the case most everywhere everyone here at the seminary is preparing for Christmas. For a group of twenty with a more than slight bent towards acting this means rehearsing for the annual drama under the direction of Fr. Hackett. Knight's Lodging, the trisyllabic title of the play, is a refreshing combination of pathos and humor, set against the festive background of the Christmas season.

Somewhere in the cold heart of Gotham is located a haven for men of meager means. The founder and mainstay of this lodging is a likeable fellow, Joe Knight, (David Adams) who is distinguished for his all-out devotion to St. Joseph. The lodging which is run on something less than a shoestring is further endangered by the Fire Inspector, Harry Becker, (Philip Maslowski) and his counterpart from the Health Department, Sinclair Pidgin, (Stephen Vesbit). But these forebodings of the future are kept in the background as the lodging receives a new resident, a young chap by the name of Eddie Carey (Alan Langlois), an alumnus of the State Reformatory, who comes as a charge of Msgr. Moriarity (Edward Mike). Then suddenly all troubles apparently vanish as a phone call and a letter inform Knight that he has been willed \$60,000 by the late Wilbur St. Clair Cross. Rejoicing is the order of the day for all except young Eddie who has been told by the sinister Ali Boyagian (Thomas Sabourin) that this is merely a ruse of his to disprove Knight's faith in St. Joseph. Things are

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Solemn Mass and Sermon Dec. 8

Special Evening Program Honors Rector

The excitement in the air at St. Joseph's resolved itself Thursday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, in the Silver Jubilee celebration of our Rector, Msgr. Falicki.

The day opened with the Solemn Mass. The Choir and the College, under Father Thome's direction, had prepared a new Mass, in five parts, composed by Father Gruender, which built up the tempo of this special occasion.

That evening after supper, in the refectory decorated with blue and silver streamers, Msgr. Shaw presented a chalice from the students and faculty, while Gaspar Ancona, Head Prefect, tendered a spiritual bouquet from the students. The Chalice is plain with the words of consecration: Hic est enim Calix Sanguinis mei, Hoc est enim Corpus meum, encircling the cup and base of the paten. The node, engraved with a symbolic crown of thorns, is hexagonal, as is the base.

Saturday, December 10, Monsignor celebrated a Solemn High Mass at the church of his ordination, St. Isidore's in Grand Rapids, our Seminary Singers lending their voices. The final touch was added by the sermon delivered by Msgr. Walen.

A reception followed Saturday evening in the St. Isidore's Auditorium. The multitude of congratulators displayed, as nothing else could, the admiration of Monsignor's many friends. A priests' reception, to be held December 19 at the Seminary, also promises to be well attended.

Msgr. Falicki has spent the greater part of his life at our Seminary. He first came, as a student, in 1918. Graduated in 1924, he traveled to the Sulpician Seminary, Washington D.C., for Philosophical and Theological studies. But in 1930 he, yet a deacon, was back at St. Joseph's teaching classes, and was ordained on December 8 of that same year. He has been here ever since.

In 1938 he was appointed Spiritual Director of the Seminary, and on May 5, 1946, Bishop Haas announced that he would succeed Bishop Noa as Rector. On May 30, 1948, he was invested as Domestic Prelate, with his present title, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Besides his dual job here of Rector and teacher, Msgr. is Synodal Examiner, Diocesan Director of the National Council of Catholic

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Faculty and Students Present Rector with Chalice



Msgr. Joseph Shaw presents Rector with a chalice, the gift of faculty and students, on the evening of Dec. 8 at the program held in the Rector's honor. Msgr. Verreau looks on.

College Attends National Catholic Charities Convention

Sessions at Pantlind Hotel, Nov. 6-10

The National Catholic Charities Convention held November 6-10 had diverse effects upon life in our seminary, especially in the college department. From Sunday through Thursday certain sixth-classmen, oddly enough nine or ten each day, staggered about half asleep most of the day. These same individuals also seemed to eat less than usual at dinner. Perhaps the fact that they had arisen at 5:15 A.M. to serve Holy Mass for visiting priests at the Pantlind Hotel and afterwards enjoyed breakfast there, accounts for this condition.

