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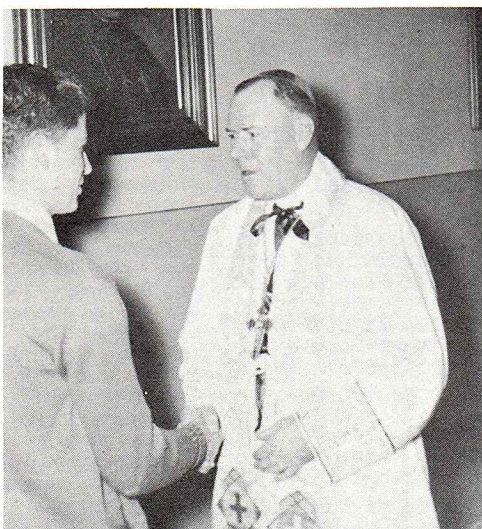
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BISHOP BABCOCK GREETES SEMINARIANS



"Richard Witucki, Bishop. Saint Joseph's Parish, Manistee," adequately expresses the meaning of the smiles in this photo snapped during Our Bishop's recent visit.

Seminary Observes Bishop's Anniversary, March 25

On the Feast of the Annunciation the Seminary Faculty, Students, and Sisters joyfully joined with Our Most Reverend Bishop, Allen J. Babcock, D.D., to observe the eighth anniversary of his consecration to the episcopacy.

Bishop White III

News has come to the Seminary that His Excellency Rt. Rev. Charles D. White, D.D. Bishop of Spokane, Washington, is seriously ill. Bishop White was Rector of St. Joseph's from 1919 to 1927. We sincerely pray that God will restore the Bishop to health and to his work for souls in his Diocese.

Renovation

Recently, work was begun to renovate the science room. Before Easter, some students under the direction of the Maintenance Committee, removed the old desks and chairs, and filled holes in the floor with cement. During Easter vacation seven new, all purpose lab tables were arranged in the science room and the plumbers began to connect the plumbing fixtures. The plumbers completed their work on April 21 and the tables are ready for use.

In the future the tables will be used for chemistry, biology, and physics.

The occasion marked his elevation to the hierarchy at the hands of His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Mooney, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit on March 25, 1947.

Solemn Mass Coram Episcopo was offered by Msgr. Falicki with Fathers Hackett and McKinney as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Father Bielskas was Master of Ceremonies, while Fathers Zaskowski and Moran served as chaplains to his Excellency. Present also were Monsignors Shaw and Verreau, and Father Zuidema.

Father Thome, choirmaster, directed the Student Choir and Community in the chanting of the Mass of the day. Included in the musical program were the Missa Choralis by Refice, and Diffusa Est Gratia, a supplementary Offertory hymn by Peel.

Following the Mass, Bishop Babcock spoke briefly in thanks to the Fathers and Students for the spiritual bouquet prepared for him. In recalling significant facts about the priesthood and our place in it, he reminded us how it differs from any other profession, for the priest works not only with persons, but with the minds and wills of persons.

Most memorable of his words to us were those with which he concluded: "I wish you would make it a habit to pray for your Bishop, because I pray for you everyday, making a special memento at Mass for you, the Faculty and Students."

Immediately after the ceremony in the chapel, Bishop Babcock greeted the students individually and accepted their congratulations.

TV Mass Vocation Days at Cathedral

On Sunday, April 17, at 11: A.M. television history was made here in Grand Rapids with the presentation of the first of a series of regularly televised Masses via WOOD-TV. Of greater interest to us here at Saint Joseph's was the fact that Msgr. Falicki, our Rector, was the celebrant for this Mass. His server was Charles Ausberger, II College. Preacher for the occasion was Father John McGee, former professor at St. Joseph's and present Administrator of Saint Andrew's Cathedral. Father Hugh Beahan was the narrator.

Among those present in the studio-chapel were John Wisneski, Norman Droski, Norman Seigel, Fred Kawka, Walter Burinski, and James Pawlak, members of the Third Class.

In addition to future student participation as servers, Fathers Moran, Hackett, McKinney, and Zuidema from the Seminary are listed among the many priests of the diocese who will appear in subsequent telecasts.

