

Board Strives for Greater Communication

Recently a group of interested parents of seminarians in the Senior House approached the rector with a plan for a channel of communication between themselves, the faculty and the students. A temporary board was appointed by the rector for two main purposes: 1) to arrange for the election of a permanent board which will have wide geographical representation and which will consist of faculty members, priests, educators, parents from throughout the diocese; and 2) to assist faculty and students at the present time in whatever way they are able until the permanent board is established. The members of the temporary board, besides Monsignor Moran, are Fathers Robert Rose, Robert Bissot and Gaspar Ancona; Mr. Jerry Hammond, Mr. A. J. Schinderle, Mr. George Tygielski, Mrs. C. W. Morrow, Mrs. Robert Swart and Mr. Eugene Kennedy, President of the Grand Rapids Serra Club.

The parents feel that a board of this kind offers great opportunities for the sharing of ideas among either the faculty or the student body as a whole. They feel that the dialogue which has been started can only lead to greater understanding and ultimately to the enrichment of the seminary in which they have such deep interest.

The idea of a type of seminary advisory board is indeed new, but not altogether unheard of. The faculty of St. Paul's Seminary in Saginaw has been discussing the organization of such a board for some time.

The permanent board is conceived as affording an opportunity for discussion of ideas between the seminary and the diocese as a whole and as a means of making the people of the diocese more aware of the seminary and its work in priestly formation. We anxiously await further developments in this promising new phase of seminary growth.

Fr. Rose directs the combined choruses as the second part comes to a close



Sheldon Complex Faces the Community

In an effort to learn more about the problems of the community in which the seminary is located and also to discover what is being done to solve these problems, three members of the Recorder staff, Bill Gebhard, Pete Garthe and Jim Hammond, visited Sheldon Complex, a complete aid center located on Jefferson Ave. in Grand Rapids poorest district. We interviewed

Mr. Albert Willis, the job development officer.

Sheldon Complex is an organization founded three years ago by Mr. Raymond Tardy, his brother, and Mr. Willis, to give the people of this area fast, effective aid in every area of need. It offers legal, educational, economic, health and welfare aid, along with a planned parenthood program to name some of the services. For two and a half years it operated on a volunteer basis; now, however, it is financed by the United Community Services, an agency of the Federal anti-poverty program. Its advantage lies in the easy access afforded to the people in need. The mode of operation seems to be to cure the current problem immediately and then to guide the people to take advantage of the long term services available through other regular aid agencies. The aims of the Complex are summed up in its program title - GAP - Growth, Achievement, Progress.

What are the prevalent problems in this section of Grand Rapids? To mention only a few: It has the highest school dropout rate, the highest rate of illiteracy; 80% of its potential working force is unqualified to obtain and maintain a job; 35% of the families are on welfare; it has countless unwed mothers, many as young as 12-14; 65% of the families are matriarchal.

We feel that Sheldon Complex under Mr. Raymond Tardy, its administrator, is providing an outstanding service to the community. We wish them all possible help and support.

The Sheldon Complex is distinguished only by a sign from the other houses in the neighborhood



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PSALM-THING WONDERFUL HAPPENING

On April 30-May 1 the Seminary presented its first Psalm Festival, sponsored by the Music and Art Departments. The underlying theme of the entire festival was the unfolding of God's eternal plan for our salvation. The program itself was divided into three parts.

The first part related how God revealed himself to us. It began with Psalm 8 as arranged by Fr. Joseph Galineau and performed by the seminary choir under the direction of Fr. Rose. Further development of the theme showed how God informed us that he is our Creator and as such he wants to save us from the slavery of sin. The String Ensemble illustrated this by singing Psalms 113 and 22 as arranged by Paul Quinlan, a Jesuit seminarian.

Part two presented the Messiah and showed how he, after redeeming mankind, would claim his place as king of the universe. This was voiced by the High School freshmen in Fr. Galineau's version of Psalm

92. The seminary choir and the high school chorus closed the second part with Fr. Galineau's arrangement of Psalm 116, a short fervent prayer calling all nations to join in a chorus of praise.

In the third and final part the idea that we all need to know and experience Jesus Christ as our brother was exemplified most powerfully in a prayer by Fr. Michael Quoist, as recited by the Second-year choral reading group directed by Fr. Zaskowski. The grand finale was the Flor Peeters' arrangement of Psalm 99 performed by the combined seminary choir and high school chorus under the direction of Fr. LeBlanc.