The entire college body attended the workshops held Monday and Tuesday. These groups discussed the influence or lack of influence of the Family, Church, School, Law, Social Workers, and Neighborhood upon the youth of our day, investigating the part each could and should play to prevent juvenile

delinquency. A broader view of the social problems in Grand Rapids was gained through the comments and suggestions made by the distinguished panel members. The college was also present at the final report of all the workshops Tuesday afternoon in the Kent State Room at the Pantlind. Incidentally, three of the suggestions offered by the seminarians were incorporated into the final report.

Most of the college students attended the panel discussions Wednesday afternoon. Several attended the conference on the education of the social worker; the others the discussion on the disorganized neighborhood. Both were headed by nationally prominent persons in the field of education and social work. Through these panel discussions and the individual workshops, we acquired a broader view of both national and local social issues.

Andrew Chrusciel
I College

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further complicated by a story appearing in the Herald which confirms this pseudolegacy, written by a young reporter, J. Alfred Halson (Monroe Sullivan). If and how these complications unravel are the work of the play to tell.

Also appearing in the play, are David Hawley as the Assistant Manager of the Lodging and William Walters Jr. and Alvin Walke as two of the lodgers. Gerald Wahmhoff plays an able architect and John Wisneski a disgruntled lawyer. The cast is rounded out by Allan TenEyck, a none too laconic drama critic and Joseph Zenk as a pinch-penny industrialist. A small chorus of first classmen will add a dash of music to the play.

Scene in "Knight's Lodging"

Standing
Left to right:
A. Langlois
W. Walters
A. Walke
D. Adams
T. Sabourin

Seated:
D. Hawley



A Christmas Story

The Sin of the Architect

There was once a very renowned architect and sculptor who had built a great cathedral. Looking upon his craftsmanship he was sure there was no house of God more beautiful.

He had made a niche above the door where he would one day place a great statue of himself, and all who entered would praise him for his work. It was nearing Christmas and the proud man wished his statue to be in its niche when the Christ Child came.

Then one night he had a wondrous dream. An angel came and reproached him for his pride and took him to the country where a yoke of oxen was pulling a huge stone and a weary man guided them while a gay child fed them. "They built the cathedral, not

you, proud architect!" the angel said.

When the man awoke he remembered his dream and felt such compunction that he himself carved the statues of two great oxen in white stone, and a little girl with whisks of hay in her hands. The little girl he placed in the great niche and the oxen he placed beneath the bronze bells, and Christmas Eve came, and with it the Christ Child in the manger.

At midnight when the great bells pealed forth their glad tidings, the soft lowing of oxen was heard to come from the Cathedral and all the people 'round heard and the humbled architect also, and they all gave glory to God.

Allan Ten Eyck
I College

Highlights after Deadline

* Priests, students, and alumni are requested to remember in their prayers the souls of Sister Mary Germaine and Sister Mary Aloysius, of the local Sisters of the Poor, whose untimely deaths occurred this past fall.

* The little white bungalow at the north-east corner of the seminary campus is in the process of being razed, for reasons unknown at the present. It might be noted, however, that the country is now experiencing a boom in construc-

tion, especially of college dormitories.

* A shower of encomiums is due Father Thome for his inspiring sermon on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Its theme, in connection with Mgr. Falicki's Silver Jubilee, was the Holy Priesthood.

* The seminary office is at present in a stage of confusion, as carpenters and masons, "magna cum clamore", are remodeling it. The remodeling includes a doorway into the faculty room and new shelves and a counter.

Otto Goes A-Shopping

Along about a week before Thanksgiving the tremendous egg of the Christmas spirit hatched amidst the third floor dormitories. This phenomenon takes place every year when the first cracked strains of The Twelve Days of Christmas come trooping out of the senior shower room. This year was no exception, only more so in fact, if you know what I mean. O Christmas Tree (auf Deutsch) and Lo How a Rose have also placed in the running. It's a rare seminarian indeed who cannot hold his own with eye full of soap.