Members of the Student Body have been called upon to assist in the preparation of the seminary display for the Vocation Days Exhibit at Catholic Central Gymnasium on April 30 and May 1. Stephen Vesbit is chairman of the Special Press and Bulletin Committee which has the task of assembling the material previous to final display downtown. Other members of the committee are David Hawley, Walter Burinski, and Joseph Finnigan.

General theme for the display is "You - A Priest of our Diocese." Features of the exhibit will include pictures and posters of life at Saint Joseph's Minor Seminary and Saint John's Major Seminary, a colorful showing of slide films about student activities, distribution of literature to the youth from the ten counties immediately surrounding the Grand Rapids area, and a student representation from our College and High School Departments.

Coming Up

May 19- Ascension Thursday

May 25- Open House and Field Day

May 29- Feast of Pentecost

May 30- Memorial Day

June 3- Beginning of Final Examinations

June 8- Closing Exercises

Debates

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Editorial

Welcome! St. Joseph's Seminary extends itself in welcome to the future candidates for the priesthood. It joyfully opens its doors on Field Day to those who wish to learn something of the future home. One day will not suffice to give you the entire picture of seminary life, but it will at least give you a better understanding of Seminarians and of St. Joseph Seminary.

And of St. Joseph Seminary. You will find out first hand that seminarians have a very lively interest in sports. They love the friendly competition in the field events. After a good dinner you will enjoy a spirited Clergy - Student baseball game. You will find the typical seminarian not only a hard fighter and a good winner but also a good loser if necessary.

But you may say that in all of this you will see only the athlete, but not

the seminarian at prayer or at study. Unfortunately you can not see everything in such a short time but you can learn a lot about these things from the students themselves. You will be surprised how much information a few questions will produce or even just listening to the students talking among themselves.

When all is said and done, seminarians are about the jolliest people to be found anywhere. They work hard but so does any one else who believes in his goal. They pray hard because no one like them realizes how much they need prayers. They play hard because they see the need for relaxation for a hard working mind. Yet there is nothing gloomy about them. Contrast a group of seminarians with a group of regular high school boys some time and you will see what I mean.

NEWMAN ESSAY CONTEST RESULTS

During February and March the High School New-Man Literary Society conducted an essay contest.

On March 27, after the judges had made their final decisions, Al Theis was awarded first prize in the fourth class, The Life of Christ by Ricciotti. Tom Scholler and Ron Fries took second and third respectively.

Woman Wrapped in Silence
by John Lynch was awarded
to Walter Burinski of the
third class. Second and
third place honors went to

Tom Vesbit and Mike Wil-
come.

In the second class Joe Iciek won the first prize, The Family That Overtook Christ by Fr. Raymond. Second and third place winners were Peter Hirsch and Gene Alvesteffer.

Among the freshmen Larry Spitzley's essay won first prize, with John Schultz placing a close second. Jim Croninger took third place.

On the whole the essays, though few, were well written and interesting.

Orations! The word sends a chill running up and down the spine of some, thrills others.

February 27 Thomas Dominiak showed us the benefits of Credit Unions in a twenty five minute oration.

March 27 Joseph Aubin pleaded with those of us who had taken French or were taking it to continue studying the language after finishing their course. None of us were able to begin a credit union, but several sixth classmen were seen studying a Berlitz French book a few days after Joe's oration. The same day Charles Ausberger showed us what was wrong with Right-to-Work Laws and what we could do about them.

Edward Bourgeois on April 3, explained what would happen when AFL and CIO coalesce. He showed what wrinkles might result and how they could be ironed out. Robert Badra next told us in true Ciceronian style why we have juvenile delinquency, why we shouldn't have it, and how we can combat it.

Final reports on the thirteen orations yet to be delivered will appear in the Graduation Issue of the Recorder.

$$V_S^S R \quad a_t \quad W_o^r k$$

On March 7, the College dormitories were invaded by the VSSR.

The VSSR? You don't know what it means? Read on, sir, read on! Any similarity with the USSR and points Eurasiatic are unintentionally coincidental.