Our thanks go to Fr. Rose, who coordinated the festival, to Fathers Zaskowski and LeBlanc who assisted in the directing and to Fr. Ancona for the excellent art display which decorated the auditorium.

G. F. Brucker - III High

SEND ME A MAN WHO READS

On August 29 will you overcome momentary panic by speed-scanning a melodramatic biography of a saint and dashing off a stunning but brief report? Let's hope not, although it may be a ritual performance from past years. Religious reading must have a place in our summer schedule, if we are to continue to grow intellectually. Granted, it's not the easiest thing to continue in the summer, but the vital importance of spiritual reading cannot be overemphasized in this short piece.

For a few personal suggestions, I would urge the reading of the Council documents, with particular emphasis on the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World and the decrees on priestly training and ministry. These are basic to understanding the renewal instigated by Pope John. Several books have recently been published about today's seminary and seminarians. The Genuis of the Apostolate and Seminary in Crisis make for profitable study. Some sociological-religious works of value on the problems facing the Negro, the poor and the outcast are *My People Is the Enemy*, *No More Strangers* and *The Other America*, just to name a few.

With relatively new avenues of thought opening up on all sides there is plenty of room for investigation

of such topics as: Church and Metropolis (The Secular City is excellent), situation ethics, the "Death of God" theology, and non-violent peace-making.

If you're tired of outdated biographies of distant, unrealistic saints, why not check into the lives of some modern day personages? As suggestions I offer Tom Dooley, Mahatma Ghandi, Pope John, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Dorothy Day. Or, for a change of pace, how about Martin Luther, John Calvin or Joseph Smith?

Especially enjoyable and educational, I found, were *Honesty in the Church* and *The Comfortable Pew*, two critical appraisals on religion today.

The list is almost endless, but, in the final analysis, it's up to you. It's your responsibility, as a Christian, to increase your knowledge of Christ and the meaning of Christianity. If this knowledge leads to understanding, the understanding to love, and the love to action, you couldn't spend your time more profitably.

Joe Carmody - I College

AQUINAS COLLEGE REVISITED

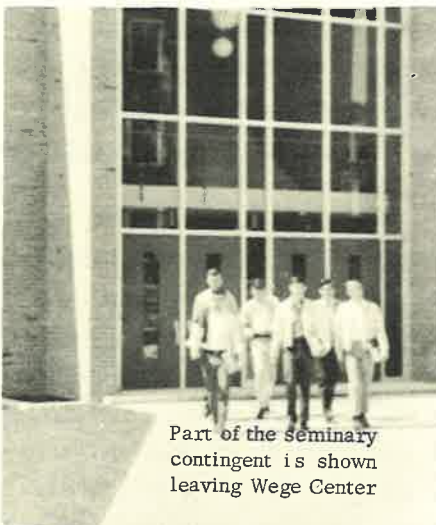
As we approach the end of the school year it seems appropriate to make a few comments concerning our affiliation with Aquinas College, with emphasis on the social and academic aspects.

This past year we took two courses at Aquinas as an experiment. The faculty wished to see if a feasible program of courses could be worked out between our colleges. This program, if successful, would expand in the future. The two designated courses were Music Appreciation and Physics. As an academic evaluation, it's safe to say that these courses fulfilled their function.

It was unfortunate that our music course had no students other than seminarians. And the physics course, with only a few Aquinas students, presented the same problem. This made it somewhat difficult to establish a sound social relationship with more than a few Aquinas students. The facilities of Wege Center helped alleviate this problem somewhat, but not suffi-

ciently to eliminate our feelings of social isolation.

The prospects for next year, with most of our courses at Aquinas, look good. It is hoped that the ad-



Part of the seminary contingent is shown leaving Wege Center

vantages and opportunities gained from attending Aquinas will better prepare us to function in the world as seminarians and as priests.

Randy Cirner - I College

J. D. SALINGER: THE THINKING MAN'S HERMIT

Jerome David Salinger is forty-seven years old, married, the father of two children, and the hermit of Cornish, New Hampshire, where he lives in isolation, off a winding dirt road surrounded by a high fence. He is possibly America's greatest living author, yet few people in town have ever seen him; even fewer have spoken to him; and fewer still have received any answer. As Holden Caulfield says, "You wish the author was a terrific friend of yours, and you could call him up whenever you felt like it..."

