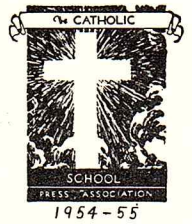




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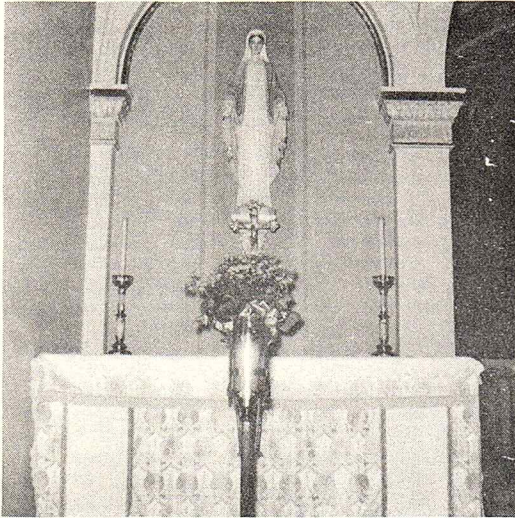
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Ad Malorem Dei Gloriam

November - December

## STUDENTS IN OPERETTA



Pictured here is a front view of our Marian Shrine, erected in the Seminary chapel at the beginning of the Marian Year, December 8, 1953. Students helped support the shrine.

### 'COX AND BOX' CHOSEN AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

This year's Christmas presentation will be different from plays of past years. The students, under the direction of Father Hackett, will enact the English musical comedy, Cox and Box, written by Arthur Sullivan.

### Sister Mary Anita Dies

Sister Mary Anita, aged 62, of the staff of Dominican Sisters here at the seminary, died at St. Mary's hospital on November 17, 1954.

Sister was born in Beal City and joined the Dominican Sisters of Marywood Academy in 1912. She served God and Church in Lake Leelanau, Muskegon, Weare, Maple Grove, and North Dorr.

From 1928, upon her retirement from teaching, until 1950, Sister Anita was stationed at St. John's home in Grand Rapids. From 1950 until her death, she served us at the seminary. Among her duties here, Sister was engaged in the sewing of altar linens and antependia for the seminary chapel.

Upon the announcement of her illness, priests and students at the seminary prayed daily for her recovery. On November 19, a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered in the seminary chapel for the repose of her soul. Father Wilson O. P. chaplain of Marywood chanted her Solemn Requiem in the Marywood

The cast includes Joseph Sella as Mr. Bouncer, Anthony Vainavicz as Cox, and Monroe Sullivan as Box. These three were chosen from the college, and Roland Spencer, Ronald Fries, and Joseph Schmiedicke, as Cox, Box, and Bouncer respectively, were chosen from the high school. A chorus of thirty voices, directed by Father John Thome, will also be on hand to afford entertainment to the audience before the presentation and to assist the actors in singing various selections.

The chorus will entertain the audience with five selections entitled God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, O Tannenbaum, The Holly and the Ivy, Lo, How a Rose Tree Blooming, and Carol of the Bells. These songs will be rendered in four voices. The chorus will also join its voices to those of the actors by background singing, especially in the Finale, which is entitled My Hand Upon It.

chapel Saturday, November 20. Among those present from St. Joseph's were our Sisters, Monsignors Falicki and Shaw, and Father Hackett. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

## Marian Year Closes

The Marian Year having drawn to a close, it is fitting that we review the activities connected with this special year in Saint Joseph's Seminary.

On December 8, the first day of the Marian Year, Monsignor Falicki opened it with the Mass of the Immaculate Conception in our seminary chapel, with a sermon by Father Moran. Taking as his text the encyclical Fulgens Corona Glorificae, Father Moran explained the purpose and end for which the Holy Father had proclaimed a year of special devotion to the Mother of God.

On this day also we viewed for the first time our Marian Year shrine. Our sacristans, Terrence Yule, Joseph Aubin, Richard Basso, and Thomas Scholler, kept a vigil light burning constantly and placed flowers before the altar as often as the liturgy permitted.

On the following Saturday, we organized pilgrimages to the various Marian churches within walking distance of St. Joseph's. This practice was continued on many of the follow-

ing Saturdays of the year.