Steve Vesbit has been tearing at his receding hair-line recently. You

see, every year the senior member of the Community Affairs Committee must take charge of staging the Christmas party. Steve's faith in Santa Claus is so negligible that he is worried stiff about what the seminarians can give to Sr. Robertina and Sr. Marciana.

To you Steve and to you also Ray Rau, I have but this to say: "Yes, boys, there is a Santa Claus. Not believe that he will be there at the party? For shame! You might just as well not believe in penicillin, ganthracine or Gunning."

Season's Greetings,
Otto

Three kings ride across the desert
Camel-borne across the sands
With one lonely star to guide them
Traveling far through foreign lands.

To the stable throne they hasten
And their new-born King adore.
They but kings of earthly kingdoms
Know their true Eternal Lord.

- Andrew Chrusciel



'Tis come! At last the sign appears,
The star of Jacob long foretold.
Ah, there it shineth bright.
What joyous news shall soon be told!

But lo! It moves and becks us come.
We go, yea, now arrive. A cavel
In straw-filled manger Christ doth lie
Who's come us sinners for to save.

Gerald Wahmhoff

Let

Let



the heavens rejoice and
the earth be glad . . .

(Psalm 95:12)



Angelic voices fill the air
With songs of love and chants of prayer
Whilst in the sky appears a light
Illumining the dark of night.

And shepherds lie in pastures near
Enrapt with rev'rence, filled with fear.
"Fear not," the angels say to them.
"Your King is born in Bethlehem."

Charles Wainwright



Through hoary Winter's cold I scurry
with delight
Down distant moonlit skies toward
Bethl'hem twinkling bright,
King David's ancient "bode, God's
newly chosen seat,
Where Mary's Babe is born, Whom
hasten I to greet.

Alas, I shudder in my beauty there
to shed
In humble praise and prayer before
His radiant head;
Though heaven-fashioned flake, yet
in His presence brought.
My dazzling grace outshone, I fall
resolved to naught.

John Kowaleski

EYE - WITNESS TESTIFIES

Golf Bows to Winter

BASKETBALL, SKATING TAKE OVER

It looks like old man Winter has once again descended upon St. John's "country club". Drifting snow now blankets the golf links. Although a few die-hards were seen making the rounds in the earlier part of this month, snow flurries and biting winds have driven the golf clubs back into the closets, and thus brought to a close the '55 golf season.

But with February just around the corner, those clubs will emerge from the closets as soon as the green grass appears, and another season of golf will then begin.

BASKETBALL

With the advent of cold weather, we see a little activity on the outdoor basketball courts. Our alumni at St. John's have been out on the courts quite regularly, getting in shape for the annual alumni game held after New Year's Day. Reports have it that most of our alumni there are sadly out of condition.

SKATING - HOCKEY

As we go to press, the little lake at St. John's is already frozen over but not yet safe for skating. All the students there are looking forward to another good skating season this year. Skating is quite popular there, whether one be an avid hockey player or merely a skating artist.

Although the lake is rather quiet now, it will soon resound with healthy shouts and the crack of stick on puck.



ALUMNI DAY

To help the theologians recuperate after their quarterly examinations, St. John's held their annual Alumni Day last month. It was a joyous day for all, both for the students and for the alumni who were in attendance, many of whom are also alumni of Saint Joe's.

ALUMNI section

CONGRATULATIONS

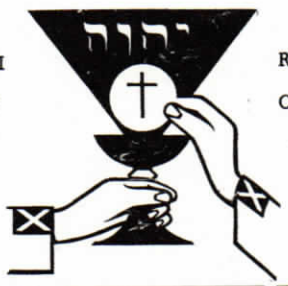
We would like to extend our most sincere congratulations to Rev. Mr. Virgil Gradowski, who will be ordained to the holy Priesthood on December 17, 1955. A graduate from St. Joe's in 1949, he studied philosophy at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and is now completing his theology course at the North American College, Rome.