Salinger had a normal childhood. He never graduated from college, and attended only one course in short story writing. He served in the army during the war. Until 1953 Salinger was popular with the high school crowd and his house was a gathering spot at all hours. But that year marked the beginning of the public acclaim for *Catcher in the Rye*, and simultaneously the beginning of his self-imposed seclusion. Since then he has refused every interviewer, Book-of-the-Month Club and producer. He talks only to a limited circle of friends.

Salinger has actually written only four books in fifteen years, but all have enjoyed immense success, especially *Catcher in the Rye* (1951) and *Franny and Zooey* (1961), the latter being a combination of a short story and a novelette about his current interest, the zany Glass family. In 1953 he presented a collection of nine of his short stories, most of which were reprinted from the "New Yorker". *Raise High the Roofbeam, Carpenters, and Seymour: An Introduction*, further developments in the life of Seymour Glass, his favorite character, appeared in 1963.

Whether he is still writing remains a secret. One might well ask why he continues to write. It surely isn't the money, and he obviously shrinks from any public recognition. Perhaps he wants only to communicate in his own inimitable style with the youth of every age. Whatever the answer, despite the sometimes violent disagreement among critics, and regardless of his desire for anonymity, Salinger is sure to be remembered as one of the literary giants of our day.

Tom Drinan - I College

STOCK UP ON CULTURE

Once again, with the approach of summer, we like to plan activities for our spare time. For those who get tired of adjusting a fading TV tube and third run movies I've got a suggestion. Why not try to catch up on recent plays you may have missed on Broadway? There are summer-stock theaters nearly anywhere you go, and they are all putting on some fine productions in the next three months.

To take only a few examples, there will be shows of centuries past and others written in the last few years. There will be comedies and tragedies, ordinary and extraordinary plays and musicals. Because of limited space I can merely pick out a few worthwhile examples.

The Red Barn in Saugatuck opens its season this year with "The Subject Was Roses". This story of an ex-GI after the Second World War runs from June 27 to July 3. On July 12 the successful musical comedy "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will be performed. Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The King and I" will begin its two-week run on August 8.

The Ledges playhouse in Grand Ledge will also be featuring some well-known productions. One of the more recent plays will be "One Thousand Clowns." This story of an unemployed writer trying to bring up his young nephew was also made into a movie of the same name and was widely acclaimed. It plays from June 28 to July 2.

Other dramas scheduled are two of Shakespeare's: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "King Lear". The former, a comedy of errors involving a clan of fairies, will be presented between July 19 and 23. The latter, a tragedy of errors, will be performed from August 2 to August 6.

For local theater-goers, the Grand Rapids Circle Theater company will perform several comedies, including Jean Kerr's celebrated "Mary, Mary." For those who prefer musicals, "South Pacific" will be staged in mid-July.

These are just three of the many theatres throughout Michigan. If you look around you can probably find any play you'd like to see.

Michael Donnelly - I College

LOTS OF BREAD... AND CIRCUSES!

Amidst a partially-curtailed fanfare, the second annual version of Orientation Day took place on Wednesday morning, May 11. The arrival of a corps of prospective seminarians unfortunately coincided with a cloudburst that was to continue in varying degrees of precipitation throughout the day. Nevertheless, the traditional "show-must-go-on" atmosphere prevailed. With Ed Swart as general chairman of the festivities, our visitors



Introductions and the production of name tags are in full swing as the Second Annual Orientation Day gets under way

spent the morning on excursions through the campus buildings. Thoroughly indoctrinated with "semlore" by the students, they next assembled in various classrooms for discussions with different faculty members. Ever on the go, they attended Benediction as the morning became afternoon.

The inclement weather meant an indoor picnic, but the food tasted just as good anyway. Two groups of singing seminarians, the "Simpleones" and the "Nobodys" provided a little dinner music and the "Rodents" capped the indoor entertainment in their inimitable way.

The rain let up and that was the signal for the Student-Clergy game to begin. The students, behind Elmer Bunek, outlasted a rejuvenated clergy team in an old fash-

ioned slugfest, 11-10. Father Flickinger's two home runs gave hope to the clergy crew, but the students, sparked by a power display by Ran-



Fr. Flickinger performs the heroics for the Clergy team

dy Cirner, Jim Hammond and Joe Radelet, emerged as victors.

By late afternoon the trickle of cars began, and soon our guests



This highlight of Orientation Day speaks for itself



A packed house of parents and families turn their attention to the center ring as the entertainment portion of the day begins

UP WITH FUN AND GAMES

For the first time in the seminary history a family picnic was held on the school grounds on Sunday, May 8. This undertaking was the brainchild of Mike Donnelly from the senior house and Rick Weronko from the junior house. The purpose of the picnic was to give the parents of the seminarians the opportunity to come and meet each other. Students were urged to introduce their parents and family to the other members of their class and community.