During Benediction on Saturday evenings, in addition to the usual chanting of the Litany of Loreto, we recited Pope Pius XII's Marian Year prayer.

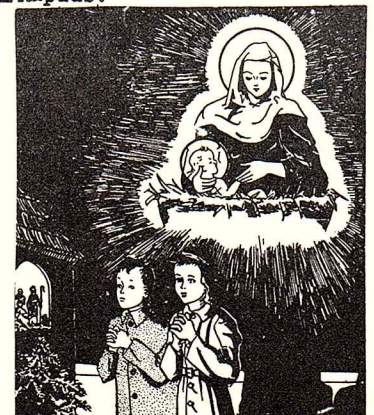
The Feast of the Purification on February 2 was celebrated by a solemn High Mass in the morning and Benediction in the evening.

On March 25th, after the Solemn High Mass of the Feast of the Annunciation, the Blessed Sacrament was solemnly exposed for the remainder of the day, thus observing a great feast in a special way.

During October, special devotions were held every evening. The Rosary was recited, followed by the Litany of Loreto, the Marian Year Prayer, and a specially indulgenced prayer to St. Joseph.

During the last nine days of the Marian Year, as a preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception, novena prayers were said during Benediction. On the final day of Mary's year, the Mass of the Immaculate Conception was solemnly chanted. Monsignor Shaw preached the sermon.

A Blessed  
Christmas  
to Our  
Readers





College SCAS News

College SCAS has taken part in the study of a variety of fields and subjects since the last review of SCAS events. On October 17 the Angelic committee considered the background and life of St. Thomas Aquinas. Stephen Veasit presented an outline of the history of Europe from 1227-1250. James Thelen retold the childhood of Thomas Aquinas, and Joseph Aubin sketched the youth of the Angelic Doctor.

The Academia committee focused attention on modern missionary heroes. On October 24, Joseph Aubin recounted the history of the Maryknoll Missionary Society. Stanley Brock related the adventures of Father Thomas Price in China, and Robert Maternowski revealed the fate of a modern martyr. Father Gerard Donovan.

Encyclicals on the Sacred Heart of Jesus occupied the Apostleship committee on October 31. Monroe Sullivan first of all explained the term and usage of the word "encyclical." Richard Basso presented in detail, as a background for the following speech, the life of Pope Leo XIII. Edward Bourgeois then explained Leo XIII's encyclical Annun Sacrum and Pius XI's Quas Pri-mas. The Apostleship then commemorated the Poor Souls in a Latin speech, De Animis Fidelium Defunctorum, by Gaspar Ancona.

The Democratic committee presented some modern history on November 7. Charles Auserber explained the purpose of NATO, Kenneth Schichtel outlined the UN's aims, and Donald Lomasiewicz reviewed the Korean War.

Painting was the topic which the Newman committee chose for its November 14 meeting. David Adams gave the origins of painting; Robert Kline discussed the life and paintings of Leonardo da Vinci, and Daniel Ellertorpe examined the life and works of Raphael.

The Eucharistic committee kept its pace of different but interesting topics. The roster of speakers for November 21 consisted of Joseph Zenk, Thomas Dominiak, and Edward Bourgeois. Zenk recounted the fascinating tale of the Society of Jesus; Dominiak explained boredom and its cures; Bourgeois, speaking for injured Alvin Waikie, considered Holy Mass under its social aspect.

At the unusual time of 7 o'clock in the evening, the Latin Club was initiated into College SCAS. Its chairman, Joseph Sella, explained the purpose of the Latin Club and then called upon the following speakers to develop the aims of the club. Robert Barrera gave us a

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The Church's liturgy is full of the real significance of Christmas. She prepares us for it by a period of four weeks of penance--a word which in our day has a bitter ring for some people for the simple reason that they have lost the real meaning of the feast for which it prepares us.

# High School SCAS News

The all over tone of the High School S.C.A.S. since October, when last account was given, has been somewhat elevated, that is, speeches have had more quality and the entertainments have been more as the name suggests--entertaining. This can only be due to the fact that someone is working behind the scenes. This "someone" is the Board of Directors. The Board has been striving to effect whole hearted co-operation on the part of the S.C.A.S. members and it finally looks as though it is achieving success.