We would also like to congratulate Rev. Mr. Robert J. Rose, who will receive the Holy Order of the Priesthood on December 21, 1955. He has studied at the Propaganda College, Rome, for the past four years. He graduated from these halls in 1950, and took his two years of philosophy at Seminaire de Philosophie in Montreal. May God bless them both on this joyous occasion.

VIRGIL GRADOWSKI

ORDAINED PRIEST

DECEMBER 17



ROBERT ROSE

ORDAINED PRIEST

DECEMBER 21

Alumni Pay Visit

A number of our alumni from Sacred Heart, on an extended Thanksgiving vacation, dropped in on us November 26 for a little visit. This black-suited invasion consisted of G. Ausberger, R. Badra, T. Dominiak, J. Sella, and A. Vainavicz. We all eagerly listened as the seasoned philosophers told us their tales of life at Sacred Heart.

HELP! HELP!

ALUMNI

Our reporter, E. Gadfrey finds it impossible to visit all of you now that winter has set in. Hence our only source of news is through your letters.

Please write!

READERS

We need your criticism to help make the Alumni section better. Won't you write us?

Alumni Editors



*A Blessed Christmas
To Our Alumni*

Gadfrey Gambols Again

Howdy folks, this is Gadfrey. I'm the new roving reporter for Saint Joe's Alumni page and I've got some mighty newsy things to tell.

But first I'd better introduce myself. You old-timers might remember me. I used to write occasionally for your Recorder - Gadfrey's Gamboling - remember?

Well, some young whipper-snapper called Otto beat me out of a job, so I turned foreign correspondent. And today, believe it or not, I'm a promising, young (?) alumni reporter. My real name is Ebenezer, but I prefer Gadfrey for short.

But as I was saying, some mighty newsy things have happened. This past month I covered the Sacred Heart story and surprisingly enough our boys there have finally settled down.

My first night, after a luscious supper I rambled into the Sem store for an extra dessert (ice-cream, candy, etc.) and whom did I see working (?) behind the counter but Joe Sella, also eating all the profits. I left immediately, for Joe had told me that he was dieting.

Then when they told me Ed Bourgeois and Bob Badra were in the Schola, I knew they needed my experienced help (no harm meant). So I tried to contact Fr. Brennan, the choir director. But it seems that Don Warwick is the student choir-master, and knowing me and my voice, he saw that I didn't see Fr. Brennan. Some gratitude, hey?

Rather dejected, I then turned to some pleasant recreation in their pool-room. But it wasn't long before I suffered a humiliating defeat at the mercy of "Cue-Ball Le Blanc", the renowned "Fanatic at the Pool Table".

Finally when I heard that Charlie Ausberger wanted to take my picture for their Gothic, I could not stand anymore. And being rather bashful, I packed my little bag and headed for home.

I did enjoy my visit though and am sorry I left so soon. (I really wanted my picture in the Gothic).

I realize you'd love to hear more about Sacred Heart, especially from me. But the boss just gave me a new story to cover. So til next time, wait patiently. I remain sincerely yours,

E. Gadfrey

Joint SCAS Meeting, Dec. 18 ; Apostleship Com. Presides

The words of Christ, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," can be very well applied to the speakers and their topics for the Apostleship Meeting, December 18, before a joint session of the High School and College SCAS. The theme for the meeting is simple, Christmas. But what topic is more dear to the heart of the seminarian at this time of the year? It is with these thoughts in mind that Thomas Thompson will speak on "The Seminarian's True Spirit of Christmas." "The Midnight Mass" and how it represents the first Christmas will provide Gasper Ancona with a topic inspiring to

any aspirant to the Priesthood. During Gasper's homily, Louis Anderson will play background music on his clarinet.

Mr. Antekeier and Mr. Droste, college and high school chairmen respectively, of the Apostleship Committee, have asked Mr. Anderson to play "Silver Bells" as entertainment. As it is tradition, some members of the second class will sing "Stille Nacht,"—Silent Night—in the original German. To provide us with music in a lighter vein, a special group of choir members will sing "There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays" to round off the last SCAS meeting of 1955.