In pursuance of the program initiated by our Reverend Procurator during the summer of 1954, the bedrooms no longer languish in the drab, uninviting buff of pre-war days. Instead they are brilliantly shaded in divers tones of ivory, aquamarine blue, twilight grey, and a highly-guarded secret mixture, known only to the public as VSSR grey.

The VSSR is a corporation which accepted the contract of Father Zaskowski to carry on his project of Operation Facelift throughout the upper stories of the building. Its chief stockholders are "Shep" Vesbit, "Slug" Sullivan, "Laz" Szubinski, and "Ramion" Radamacher.

Frankly, the criticism of their superb craftsmanship, to say nothing of the choice of tints and taints, has been as wide-

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It was Benjamin Disraeli who said that he was bound to furnish his antagonists with arguments, but not with comprehension. In like fashion did sixteen classmen debated recently - providing us with much confusion and not a little knowledge.

On February 17, Joseph Aubin and Edward Bourgeois contended that the Wolverine State (that's Michigan) ought to enact a Minimum Wage Law. Robert Badra and Charles Ausberger seemed to prove to both judges and students that this was not the case.

Then, after a welcome intermission of two weeks, the Bingo question was thoroughly hacked over by James Bozung and Daniel Ellert Thorpe, who favored the closing of all lotteries, and Leo Denslow and Ralph Wojtkowiak, who upheld these as means of Church support. The former impressed the judges so much that they won this official vote, while the latter tasted victory in the students' vote.

Washington, D.C. is not the only scene of debate over private and public control of utilities. On March 13, a debate on the same subject was conducted in our very own gym by Leo Gengler and Robert Mankowski who supported private interests and David LeBlanc and Robert Kline of the Negative team, which contended that the T.V.A. should be operated by the government. After a very lively rebuttal session, the Affirmative debaters allied a unanimous victory to their credit.

The last debate was held on March 20. The resolution for the morning read: Resolved that a maximum speed law be adopted for the State of Michigan. Both the affirmative team of Gerald Schneider and Anthony Vainavicz and the negative team of Joseph Sella and James Thelen managed to provide us with a morning of statistical enjoyment. The judges cast their ballots for the affirmative while the students, all safe drivers, rallied for the negative.

Richard Basso
I College

In Greek class one day, Father Zaskowski said: "Well, in chapter three we will be getting into the meat of the story." Ever alert Ken Schichtel remarked: "It's a good thing we don't have this on Friday."

Our Patron St. Joseph

When we speak of St. Joseph we always seem to speak of him as a dull saint. Well, St. Joseph may seem to be a dull saint, but this apparent dullness comes from his tenderness and kindness.

Whenever we think of St. Joseph's saintly life we think of his great chastity and purity. But the thing that we forget is, although he was a chaste and holy man, he was also a hard working man who did his duties with fervor and zeal. When he did his daily work, he gained much merit because he did it for the love of God.

This is where we as seminarians could be better by trying to live like St. Joseph. Some might think of him as a saint who never grants many favors. But when we pray to St. Joseph it is very certain that our prayers will be answered. Perhaps we usually think of him as an old man who was the foster-father of Jesus and the protector of Mary. But the different titles in the litany of St. Joseph certainly show us that he is more than just the foster-father of Jesus and the protector of Mary. Certainly then we can see that St. Joseph really is a great saint.

Joseph Iciek
II High

Marion Yost

I myself have worked with Mrs. Marion Yost in the kitchen now for almost three years and yet hardly know her name.

Mrs. Yost is a very friendly and hard working lady who runs the dishwasher and helps the Sisters in the kitchen. She always has a pleasant smile for everyone and a kind word for the students who help her with the dishes.

She was born in Wright, Michigan, in Ottawa County in 1899. As a young girl she attended St. Joseph's School there. In 1922 she married and is now the mother of seven children. Mrs. Yost is now a widow. Her husband died a few years ago. She lived in Alpine until 1940, but in that year she moved to Marne where she lived until 1952.

It was in September of 1952 that Mrs. Yost moved to Grand Rapids and came to the seminary to help in the kitchen. Mrs. Yost is now a member of St. Alphonsus Parish.

We all hope that Mrs. Yost will spend many more years with us.