Despite the cold weather and threat of rain, the families started arriving around 12:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. From then on, the cars kept rolling in. Spirits didn't seem to be stifled by the brisk weather. Accommodations for eating were arranged in the junior auditorium and senior den. The junior auditorium was also the scene for the entertainment put on by the community. Various individuals and musical groups displayed their talents to a packed house. A few new vocal groups made their debut on this occasion.

When the program inside was finished, the families moved outside or into the gym to make use of the sports facilities. A softball game was started, golf balls were flying all over the field, and basket-

were gone. But we'll be looking forward to renewing acquaintances when September rolls around.

Rex Verleger - I College



Giovanni Ferro makes his music with his bagpipes

ball and handball games were being played inside the gym.

The picnic came to a close with Benediction for the parents and families at 5:00 p.m. There seems to be general agreement that the day was a successful and rewarding experience for all.

Fred Czarnowski - I College



The local "Nobodys" swing with the "Furtown Sound" that has become their trademark in the entertainment business

IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY..

"The times they are a changin'," as the song puts it, pretty well sums up the spirit of our age. Everything is changing, evolving from one state to another - either advancing or retreating - but moving, nonetheless. Since evolution in the world has been going on for upwards of five billion years, major natural developments can't be perceived from one day to the next, or even in the space of a few years. To bring this idea a little closer to home, suppose we apply it to the present sixth class.



These nineteen young men have been under observation for several years now and already certain changes are evident. Actually the only physical difference from their college counterparts is housemaid's knee, which has become an occupational hazard for those who spend long hours kneeling in chapel. Of course, there have been natural changes insofar as many of them can't wait until the monthly Visiting Day to borrow their father's razor, but have to buy their own.



Jerry Stein and Stan Popowich pose for an informal picture for their fans



Local music men Mike McKenna, Al Wamhoff and Mike Murphy are caught in their native habitat, the hi-fi room

When this group arrived nearly six long years ago, the class was much larger. Several became extinct, however, following the old evolutionary adage "the survival of the fittest."



Tom Kibildis, Tom Zbikowski, Al Grabinski and Dick Host enjoy a smoke



To continue to apply the evolutionary analogy to their seminary career, these nineteen can be found somewhere among the more primitive upper primates. They still have a long way to go to reach their ultimate goal. Still, there is a



Recorder staffers Joe Radelet, Dave Hanley, Jim Hammond and Pete Garthe relax for a picture

marked distinction between who they are now and what they were six years ago. Their minds, far from being the vestigial organs found so often in contemporary society, have been growing to maturity and soon these seminarians, priestoids, will start using them to accelerate their evolution.

Now they must be sent home for a period of trial to test their adaptability to the world they will eventually work in. There they have to consolidate their gains and recognize their losses. After a short span of time they will go on to the second stage of their metamorphosis.

(Right above) Jim Loser and Frank Marfia stop fooling with their recorders for a picture

(Below) Mark Gardeski and Paul Banner find time to scan the newspapers



Our wish to these young men is that they continue to grow and develop. It's been our pleasure enjoy-



ing their presence, and we hope that our separation will be only physical in the coming years.

Michael Donnelly - I College



Intrepid photographers Bills Yagerlener and Gebhard are on the other end of the camera



Mike McKenna, Al Grabinski, Joe Radelet and Tom Zbikowski busy themselves during Latin class. Well, would you believe Greek?



Tom Zbikowski and Randy Cirner are caught in the act of stealing a Honda on the way back from classes at Aquinas



Paul Banner and a cute friend roam the fields on an excursion



As can be seen, intense studying is crammed into the five minute break between classes by these industrious collegians



Bill Gebhard dared the photographer to take the picture. P.S. He did.



Al Wamhoff, Jerry Stein and Paul Banner compare notes during the hectic break between morning classes

We're Going!



The ever-gracious Mark Gardeski obliges a Recorder request



Tom Kibildis pauses in mid-sonata for a breather before plunging on



Frank Marfia manages to stay in shape during the off season



The good weather and a cigarette combine to bring a smile to Dick Host's face



Jaunty Mike Murphy could pass for a spy in this photograph - a real collector's item



It's inter-Seminary Conference Time Again

ORCHARD LAKE HOSTS INTERSEM CONFERENCE

The Second Annual Inter-Seminary Day was held this year on May 7 and was attended by thirty college men from St. Joe's, Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary of Orchard Lake, Michigan, was host for the day. The campus, with its complex of buildings both old and new situated across the road from Orchard Lake itself, provided facilities which were quite adequate for the day's activities. Representatives from numerous other seminaries throughout the Michigan area including St. John's, Sacred Heart, St. Paul's and Columbiere present. There were also participants from several Protestant divinity schools who added much to the scope of the day.