Holy Liturgy, Greek Rite, Celebrated in Chapel

On Tuesday, December 6, the students witnessed the Byzantine Rite Mass in the chapel. The celebrant, Father Cuthbert O.F.M. Cap, visited the seminary primarily to direct the priests' monthly day of recollection. Lasting about ninety minutes, the Mass, called Holy Liturgy, was said according to the Rite of St. John Chrysostom. Fr. Cuthbert used Greek for the most part, but also some Old Slavic and English. The students were privileged to receive Holy Communion under both species. Msgrs. Falicki and Verreau together with

ten seniors, namely, Antekeier, Kowaleski, Maternowski, Ancona, Hengesbach, Sullivan, Wahmhoff, Theis and Sacristans Basso and Rudnik assisted Fr. Cuthbert with the ceremonies.

The students were deeply grateful for this rare privilege, especially after Father had instructed them in a brief address on the previous evening. After the Liturgy, Father left us with words to remember. He reminded us that the eyes of many enslaved Eastern Rite Catholics long to behold what we witnessed that morning.

Fred Kawa
IV High

Thank You

Contributions toward the financing of the RECORDER are daily finding their way into our cherished coffers. To all who express their good will to us in this way we are deeply grateful. Should there be others whose actions are yet in potentia, may we thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you that our address is still the same---600 Burton St. S.E., Grand Rapids 7, Michigan.

Santa to Visit Sem With Gifts and Good Cheer



Dalrymple



Probably the most enjoyable and appealing program of the seminary year is the Christmas Party. For many years it has been given in the den on the evening before the community commences its holiday recess.

The features of the variety show that the Community Affairs Committee, under the College chairmanship of Stephen Vesbit and High School chairmanship of Joseph Kersjes, has scheduled are many and varied. Nevertheless, the traditional characteristics of the Christmas party will be preserved. Santa Claus, of course, will make his appearance and will present the Fathers and Sisters with gifts.

The angel-tongued soprano choir, under the direc-

tion of Dale La Brie, will render "Birthday of a King". The Christmas Choralers will sing "The Carol of the Bells", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "O Tannenbaum", "Lo How a Rose", and "The Twelve Days of Christmas". A one-act play, "The Other Wise Man", and a short Latin skit will be the dramatic presentations of the evening. The sixth class will recite in a choral group the poem by Blessed Robert Southwell, "The Burning Babe", dedicating it to their professor of English poetry, Msgr. Falicki.

The program, says Stephen Vesbit, the general director, is progressing according to schedule and will be outstanding entertainment.

Special Thanks

Many thanks to James Fodor for lending a hand in the typing of this issue of the Recorder and to James Dalrymple for his art work. Thanks are also due to the entire staff and contributors for the fine cooperation rendered.

New Program Inaugurated

Seminarians to Assist at Solemn
Episcopal Functions

A new system of servers for the Bishop's pontifical ceremonies was inaugurated at Saint Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday, November 6. The occasion was the opening of the National Catholic Charities Convention. Under the new system eight seminarians, chosen from among the city students who are available throughout the year, will serve at every pontifical ceremony such as Christmas, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Easter Sunday, etc.

Members of this first group, trained by Fathers Rosloniec and Schoen, are the following College men: Messrs. Lomasiewicz, Mike, Philbin, Rudnik, Schiotel, Szubinski, Vesbit and Walke.

The purpose of this new system is to have available at all times experienced servers so that the ceremonies on these occasions may run smoothly. In the future, a second group may be chosen to alternate with the first group.



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HIGH SCHOOL DOWNS COLLEGE 12-6

Surprise Upset Caps Football Season



Although the basketballs are flying about once again on the outdoor courts and the weather is better suited for hockey pucks than pigskins, my thoughts somehow go back to the gridiron.

Perhaps it's because of Detroit's drafting of Hop-along Cassidy after a poor season or Michigan State's coming trip to the Rose Bowl.

Reports have been coming in from all over the state that a number of the members of the clergy football team had a difficult time walking the day after the game. Those crushing student blocks are often felt the following day.