Robert Mankowski
II College

The Efficiency of Dry Cleaning

In this essay I do not intend to convince the reader on the efficiency of dry cleaning. Rather, I would like very much to give the reader an insight into the literary craftsmanship that is possible for a person laboring under imposed pressure, to produce. This essay has been written by a seminarian for his beloved table prefect who gave him this composition for placing his feet in an undesirable manner on his recently pressed trousers; that is the trousers of the prefect, not of the author.

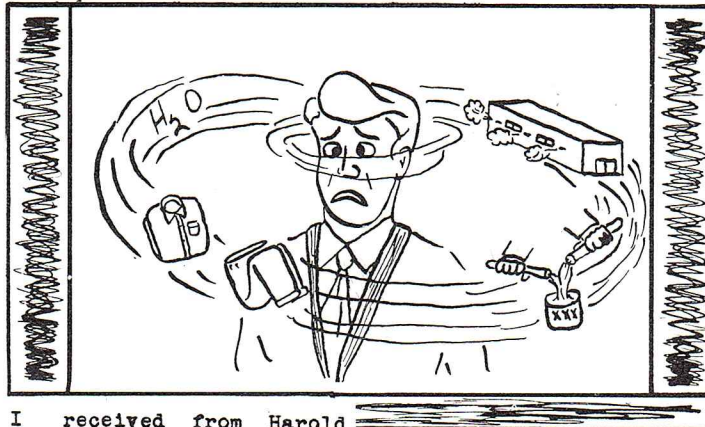
This essay deals with the efficiency of dry cleaning. I imagine it must be very efficient, or I would not be writing a lengthy treatise on such a subject. I am not an authority on dry cleaning, never having gone through the process. I use water which, of course is wet. The formula for water is H_2O , whatever that means, which

way, these chemicals, that is, the dry ones, not water, which also must be a chemical, since Harold Young studied about it in chemistry, and which has a formula of H_2O , that is, the water has, not Harold Young. In case the reader has been confused, I am talking about dry chemicals.

These chemicals are put into a machine which makes a lot of noise, which brings me back to table 18, which also makes a lot of noise. Speaking of noise reminds me of my prefects, so I will get back to dry cleaning.

This dry cleaning business I think is a racket, and my prefect is connected with it. That is why I am writing this English masterpiece, which I think is to be used for advertising purposes, in which case, dry cleaners will go broke.

Anyway, this dry cleaning business is usually



I received from Harold Young, who takes chemistry from Mr. Bellardo, who also teaches at Aquinas College, who sits at our table; Harold Young, that is, not Mr. Bellardo.

Well, considering that dry cleaning is dry cleaning, I do not imagine water is used, which, as we have observed, is wet, and which has the formula of H_2O , having been told me by Harold Young, who sits next to Ed Zickus, who sits on table 18, which is now in revolt from table 18, of which Scholler and LaBrie are prefects, and that is why we are in revolt.

Now, back to dry cleaning. In dry cleaning, they, that is, the dry cleaners, not my prefects, use chemicals which must be dry, otherwise it would be wet cleaning, and if they want wet cleaning, they might as well use water which is cheaper and wetter than the dry chemicals they use in dry cleaning. Well, any-

carried on at a dry cleaner's. At these unique places there are pipes coming out of the side of the building from which steam issues forth. Now, steam is a form of water which has a formula of H_2O and is wet; that is, the water is wet, not the formula. Now, if the dry cleaners use water they are a bunch of fakes, because they are really wet cleaners and are cheating the public out of a lot of money by saying they clean clothes by dry cleaning, when really they do it by wet cleaning which can be done at home much cheaper. From this essay, the reader can see that the dry cleaners are confusing the public, my prefects are confusing me, and I am confusing everyone by my essay on the efficiency of dry cleaning.

Tom Scholler
IV High

Al May

About two years ago a new janitor came to our seminary. He was none other than Al May, a tall and well-built man. He had shortly before retired from the Grand Rapids Fire Department which he had served for thirty-six years.

Al was born in 1894 in Alpine Township, ten miles north of Grand Rapids. He was baptized in St. Joseph's Church, Wright, and received most of his education at the parish school there. He worked on his father's farm until 1916 when he began working with the Fire Department.