The theme of the Conference Day was *The Renewal in Morality: Dimensions in Christian Love*. After a brief welcome by members of the host seminary, Fr. Thomas Barrosse, C.S.C., presented the keynote address with the theme: God calling man to love. Fr. Barrosse thereupon looked to Sacred Scripture as the first dimension of the study of Christian love. Having presented a brief history of the idea of fellowship as it is shown in the Old Testament, he discussed especially the insights of John and Paul in the New Testament on love and concluded by giving the basic characteristics of Christian love as he saw them.

The afternoon conferences were equally interesting. The theme was discussed in terms of man's re-

sponse by three speakers in succession: Fr. Jules J. Toner, S.J., presenting *Man's Natural Potential for Christian Love* and the philosophical dimension of love; Brother John Egan, F.S.C.H., presenting *Personal Growth Toward Maturity in Christian Love* and the psychological dimension; and Fr. John L. Thomas, S.J., presenting *Christian Love in the Technopolis* and the sociological dimension. Later in the afternoon each of the speakers conducted a discussion on his topic.

The Concelebration of the Lord's Supper was offered early in the evening. Archbishop Dearden presided as the main celebrant and gave the homily.

From the time after Mass through supper and lingering on past nine o'clock, the discussion and interchange was particularly good. The day ended as one by one the weary gentlemen left for their own seminaries, no doubt a little more excited about the Good News.

Joe Radelet - II College

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CONFERENCE

This year's Inter-Seminary Conference held at Orchard Lake was a truly worthwhile experience for our whole seminary college department. The opportunity to discover new seminaries and visit with old and new friends across the state makes the annual day a very profitable as well as pleasant occasion for all who attend.

The theme of the conference on the dimensions in Christian love was a very big topic for any group of people to discuss in one day. Because of this, the day turned out to be a rather monological experience in that we were left pretty much on the receiving end of the discussion. Some remarked how it would have

been better to break down into smaller groups as in the year previous. The speakers, nevertheless, did much in extending our questions and prolonging discussion on the renewal of morality.

It was in a renewed spirit, though, that we returned from the Second Annual Inter-Seminary Day. The cordiality of the host seminaries and the friendliness of all, a greater realization of the role of the seminarian today, and the study of love's dimensions in the world, all worked together to make the trip a success and a promising event for us next year.

Peter Garthe - II College

The Young Americans: A Candid Profile

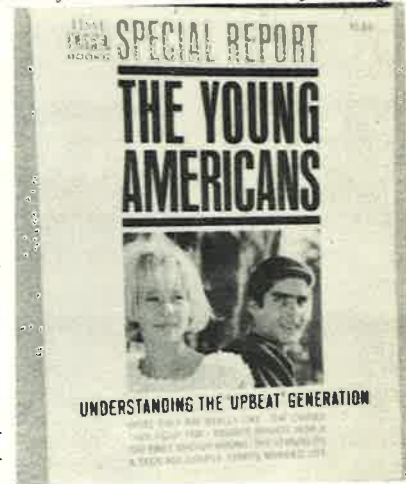
MAKING THE UPBEAT SCENE

What are we besides those maniacs who terrorize the roads, the wierdos who walk down the streets with more hair than gorillas, or those juvenile delinquents who all ought to be thrown in jail? About two hundred years ago, we would have been considered the backbone and spirit of our nation. A hundred years ago you could find us in offices, factories and stores earning a living for our families along with the rest of adult society. Twenty-five years ago, we were stepping out into the world with our contribution to society. It was true that we couldn't have been drafted till we were twenty-one, but any of our girls could have married at sixteen or seventeen and it wouldn't have been too earthshaking.

What has happened to this cycle of evolution, though? What has made us so immature and unreliable so suddenly? One thing is certain, today's youth is different, very different. These differences can be found in "The Young Americans", by Time-Life. It is tremendous in its criticism because it not only points out the faults and qualities of youth, but goes much deeper into many of the sources of these characteristics. It covers many of the facets of youths that make them live and act as they do.