The seminary winter football league is in full swing again. Father Zuidema, its greatest advocate, has been running about in snow for the last few weeks, riding pants and all. The league usually ends with the Christmas vacation.

Talking of football, the soccer players are at it again. Hugh Leveille and company have a grand time kicking an old deflated basketball around.

I hope you are not getting too confused but to get back to basketball I hear that the college boys are playing as gentle as ever. Phil Maslowski was out blocking dummies the other day; I wonder.

We have heard that our alumni at Sacred Heart are having a difficult time in finding the range in Sacred Heart's gym. Strange to say, most of the shots have been falling short.

For those who have read thus far I extend a hearty thanks. It has been a long and confusing grind. Merry Christmas!

M.S.

It's a crisp, chilly October day--a day perfect for football. We see two teams forming on the gridiron. Looking them over we see quite a contrast. Under the east goal, which the College team chose to defend, we see a big, bulky team, a little on the confident side. The squad does not seem to be worried about pre-game practice. Three thoughts dominate the scene--this is not going to be much of a battle; how high shall we make the score?...we should have a little mercy on the little fellows.

Under the west goal we see a silent but determined High School squad. There is not too much joking around as all are intent upon getting the feel of that pigskin. Here only one thought dominates--we have not too much and we know it, but let's give them a real battle.

Then the opening whistle blows. Each of the nine player squads pray their "Ave," and then the opening kick-off.

There are passes completed, passes intercepted, kicks blocked, good hard body blocks thrown, and everything else that makes up the wonderful game of football.

Now it is sixty playing minutes later. The final whistle has just blown. The score reads: High School 12, College 6. Football wise, the High School has pulled the upset of the year at St. Joe's. The High School is victorious after administering a

sound drubbing to a dumbfounded, surprised College team.

Five sixth classmen, John Kowaleski, Don Lomasiewicz, Phil Maslowski, Monroe Sullivan, and Stephen Vesbit participated in this annual classic for the last time. What an ending! Four other football stars of II College, Dave Adams, Gasper Ancona, Kenneth Schichtel, and Gerald Wahmhoff, were not present for the game. A.T.

Basketball, Outdoor Style

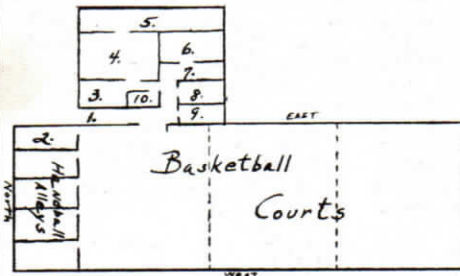


Sore backs, bruised shins and ribs are a sure sign that the outdoor basketball season has arrived. By 4:10 p.m., the basketball courts look more like Grand Central Station than the former tennis courts.

Wrestling, boxing, and football skills have been very valuable to all players. How else do they get rid of a half dozen fellows off their backs? Yes, this great sport should keep us all happy until baseball season, if we last that long!

Jim Jandron
I College

Work on Activities Bldg. in Full Swing



Sketch by J.E.S.

Article by
Ken Schichtel

Construction of the new activities building continues to advance at a constant and moderate pace. The outside walls are now nearly completed, except for the extreme south wall which must be left open to allow passage for the delivery of materials and for the admittance of cranes and trucks.

During the first days of November, however, construction seemed to progress very slowly. The contrary, however was true. The electrical contractors have advanced their work as far as possible.

The huge handball alleys are nearly completed. The floors and partitions of the small wing, which will contain shower and locker facilities, are also near completion. At present, construction of the roofs over the handball alleys and on the small wing has begun.

On November 16, the long-awaited steel began to arrive. On November 23, two large cranes were seen in action for the first time. Daily progress is now in evidence, as the workmen compete with old man winter and his icy blasts.

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP			
II Col.	18	- I Col.	6
I Col.	18	- IV High	0
IV High	8	- III High	0
III High	19	- II High	0
II High	7	- I High	6