On October 17, the Angelic Warfare presented a well balanced meeting on St. Thomas Aquinas and his virtues. Speakers were: Pat McCoy, Al TenEyok, Vern Armbrustmacher, and Ed Konieczka. All the topics dealt with the saint and phases of his life. On October 24 we witnessed an interesting meeting under the Academia whose topic was Home Missions. The speakers were Charlie Wainwright on "Negro Missions," Mike Wilcome on "Mission Sunday," Bob Gronan on "Bishop Baraga," and Bill Walters on "Indian River."

On October 31 the Apostleship presented Andy Chrusciel on "The Mass, a Great Treasure", Jerry Norman on "Outline of the Mass," Norm Seigel on "Explanation of the Mass," and Don Dietz on "Mass Vessels, Vestments, and Colors." On November 7 the Democratic presented: Jim Rudnik on "History of the Democratic Party," Fred O'Neill on "Democratic Policies" and Dave Gemund on "Famous Democrats." On November 14 the Newman gave us "Classical Music," by Felix LaPres, "Brahma, Beethoven, and Bach," by Ray Rau, "Chopin and Paderewski", by Joe Iciek. On November 21 the Eucharistic presented: Tom Thompson on "St. Alphonsus" Bob Stasker on "St. Paschal Baylon" and Al Theis on "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament." On November 28 the Latin Club at its inaugural meeting gave us: C. Wainwright on "the Latin Club," T. Scholler on "The Importance of Latin," and J. Droste on "Cicero, Virgil, and Caesar." Allen Tarabochia

Which side of Christmas is more important to us? Of course, we all say the spiritual side is more important. But do we prove it by our lives? If we were to have the material joys of Christmas taken away, would we be saddened by their loss? If so, we had better examine ourselves. G.S.



## Observations By Otto

After a nice long summer vacation on the road, it was certainly good to get back to the seminary. I am always just as anxious to come back to school in the fall as I am to leave when summer draws near.

As far as television goes, we certainly get our share of it here. Besides seeing "You Are There," "Omnibus," and "Hall of Fame," each Sunday, we have seen lots of football -- the "Game of the Week" every Saturday and the pro games on Sundays. We all enjoyed the Notre Dame - Southern Methodist, Michigan - Ohio State, and Army - Navy games. As for drama, we watched Shakespeare's "MacBeth" on a two-hour program on Sunday, Nov. 28. We miss very much Bishop Sheen's program "Life Is Worth Living." Because of time difficulties, the program could not be worked into our schedule.

The building has resounded of late with music as Fathers Hackett and Thome labor with their boys to prepare the Christmas program. With Arthur Sullivan's musical, "Cox and Box", and a chorus singing Christmas carols, the program should prove rather enjoyable.

Monsignor Falicki went deer hunting this year,

### COLLEGE DELVES INTO EUROPEAN HISTORY

Three afternoons a week we college men attend an interesting lecture course of European history. As we transcribe Father Moran's wise words to our notebooks, our spirits are taken back to the times of England's great monarchs and Germany's riotous nobles. Urged to delve more into the secret mysteries of historical deeds, college men are likely to be found perusing the most hidden volumes of the library. The most reliable sources of information are given us by Father Moran.

Further use of the library is provoked by the historical essay assignments as research work for the first term. Research is necessary in any branch of study and contributes impetus to any writing or speech. The historical essay not only opens to the student the enjoyment and education of research work but it also ac-

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but he came home empty handed. I'll bet he could tell us some nice stories about that big one that got away.

The new Latin Club committee, under the college chairmanship of Joseph Selia, assisted by David Adams, and under the high school chairmanship of Fredrick O'Neill and his assistants Charles Wainwright and Peter Hirsch, was initiated into SCAS with its first meeting November 28. I would like to wish the committee the best of luck and much success in its work.

You can imagine our surprise several weeks ago when we saw Father Bielskas' new car. I mean that '54 Customline, fire-engine-red Ford convertible, complete with duals and white side wall tires. We were further amazed when a couple of days later it turned back into a green Mainline Ford.

With a prediction of a White Christmas I shall leave for my Christmas vacation.