I believe this report was made to let all know just who the "upbeat" generation is and I think in this regard it has done a very excellent job. I do not feel that it was meant to be an integral analysis of youth but rather a rudimentary outline that explains much of what is so confusing about the "wild ones". Why do they yelp when they are stepped on? Why do they feel they are being crushed? Why are they the way they are? -- "The Young Americans" has some answers.

Gerald Tygielski - IV High



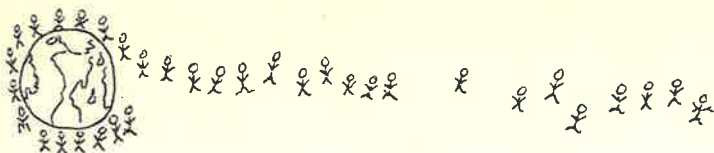
The young people of today are in a special class by themselves. They have very few things in common with any other age group in America today. This is very important to remember when analyzing the lack of communication between the teenager and the generation that preceded him.

Teenagers themselves, however, are far from being a homogenous lot. Their opinions will clash on a wide range of subjects -- from the situation in Viet Nam to popular music. But there is one thing upon which most of them agree. They do not want to live the same sort of lives that their parents have lived. They would much rather be themselves than just one of the crowd. This is one of the biggest problems in understanding today's teenager... Many older people feel that today's teenager is bad by nature. Thus we hear such terms as "Lost Generation" or "Beat Generation". Often they forget that modern youth feels exactly the same way about the older generation.

Professor Jerome Bruner, the educational psychologist at Harvard, has labeled this new generation "the most competent generation reared in this country -- and the most maligned."

As a young American myself and a member in good standing of the Upbeat Generation, I strongly recommend this Time-Life publication to all our readers.

Dave Ramsay - I College



STUDENT ESCAPADES GO INTERCONTINENTAL

LOOK out, world, here they come! Watch for 150 seminarians who are plotting a daring, daylight escape through the treacherous Burton Curtain on June 4. Our agents have infiltrated the student ranks and have returned valuable information of Operation Summer Activities to R.E.C.O.R.D.E.R. Central.

Al Grabinski, Tom Zibkowski and Randy Cirner are getting in shape for a wild, riotous weekend in New York City, while Governor and Mr. Wallace are awaiting a visit from Bob Hart and his family as they vacation in the South.

Plans aren't limited just to fun. Paul Banner and Rick O'Neill will experience the demanding life of counsellors for the underprivileged children at Camp Twin Oaks near Cadillac. Forming a discussion group among the teenagers at the Music Camp at Interlochen will be Dave Ramsay's special summer project. St. John's Home will serve as a base of operation for Carl Shangraw in his planning of summer fun for the children living there.

The Windy City of Chicago will play host to Mike Muszkiewicz and John Fink when they visit Friendship House to discover for themselves the complexities of the racial problem. Veteran Mark Gardeski is brushing up on his Spanish as he prepares to work as an apostle to the Mexicans in the Grand Rapids Diocese.

Christian Community Welcomes Four Ministers

"The office of pastor is not confined to the care of the faithful as individuals, but also in a true sense is extended to the formation of a genuine Christian community... (embracing) not only the local Church, but also the universal." Vatican II's Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests.

The quotation above gives us some idea of what the role of a priest is today. Its scope is wide. It includes responsibility for everyone. The priest is called on to form a genuine Christian community locally and universally. He is called upon to make a total sacrifice of himself just as Christ did.

This year, on June fourth, through the hands of Bishop Babcock, Reverend Misterns Del Tillman, Richard Van Lente, Bernard Korson and

Not even Uncle Sam's borders are limiting activities. Pete Garthe and Dave Hanley have set their sights on Arequipa, Peru, and plan to help the Jesuits there form a new parish. They will be working especially with the teenagers in organizing dynamic groups which will continue after they leave. Joe Radelet and Duane Davis, a subdeacon from Muskegon, will be laboring north of Mexico City with workers on an irrigation project and doing some catechetical work on the side. This writer will be spending several weeks touring Europe and plans to visit alumni Walt Derylo and Jim Kowalski in Rome.

Anything in the line of unusual activities? You bet! Mike Murphy hopes to take up "Kendo," the Japanese art of fighting with a short stick. Bill Kelly may get a crack at being a DJ on WXTO, the diocesan FM radio station.

Meaningful experiences, new friends, a broadening of interests and outlook -- all these will be the products of a summer well spent.