Today Al is a member of Holy Name Parish, here in Grand Rapids. He is the happy father of seven children. His duties here range from dusting and cleaning the dormitories, to cutting the grass.

A friendly greeting, a happy smile, and a kind and gentle attitude towards everyone are the chief characteristics of Al, which made him a friend of all the students.

Robert Kline
II College

Leo Gengler was rather surprised the other day when, after prayers before supper were finished, no one ascended the rostrum to read. So was everyone else. It was Leo's turn to read in the refectory.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes to Harry Sikorski, an alumnus of St. Joseph's Seminary, whose mother died recently. You may be sure that we will remember her in our prayers, Harry.

The Passion

The hands with scars we know so well...Belong to Christ who long ago...Was mocked and scourged and put to death...Upon a cross--He suffered so... Because our sins were weighting down...The heavy cross upon His back...As on His Way He walked to death...From death came hardened sinners back... to Life again for Christ Our Lord...Held fast by nails and pierced by sword...And so those hands which hindered were...Remind us of that Hill afar...Where Life was won by Love and Pain...Reflected in each hand and scar.

Charles Wainwright III High



Faculty & Students — St. Joseph's Seminary - Spring 1955

Fifth Row, standing, left to right.

T. Thompson, J. Kersjes, V. Armbrustmacher, J. Rudnik, T. Scholler, R. Witucki, A. TenEyck, J. Pawlak, P. Kolbiaz, M. Fox, R. Fries, T. Philbin, F. O'Neill, J. Fodor, W. Walters, J. Neiman, P. Corcoran, E. Bourgeois, R. Basso, J. Kowaleski, R. Mankowski, L. Denslow, R. Barrera, G. Ancona, F. LaPres, T. Vesbit, J. Wisneski, R. Knieper, G. Jacobs, D. Gemeund.

Fourth Row, standing

J. Aubin, J. Bozung, P. Maslowski, K. Schichtel, D. Ellerthorpe, R. Wojtkowiak, R. Badra, L. Gengler, L. Gross, D. Dietz, J. Flynn, N. Droski, D. LaBrie, P. Hirsch, R. Kubiak, F. Kawka, R. Cronan, W. Burinski, J. Suchowski, C. Wainwright, B. Korson, R. Stasker, P. Cwik, T. Burgess, L. Voyte, T. Fritzgerald, D. Tilman, A. Moran, M. McBarnes, J. Droste, L. Ward, L. Fussman, J. Sapak, L. Gula, A. Theis, G. Norman, K. Veneklase, M. Wilcome, M. Haviland, J. Finnigan, A. Walke, M. Sullivan, R. Kline, J. Zenk, G. Antekeier, D. Lomasiewicz, D. Adams, T. Sabourin, T. Kozicki, F. Erhard.

Third Row, sitting

D. Hawley, J. Schmiedicke, H. Leveille, R. Rademacher, E. Mike, C. Ausberger, J. Sella, G. Schneider, J. Vesbit, D. Smolinski, J. Iciek, T. Driscoll, C. Sigmund, Fr. McKinney, Fr. Hackett, Fr. Bielskas, Fr. O'Brien, Msgr. Shaw, Msgr. Falicki, Msgr. Verreau, Fr. Zaskowski, Fr. Moran, Fr. Thome, Fr. Zuidema, Mr. Bellardo, L. Lipe, D. Kelly, F. Kozarski, R. Golembieski, G. Wahmhoff, E. Konieczka, R. Tilman, N. Siegel, D. LeBlanc.

Second Row, kneeling

L. Riffel, J. Byrnes, T. Kelsch, R. VanLente, G. Szucs, D. Simon, R. Everest, J. Schultz, F. Murphy, E. Beiter, H. Young, P. Milanowski, L. Howley, A. Chrusciel, R. Rau, L. Pashak, R. Spencer, D. Quillin, E. Alvesteffer, L. Spitzley.

First Row, sitting

N. Szubinski, S. Vesbit, R. Kolenski, J. Thelen, A. Vainavicz, E. Oberle, R. DeYoung, R. Croninger, W. May, C. Novetske, G. Arsulowicz, R. Hoitenga, R. LaVigne, T. Metiva, A. Langlois, R. Menzel, H. Calvin, J. Meyer, J. Wezensky, C. Klingshirn, T. Kenney, A. Ontiveros, C. Howley, R. Marcoux, D. Gross, J. Wieber, R. Maternowski, S. Brock, E. Zickus, E. Hengesbach.