Otto

### Mr. John Bellardo M.S.

Surely if someone were to drop in on one of our Chemistry classes on Thursday afternoon he would see a strange sight. He might see chemistry students tensely grouped around their tables wearing goggles and watching intently while liquids fume and bubble in beakers, crucibles and retorts. Strange things happen during this ill-fated time. Nothing harmful will happen of course because Mr. Bellardo, our chemistry teacher, carefully watches over everything, but comical incidents do occur as a result of the ineptness of some students. Now else could it happen that the students in the rooms near the chemistry lab often hear such boisterous laughter during chemistry class? But all through this class Mr. Bellardo keeps things under control and discharges the duties of a good teacher in chemistry.

Since 1944 we have had the privilege of having John Bellardo M. S. as our teacher in science and mathematics. During the summer of that year Msgr. Noa engaged him to teach Physics for an accelerated

## CAC Presents Annual Christmas Party

On Saturday evening, December 18, the annual Christmas party, under the direction of the Community Affairs Committee, will be held before the Fathers, Sisters, and Seminarians. The CAC promises an entertaining program.

### COLLEGE SINGS

A choir of twenty seminarians of the college department joined some sixteen hundred grade school children in a Marian Year celebration held at Saint Andrew's on December 4.

High Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception was offered in the presence of Bishop Allen J. Babcock by Msgr. William J. Murphy. The College Choir under the direction of Fr. Thome chanted the Proper of the Mass, Gaudens Gaudebo. The entire assembly of children sang the Ordinary from Mass IX and Credo III, with Fr. Thome directing. After the singing of the Gospel, the whole congregation recited a solemn dedication to the Mother of God. During the Offertory the children sang a Gregorian Ave Maria. Mr. Robert Barrera and Mr. Joseph Sullivan, accompanied the seminarians' and childrens' singing respectively.

After our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Mankowski, calls upon the eight voice chorus to sing Oh Little Town of Bethlehem in three parts, a skit entitled "Midnight Mass" will be presented. The plot runs as follows: On Christmas Eve, grandfather, who has refused little Tim's plea to go to Midnight Mass and adore the Christ Child, has a dream in which the Three Kings tell him the Christmas Story in poetic language, and he is converted.

The soprano choir singing their Virgin Slumber Song and the chorus singing The First Noel in three parts, will be followed by the reading of a Christmas poem. The chorus will then render its last song - A Christmas Carol. Next, in a short skit, Santa Claus will be on trial for usurping the spirit of Christmas. Before being banished from Christmas, however, he is permitted to give out his presents to the Fathers and Sisters. After the gifts are distributed, the community will bring the party to an end by singing Silent Night.



Two of the things which Fr. Bielskas and the masters of ceremonies find hard to instill into youthful servers are: first, the necessity of genuflecting without slouching, and secondly, folding hands correctly with fingers together and pointing heavenward.

Golembiewski was puzzled the other day when he saw Santa Claus in Herpolzheimer's and also in Wurzburg's. Will somebody please give him the whole story?

### Condolences

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Joseph Giammona, father of John Giammona, an alumnus of St. Joseph's Seminary. Mr. Giammona died November 7.

Fredrick O'Neill  
IV High



## MY IDEAL THE PRIESTHOOD

In this modern day and age, many Catholic people consider the priesthood as just another occupation, a good way to make a living, and what is even more absurd, a good way in which to earn enough money, in order to buy a new car every year. Yes, I have heard several Catholics voice these very opinions concerning the priesthood.

Yet, these several false opinions concerning the priesthood only make me more readily realize what the priesthood means to me. To me the priesthood means that I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, administer the sacraments, and preach the word of God, in order to bring all the souls under my care into the kingdom of heaven, if it be the will of God that I be ordained a priest.

My goal, the priesthood, is daily drawing nearer and the meaning of the priesthood daily makes its self more manifest to me. The priesthood, then, means this to me, it is the work of saving souls, of winning the world for Christ.

Ralph Wojtkowiak  
II College

## I Was A Special

On my arrival at the seminary after I had completed my freshman year at West Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids, I found myself lacking the knowledge of Latin required of a student entering the second class at the seminary. I was told by Monsignor Falicki that it was not necessary for me to take first year Latin again as other special students were obliged to do, for he thought I was not too far behind. So I entered the second class. It took me about a semester before I caught on to the teaching method of Monsignor Verreau, our Latin teacher, and my Latin course proved to be very enjoyable and successful. The other subjects were mostly a continuation of my high school course, and thus they became quite easy at times. One of the main difficulties I had outside of learning Latin was adjusting myself to the schedule and routine of seminary life, which took only a few weeks, since it was stricter than that of high school; but this difficulty is met and conquered by all students who come to the seminary.