Mike McKenna - II College

Francis Murphy will undertake the task of fulfilling these and all other aspects of the priesthood.

Once again members of God's people will be called upon to lead, nourish and sanctify this People. Today the members of God's People are scattered and drawn apart by divergent concepts of Christianity and the many facets of the modern world uncondusive to the message of the Gospels. Through their union with Christ these four young men have the duty of forming these disunited people into a Christian community.

We would like to congratulate these four men on having reached the priesthood and extend our prayers and volunteer our aid to help them fulfill the role of Christ in today's world.

Jim Hammond - II College

A NUN AT THE NEWMAN CENTER

To help collegians today in their crisis, Sisters Christopher and Daniel Miriam, S.C., two of twenty-five nuns now on secular campuses, last September came to St. John's Student Center, near the campus of Michigan State University. In an interview Sister Daniel stated that her primary purpose was to be a counselor to confused young college students. She is someone to whom they may come to talk over their personal problems, questions concerning birth control, premarital sex, and doubts of their faith.



Fr. Zaskowski Celebrates Anniversary

On Thursday, May 19, the seminary community joined Father Joseph Zaskowski in celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination. That morning of Ascension Thursday, Father presided at the community Mass in thanksgiving for his quarter-century of service in the priesthood.

Father Zaskowski entered St. Joseph's Seminary in 1929, and completed his high school, college and philosophy courses here, graduating in 1937. He studied theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati and was ordained in St. Andrew's Cathedral by Bishop Plagens on June 7, 1941. Father's first priestly appointment was as assistant pastor at SS. Peter and Paul's parish in Ionia. In 1942 he was transferred to Sacred Heart parish in Mount Pleasant, and in 1946 started twenty years of hard labor as a member of the seminary faculty. He was first put in charge of the seminary store and then promoted to procurator, a position he has held ever since.

Those of us who know Father well know that underneath that formidable exterior he displays as the stern taskmaster of seminary work crews there lies Father Joseph Zaskowski the man. The man who likes to terrorize his third-year Latin classes with monster stories... The man who could build empires out of Army surplus shelving if he were only given the chance... The man who could squeeze English assignments out of a turnip.

But for Father Joseph Zaskowski the educator, the friend, the priest -- we join him in his gratitude for twenty-five years of untiring zeal in the ministry, and sincerely pray that he may continue to serve God and God's people faithfully for many more years to come.

Dennis Morrow - IV High

Sister Daniel also feels that one of the Church's greatest apostolates is the secular campus. The sister and the priest, to use Sister's words, are to be "the fuel behind the fire." The fire is a truly Christian community, made up of knowledgeable young Christians who are living examples of their faith. The non-Catholic student is still suspicious of the sister or priest, whereas a roommate is more approachable and acceptable. That is why the young collegian or coed must have a strong faith and a profound grasp of all that the Church teaches. Furthermore, Sister would like to see postulants and seminarians on the secular campus to help in this apostolate, while in turn receiving a deeper understanding of the problems facing Christians.

Right now Sister is forming a small group of committed, young Christian leaders, in the hope of developing a truly Christian community. The initial start is a week-end full of stimulating discussions and liturgy, similar to the T.E.C. weekends, followed by weekly discussions in groups of five.

In addition to her counseling and catechetical work, Sister helps with the liturgy at the Student Center, visits dorms and holds discussions, and eats with the students as much as possible so that they might become familiar and approachable. Thus Sister leads a very exhaustive life, which, she confesses, takes a strong faith and a deep Christian commitment.

Martin Frisosky - I College

MUSKEGON AND GRAND RAPIDS SERRANS GIVE SEMINARY \$1,000

On April 20, during the Combined Charter Night Dinner of Serra International at Spring Lake, Mr. Richard Fox, the President of the Muskegon Charter, presented a burse of \$1,000 to Bishop Salatkka to be used for the seminary. The burse represented the combined efforts of the Grand Rapids and Muskegon Charters. A gift of this sort is most often used to purchase library books and text books for the seminary.

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ELEGY FOR AN EDITOR

Well, the final issue for the year 1965-66 has gone to press and a familiar name will not be found in its accustomed spot. After two years of hard work, Jim Hammond has earned a vacation. Not that he has been turned out to pasture just yet or anything of that sort. We direct your attention to page one for evidence. And the Hammond touch is still present in the form of much technical advice.

I don't think it's unfair, although the opinion is obviously prejudiced, to say that the Recorder has come a long way in the past two years. We've received numerous letters which were kind enough to confirm this opinion. It's been challenging work for us, trying to write something worthwhile for a corps of readers whose backgrounds are so widely diversified. But we've enjoyed it.