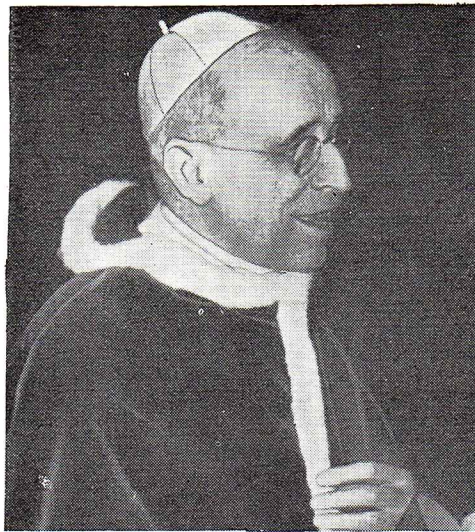
This morning I awoke to find it was spring again. Everything looked brand new and even our family of Killdeer was back, just as noisy as ever. We've been due for a little spring ever since winter went out with a bang in the middle of last month.

But that's really not what I want to tell you about -- not all, at least. There's been so much happening around here lately, so much activity, it's sort of mixed me up.

Take last Thursday for instance. Father Thome and the Choir were having one of their frequent pre-Holy Week sessions. Everything was still and solemn. Music drifted all through the halls. Filled with the spirit of the season I strolled outside right into another spirit of the season, but not such a peaceful one. Everywhere trees were moving, backstops were crawling out of their berths of many seasons, and, happily enough, baseballs were flying. Such joyous confusion you have never seen. Yes, baseball season is back again, right on time. And with it our Springtime earth-moving projects have included the readjusting of our Senior and Junior baseball diamonds, plus the transplanting of many trees and treelets along Union boulevard. "Creeping willows", one wag called them.

Now let's see, Oh yes, I've been meaning to tell you about our current decorating operations. Ever heard of a hall bedroom? Well we have one here in the literal sense. For the past month the college men have been moving into the halls in shifts (and sometimes in a hurry!) while our non-union Fifth-class painting crew moves in with bucket and roller. These artists, "Shep" Vesbit, "Slug" Sullivan, "Laz" Szubinski, and "Ramion" Radamacher have certainly left their mark(s) on our hallowed quarters. Being an impartial observer, I must observe that they are doing an excellent job. However, I have also observed a few would-be critics converging upon the wash-room to scrub their lavender-grey noses clean. Our fifth class non-union paint crew brooks very little criticism.

Otto



Pope Pius XII

Proud kings oft rule in kingdoms small,
Who plot, intrigue to win and hold,
Fight foe and subject, lest they fall,
Who vanquish to increase their fold.

Yet Pontiff Pius shares the part
Of Peter, follows in his ways.
Meek, humble, yet in every heart,
In every clime he sceptre sways.

A world he rules with loving care,
Three hundred million lambs and sheep.
He strives that all may gently fare
For straying ones he prays and weeps.

O God, on Pius strength bestow
And years with richest harvest blessed
Fulfill his wish, dispel his woe,
In seeking strays reward his guest.

G. Schneider
II College

Tree of Life

On a modern street in a large city called Grand Rapids stands a building proudly bearing the name of Saint Joseph's Seminary. According to popular opinion this is an institution for young men with the desire to study for the secular priesthood. To be downright honest it is even more. I have been here at Saint Joseph's about seven months and I have found that it is more than an institution; it is a flourishing "tree." All of the members of this tree work together for the common good.

We, the students, are the small branches and the leaves. Sadly, these branches sometimes wither and even fall off, but on the whole they are healthy.

The professors are the roots which penetrate into the moist soil of father-like affection. They provide us with the moisture of learning and help us live as seminarians should.

Our good Sisters are the gardeners who fertilize and feed us, and the nursery owners who repair us. All the other men and women

who contribute to our spiritual and temporal welfare are the props and supports which keep our tree in good condition.

The seminary property is the protecting bark which protects us from the bitter cold of worldliness and the deadly heat of bad example and wrong intention.