James Rudnik  
IV High

## George Finds True Santa

I remember when I was very young - about six or seven years old - that I had a very poor idea of the true meaning of Christmas. I had reached the stage where I had ceased believing in Santa Claus and hoped for merely material gifts. It was at this stage that my father told me a story which I should like to pass on to you.

There once lived a boy, George Matthews, who was very proud and arrogant. He always thought he knew everything. Talk of Santa Claus and "good will" bored him. He never even thought of the true meaning of Christmas.

Since he was still at a tender age, his parents were very concerned about his scepticism. They determined to try to make him feel the spirit of Christmas. They tried to teach him about the wonderful thing that happened in Bethlehem.

All their efforts were met by the scornful attitude which had become so characteristic of young George. So his parents re-

"Were you looking for someone?"

"Why yes," replied Mr. Matthews. "We were looking for Santa Claus."

In an undertone, the manager told him that Santa Claus had quit.

Meanwhile, George had been gazing around at the toys with his hand over his mouth, suppressing yawns.

As George and his parents were leaving, however, they looked back and saw Santa Claus sitting in his customary place. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews led their son over to him.

Much to their surprise, George very eagerly ran to Santa's outstretched arms.

"Where did this Santa come from? How did he exert such an influence on George?" These were the questions that the Matthews asked themselves.

They were wondering even more when they saw that their son looked happier than they had ever seen him before. Coming closer, they expected that they would find Santa promising George trains, drums, can-



solved that if they could not instill the spiritual idea of Christmas into their son, they would at least try the material.

Therefore, one day they took him to a very large department store with the intention of presenting him to Santa Claus.

They entered the store and immediately went to the toy department. In the place where Santa Claus usually sat, there was nothing but a vacant chair.

The store manager, seeing the bewilderment of George's parents, approached them and asked,

and all other sorts of goodies; but instead, they heard him tell, in the most simple and beautiful words, the story of Bethlehem. After a time, Santa seemed to vanish into thin air.

And from that time on, George was very conscious of the meaning and spirit of Christmas.

"What was it that Santa did to make George change?" I asked my father.

My mother simply said: "With God all things are possible."

David LeBlanc  
II College

## DE NATIVITATE

Of thee, O Mary, the long-awaited Christ was born. The Scriptures were fulfilled on that blessed morn. The Jews and Gentiles both to the Christ Child came Amidst angelic hosts who Him did King acclaim.

An angel told the shepherds where the Christ Child lay. Before the new-born King they bowed their heads to pray. A star did lead the Magi to that humble cave, Their gifts of gold and incense to the Christ Child gave.

O princely Child, at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Again You are reborn and we will Thee receive. O princely Child, our Lord and King, we Thee adore. Our humble love we give to Thee for evermore.

Allen Theis  
IV High

## LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW BOOKS

Devotional, historical, documentary, fictional--these are but a few of the fields covered by the books recently added to our library. We are fortunate in acquiring such an expanse of material within so short a time.

A number of books on and in Spanish are among the late arrivals. It is the intention of the Rev. Librarian, Fr. Moran, to eventually create a distinct Spanish division in the library. A generous representation of fine authors, both classical and recent, forms a substantial percentage of the volumes. Here we find the flawless style of Poe, the intricacies of Hawthorne, the mannered pacifism of Tolstoi, the sustained genius of Homer, the satire of Cervantes, and the newness and insight of Chekov. To mention these few is to neglect many others just as worthy.

Perhaps the most complete section of the newcomers is that on matters of a religious nature. These books, both in English and French, are far from restricted in theme and topic. One might classify them under the respective general headings of apologetics, dogma, moral, and the spiritual life.

Add to the above a sprinkling of history and the natural sciences and you have a rough idea of our latest literary acquisitions--extensive without being haphazard, intensive but within our reach.



Merry Christmas

## History

quaints the student with the form and construction of the essay. Father Moran's goal is that we learn to do research through the essay.