It has been my pleasure to work with Jim for the past two years; as a result, it has been his burden to do the work of more than one man. But he has given more than generously to the Recorder for two years and for that we owe him at least a word of appreciation.

IN THE EVENING OF THE YEAR . . .

It's something of a tradition about this time of year that the editor use up a column or two on random musings and various debts of gratitude.

Since we are notorious for our low salaries, we're grateful to those writers who agreed to complete their articles in rapid time, on short notice, and under the constant pressure of a prodding editor. Our unsung heroes, the typists, deserve a word of praise for being available at all hours to decipher rough drafts and transfer them legibly to copy sheets. A special thank-you goes out to our two capable photographers who put in several hours of overtime, at no increase in pay, to prepare the attractive pictorial elements of this issue. Jim Hammond gets his glory in the above article. And our largest bouquet goes to our imperturbable moderator, Father Ancona, who guided the Recorder through many a missed deadline and came through it all without a hair . . . out of place. His advice and suggestions have been instrumental in making the Recorder something to be proud of.

And to our faithful followers in many cities, states and countries, we voice our indebtedness. Your comments and criticisms, pro and con, kept us on our toes in an effort to improve the quality and to present articles that would be worth your attention, whether you be an alumnus, Serran, parent, grade-schooler or student. We are genuinely interested in what you have to say and will continue to solicit your letters in order that we might keep the necessary contact with the minds of our readers.

It has filtered down to us that, on occasion, people have thought the Recorder to be worth discussing. This is the highest form of flattery we know of, that we have been able to get a response from our readers. A paper that doesn't induce some reaction must not have much to say, we feel.

As our thoughts turn to summer, the staff of the Recorder would like to wish all our readers a profitable and enjoyable vacation that will offer increased opportunities for growth in the spirit of true Christian love.

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EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME

June 4 marks the day when our schooling ends and more education begins. With the summer vacation drawing closer and closer, it's a good time to take stock of our upcoming opportunities to increase our knowledge of Christ and our fellow men. Summer vacation is perhaps the seminarian's greatest chance for on-the-job training. The apostolic activities of the school year offer tremendous opportunities for learning about people, true; but even here we are limited to a certain type or class of people.

Of course, the vacation will bring us this "education in humanity" only if we let it. Shockingly enough, the seminarian who isolates himself from the "world" and associates only with other seminarians, or worse, with no one at all, either has no interest in his vocation or has a warped concept of it. The seminarian who feels that he must not use to his advantage the good and enjoyable things of this world simply because he is a seminarian is stifling his progress on the road to becoming a well-rounded human being.

The summer vacation offers wide opportunities for a real growth in other areas, too. Just refer to the article on "summer stock" elsewhere in this issue for a sampling of Michigan's delectable cultural tidbits. Spare time should present no problems to the seminarian. There's plenty of reading to do, spiritual and otherwise. In all these activities we should be eager to discuss their value with others, with fellow seminarians, or with our parish or seminary priests throughout the summer.

Three months certainly isn't very much time to do all this, but it's a start. Let's see what we can do with it.

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SPIRITUAL READING CAN BE FUN

Yea, summer is here - no more school, no more books, no more studying, and no more God! No more God? Yes, I'm afraid that many of us put away God when we put away our books. Summer is indeed a time to relax from the drudgery of schoolwork; but we cannot be lax in our spiritual part of life because God doesn't take a vacation in watching over us.

Spiritual reading is one of our best exercises that enables us to get closer to God and to learn of His goodness. We all manage to find time to read James Bond novels, the comics, Mad, and whatever. Ten minutes of good, wholesome spiritual reading isn't really too much to ask from a person who depends upon God for the other 23 hours and 50 minutes.

A few books which I found very interesting and would recommend for some summer spiritual reading include: Be Yourself - Your Best Self by Joseph E. Kerns; That Man Is You by Father Evelyn; and There's Two of You by James Kavanaugh. Prayers by Michael Quoist is a fascinating book well read, or "prayed", by many all over the world. Thomas Merton, the famous Trappist monk, has many challenging books. No Man Is An Island, Seeds of Destruction and Seasons of Celebration are but three examples.

If all goes well, maybe our library will be operating this summer. If not, then there will need to be some personal initiative to keep abreast! Either way, it's up to each one individually to use his good judgment. Good luck and happy reading.

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