One of the most important parts of any tree are the channels and tubes by which all parts of the tree are united. These channels in our seminary are represented by the rule which unites us all with the same intentions, the same end, and the same way of achieving this end.

Finally the Chapel - the pivot point of all our action - is the warm sun and the gentle rain which helps our tree to grow to maturity.

To the ordinary observer Saint Joseph's might be just another seminary, but to me and, I am sure, to my fellow students it is a living thing to be respected and protected.

Larry Spitzley
I High

Flu Visits Sem

On February 23, 1955, Mr. Influenza visited the seminarians and even some robust Faculty members for a second time. This time he stayed longer than he did before Christmas. The students complained that he carried sore throats, bad colds, severe headaches, and the chills. For approximately a week and a half Sister Christopher and her three infirmarians were doing their best to combat him. Finally Mr. Influenza was conquered and we hope that he will not show up for at least another year.

On Saturday afternoon, March 5, when the epidemic was at its peak, one of our healthy students was joyfully walking down the stairs singing "Stouthearted Men". When he reached the second floor he met Father Bielskas who warned him to save his energy or he would end up in the infirmary. The next day the student was in the infirmary and so was Father.

By March 12, everything was in order and the students were again echoing in the corridors, "Stouthearted Men." Tom Philbin
IV High

David Le Blanc in Father Moran's history class immediately after the quarterly examination, in trying to get Father's attention said: "Monsignor...."

A roar of laughter followed after which Father remarked: "That should get you a hundred in the test!"

Gaspar Ancona was spotted one day on the way to the dormitory still wearing a school basketball shirt. Be careful, Gaspar! Someone might get the wrong impression.

Gift to Man

I know I never will forget
What Easter really means
That Jesus Christ arose
that day
Glorified, and reigns
supreme.

I'd like to give a gift to
God
For giving us His Son;
With Mary and Joseph I'll
unite
And render thanks for all
He won.
H. F. Kalvin
II High

Alumni News

ROME

From Rome news has reached us that Bob Bisot and John Porter are endeavoring to visit all of the station churches of Rome. John has expressed doubt that they will be able to visit all of them as the time element may prevent them. John also has reported that he saw the Holy Father on his birthday and obtained His blessing. He also made a trip to the Monastery of Monte Casino which is now in the process of being rebuilt with Father Schoen who is finishing his studies in Rome this year.

WASH. D.C.

From Washington, Kenneth Faiver and Mathew Fedewa enjoyed a three day Easter vacation at the home of their parents. Kenneth informs us of a successful year for both of them.

Charles Dautremont reporting from Washington has stressed the fine drama they have been enjoying as produced by C. U. Drama Department. The latest presentation was The Comedian, which was preceded by Moliere's Would Be Gentlemen and Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

Charles also has informed us his philosophy professor, Magr. J.K. Ryan, has presented him with an autographed copy of his latest book; Basic Principles and Problems of Philosophy.

Having enjoyed an Easter vacation of five days the students at C. U. are now entering the "home stretch" of their studies.

PLYMOUTH

Easter vacation completed, your alumni can rely not only on letters but on memory. Rev. Mr. James S. Sullivan and Rev. Mr. William Flick are preparing for the day of ordination. James L. Barrett informs us of another season of country - club golf. R. James Sullivan tells us that things at St. John's are coming along fine. We are glad to hear that.

DETROIT

From Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, we hear tales of a Cinemascope screen at the seminary from Robert Bennett and further verification of this from Daniel Spitzley, who, by the way, had much to do with their annual drama this year.

We recently received word from Terry Yule that all is going well at Sacred Heart. Terry says he is finally convinced of his lack of musical talent since his music teacher there has no greater appreciation of his talent than Father Thome had here. Don Warwick, however, is still hitting the low notes in the Sacred Heart choir.

Terry likewise mentioned the Sacred Heart Passion Play which was a great success. Profits from the play went for Seminary improvements such as the new golf range and archery club recently added to the recreation facilities.

This about winds up the alumni score sheet for this year. We appreciate your frequent letters and hope we have not forgotten any of you in our columns this year.