Though this presents one aspect of our history course, this clearly shows the variety and the usefulness afforded us in one of the most interesting of our classes. Joseph Aubin  
II College



# our alumni in the news

## NEWS OF SAGINAW ALUMNI

The big news from Saginaw Diocese this month comes from Dan Mulka and four of our alumni of this past year, Joseph Sanchez, Donald Warwick, Terrence Yule, and Norm Zielinski.

Joe, Don, and Terry have settled themselves at Sacred Heart, Detroit. Don, whose talent for editing a school paper has already been recognized, has been named associate editor of the Gothic. We hear that he has been enjoying his appointments in the study hall; and that he is taking instructor's lessons in swimming.

Don and Joe have joined the Schola (choir) at Sacred Heart. Don is in the second bass section but Joe has joined the first tenors. Joe's voice is changing in his old age.

At Orchard Lake, Norm Zielinski has joined Dan Mulka, who is now in second philosophy. Norm seems to be quite busy, but we hear that he has time to show the students there how football is played, St. Joseph's style. He also has been trying his hand at pool and has been beating Dan regularly, so Dan admits.

Dan has an important position on the theme committee of the school yearbook and is again on the library staff. He is already making plans for his graduation next spring.

## From Our Readers

"Thanks for the copy of the Recorder, which I always find interesting."

Most Rev. Charles D. White

Spokane, Washington  
"Enclosed find my contribution to the Recorder."

Rev. C. J. Zawacki  
Portland, Michigan

"...With every best wish and blessings of Our Divine Lord upon the grand work that you are doing in His vineyard, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
Rt. Rev. Wm. E. Fraser  
Muskegon, Michigan

"Best wishes for a successful year! My regards to all the Fathers."

Rev. R. J. Bassett  
Garden, Michigan

"Bishop Woznicki asks me to express his sincere thanks for your kindness in sending the Recorder for 1954-

## Two Alumni Ordained at Rome, Dec. 8

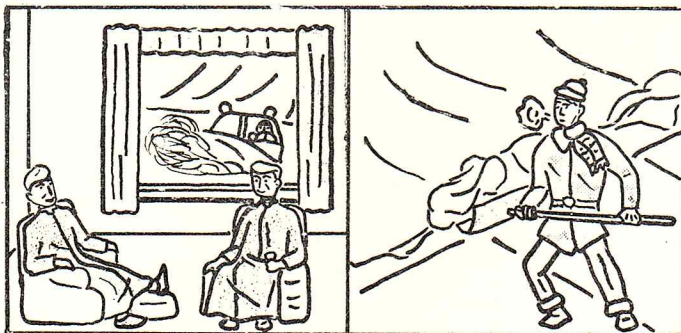
We sincerely congratulate Fathers Sylvester Fedewa and Patrick Schoen on the event of their ordination on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1954. They were ordained in the North American Seminary chapel.

Fathers Fedewa and Schoen, who have been studying in Rome since 1951, will finish their studies in July, 1955.

## WE HEAR FROM OUR C.R. ALUMNI

Charles Dautremont reporting from Washington tells us that the philosophy students have been busy with a number of extracurricular events. Chief of these has been touring many of the art galleries in Washington and also an Appalachian Mountain trip. Charlie has also had the opportunity to witness a Byzantine rite High Mass and hear

their new surroundings. The students have been keeping themselves busy with pool and billiards and also swimming and skating in their spare time. Albert Couturier is said to be acquiring a certain skill at pool and Ed Boucher at polishing off the food. One of the major events thus far in the year has been a fire drill in the evening after many



the continuous flow of music that is rendered by the choir during this Mass. While noting their various activities we wish to extend our invitation to hear more from our alumni in the nation's capitol.

The latest reports from Montreal inform us that our second year philosophy alumni are finding their studies a bit harder this year than last. However, interest is high as they wade through the intricacies of philosophy. The first year philosophy students are also reported to be fully acclimated to

of the students had retired for the night. It seems that one of them was even taking a shower at the time and a trip down the fire escape (as the stairways were supposed to be blocked) in the warm weather, at the time about 29 or 30 degrees, proved to be a trying experience for even a seminary student's stout heart. A philosophy exam also proved interesting for the men in the North and they are also looking forward to another one before beginning their Christmas vacation.

55. With all best wishes,

I remain  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev. James A. Hickey  
Saginaw, Michigan

"Best wishes for a successful year."

Rev. Leo S. Rosloniec  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
"...A little 'something' toward the Recorder. Best of luck!"

Rev. Frank Kupinski  
Greenville, Michigan

"Blessings on your work!"

Rev. Jos. Wiekierak  
Maple City, Michigan

The Recorder Staff is deeply grateful to all who have written to us. More than eighty Alumni and friends have answered our letter, assuring us of much-needed spiritual and financial help. In return we promise continued prayers and a renewed effort to keep all readers informed through a better Recorder.

## OUR LANSING ALUMNI WRITE

Most of our news at this time around comes from St. John's Provincial Seminary at Plymouth. We have learned several things of interest to us from Rev. Mr. James Sullivan whose letter provided your alumni-editor with several chuckles. To begin with, news comes to us that Wayne Atchison is on the ball, reconditioning bowling pins. Also, James Barret has charge of the crypt sacristy there at St. John's.

Richard Currier is still the quiet lad from Battle Creek who never laughs at his own jokes. Recently, James Novak, who has inherited the stewardship of the book store, had a sale on words, i.e., the unbound word. That is giving your job a fresh approach, James. Then, we were surprised to hear that Leon Pohl's latest combination is bridge and archeology. Jerome Schmitt has earned the title "Bowling Alley Man" of the seminary, while rumor has it that Eugene Sears is a member of the "Polar Bear Golf Unit." To top it all, we are told that Donald A. Wieber's rare delicacy now is bananas.

Finally, as the Bishop always comes last in a procession by way of importance, so also should we treat our deacons. Rev. Mr. Bill Flick is given the epithet "honorable" by his fellow deacon Rev. Mr. James Sullivan. After that remark James adds rather subtly that all deacons are honorable. Well said! He also informs us of the constant confusion of names between himself and Lansing's James Sullivan.

The only bit of other news we have comes from Detroit. We are told that Bob Bennett is now in the Sacred Heart Seminary choir. Dan Spitzley is in charge of work in the nature of our Community Affairs Committee here at St. Joe's. Speaking of "the only bit of other news," we would certainly appreciate a word or so from our alumni at Washington. Perhaps the next time we may be able to give a better picture of our alumni.



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## CLASS GAMES

### 2nd College Are Grid Champs

Among the more desperately fought football games of the season were the class games between second and first year college and fourth year high school teams. The second collegemen, after several battles, were the undisputed champs in the seniors.

The two upper classes of the house battled through four scoreless quarters on a very muddy gridiron. The standouts for the sixth class were Ralph Wojtkowiak, Leo Gengler, and Joe Sella. Monroe Sullivan, Gerry Wahmhoff and Don Lomasiewicz played well for the fifth class.

The seniors of the high school department caught the fifth yearmen flat-footed in the first half to take a 13-0 lead. Although the collegemen tried desperately to come back in the second half, the seniors were not to be denied the victory as they went on to win 13-6. Gerry Norman and Tom Scholler were the big guns in the IV High attack and Mon-

roe Sullivan and Gerry Wahmhoff starred for the losers.

In the game for the championship of the upper house, a strong II College team took on a light and fast Fourth High team. The wind favored no one so right from the start this shaped up as a close game. The collegemen scored first, but Ed Bourgeois missed the extra point. Following the ensuing kickoff the high school came back in six plays scoring on a pass from Theis to Scholler. As Hawley's extra point was wide, the score remained 6-6. With time running out in the second period the Sixth Class had the ball on its own eight yard line with 3rd down and 7 to go. Joe Sella passed complete to Ralph Wojtkowiak on the 15 who ran all the way to the high school's 9 yard line before he was caught by Tom Scholler. Three plays later Jim Thelen scored his second TD of the day. Ed Bourgeois made the extra point.



### 4th High Topples 3rd, 27-6

The fourth class defeated the high-spirited third class 27-6. The game provided much excitement as the fourth class backfield of Allen Theis, Tom Scholler, and Ron Fries frequently completed tosses to David Hawley and Joe Schmiedicke. The third class struck deep into fourth class territory late in the first half. Norman Siegel then hit Tom Sabourin with a pass for their only touchdown. Joe Suchoski and Vern Armbrustmacher also played very well for the third yearmen.

A powerful third class downed the second class in a 19-0 victory. Tom Sabourin scored the first touchdown, but the attempt for the extra point failed. The next touchdown was made by Bob Tilmann. Again

the attempted extra point failed. Gene Beiter donated the next six points to the score and a third attempt for the extra point by Norm Droski was successful. The desperate attempts of the hopeless second class to cross the goal were fruitless.

The more experienced second classmen downed their younger opponents with a crushing 45-0 defeat. With Donald Dietz and Mike Haviland completing many passes to Pat McCoy, Joe Iciek, and Bob Knieper the second class crossed the goal line time after time. For the first yearmen David Gross, Frank Kozarski, and Tom Fitzgerald, along with Mike McBarnes and Mike Sommers, played desperately, but failed to cross the goal before the final whistle blew.

## SCAS

quick glance at ancient art and culture. Richard Basso expounded necessity for seminarians knowing the Latin language well. Joseph Aubin emphasized the warlike history of ancient Rome.

## League Review in Football

### Seniors

The Senior football league ended its second half of play this year in one of the closest races in years. The teams were very well balanced and the championship was not decided until the last game of the season.

After a very slow start in the first half of play, Hess, led by Father Zuidema, Bob Kline, and Ron Fries, secured the second half championship by defeating Alger in the last game of the season.

In second place are Alger and Long with identical records. Alger, with a slow but powerful squad and defense, led by Jim Thelen and Leo Gengler, was in contention for the title until the final game. Fr. McKinney's Longites played very consistently throughout the second half, and managed to gain second place. Other standouts for Long were Dave Adams, Joe Flickinger, and Bob Mankowski.

Doyle and Blair are tied for last place. Doyle, led by Ralph Wojtkowiak's fine passing, never seemed to have any good breaks. Although they had a fine line and a strong offense, they won only one game. Blair, with Joe Sella and John Kowaleski, just could not seem to get going in the second half, but they were always a threat to the leaders.

Thus ends another senior football season. Thanks for the co-operation, fellows.

### Intermediates

In the second half of the season the intermediate games proved to be games of defense rather than offense as can be seen from the many scoreless ties.

## Diocesan Football

Seniors  
Grand Rapids, 25  
vs. Saginaw, Lansing, 0  
Intermediates  
Grand Rapids, 13  
vs. Saginaw, Lansing, 6  
Juniors  
Grand Rapids, 20  
vs. Saginaw, Lansing, 0

Led by their captain Dick Witucki the Pike squad took first place in the second half. Joe Suchoski, Bob Tilmann, and Pat McCoy teamed up with him to get their team rolling.

Under the leadership of David Hawley along with Tom Sabourin and Mike Haviland the Whales took second place.

The Blue Gills with Ken Veneklasen at quarterback along with Fred Erhardt and Tom Philbin tied the Minnows under Jim Rudnick, Ray Rau, Tom Thompson, and Donald Dietz for third place.

The passing arm of Hugh Leveille along with the receiving of Bob Cronan, Joe Kersjes, and Leonard Gross brought the Perch into fourth place.

Rolland Spenser, Larry Pashak, and Norman Siegle played outstandingly for the fifth place Bass.

Fred O'Neill, Joe Schmiedicke, Vernon Armbrustmacher, and Bob Knieper played well for the sixth place Sharks.

### Juniors

The second half of this football season has come to a very successful close. The Owls gained first place through the magnificent passing of Kozarski, the receiving of Tilmann and Byrnes, and the clever strategy of Stasker.

In second place, the Gulls, captained by Kelch owed their success to Voyt, ace passer, with Gross and Smolinski as ends.

Next in the race came the Parrots, led by the combination of Korson, Sommers, Riffe, and McBarnes.

Not far behind followed the Hawks. Lippe, Fitzgerald, Novetski, and Menzel contributed to whatever success this team enjoyed.

The Sparrows through the efforts of Alvesteffer, Driscoll, VanLente, and Schultz, obtained fifth place.

The Robins held the undisputed last position. The blocking of Arends, the passing of Metiva, the catching of Moran, and under Captain Kubiak made this team what it was.