Mary Immaculate

Title, "Immaculate", fixed by Omnipotence

On such a maiden, so true to God's Providence;

Mother of Jesus, with God-life so intimate;

Rightfully titled "Our Mother Immaculate".

Free from the stains of disastrous iniquity.

Now through thy prayers to Heaven's Divinity,

Many a grace and considerate kindness

Given to all who are striving for holiness.

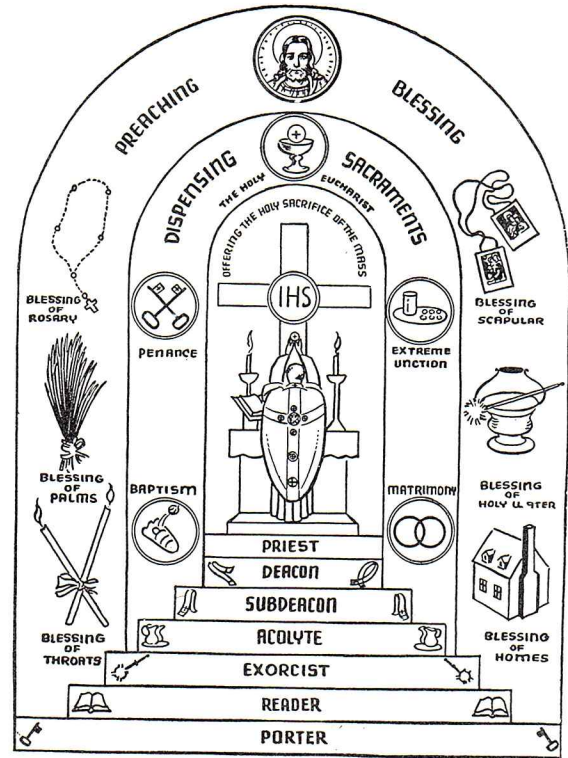
Spotless thy soul from its very first origin,

Constantly strengthened with actions of discipline.

Thou art permitted throughout all eternity

Near to thy Son, to thy God, to Divinity.

Gerald Wahmhoff I College



Painting continued

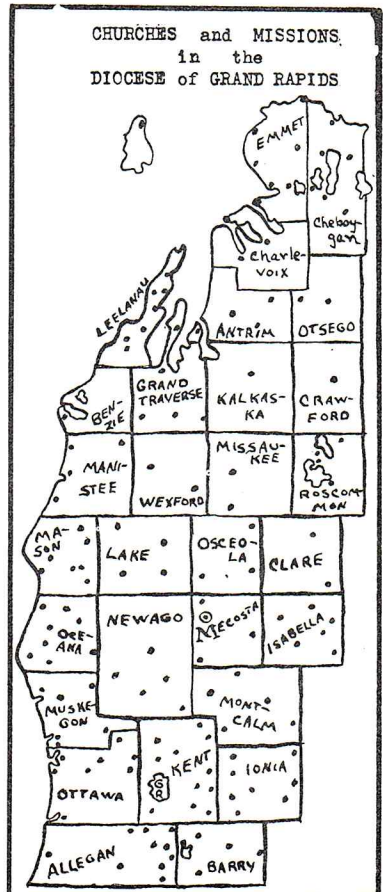
spread and as diversified as the number of members of these hallowed College halls. (Thirty-eight, to be exact!)

Comments on the odor in the atmosphere still baffle the stockholders, since the voluntary commentators did not specify whether their statements concerned that which meets the eye or that which meets the nostrils.

But no matter who says what, the only authoritative opinion comes from the VSSR itself. A late news bulletin (Special to THE RECORDER!) reiterates the unanimous opinion and firm conviction that the artists are masters in their field, that the colors were exquisitely blended, and that the roller brushes which the workers wielded could never have spread more paint more quickly, and in more unheard-of places, nooks, and crannies (to say nothing of faces, hooks, and craniums), than did these of the comrades of the VSSR. For further information on this subject, contact J. Zenk, a volunteer of happy memory.

Needless to say, the budding Michelangelos not only worked industriously to the completion of the job, but they enjoyed themselves to the superlative degree of manly harmony. Long will the college corridors ring with their jubilant songs and hymns, yet, in four-part harmony.

During the quarterly examination in History, wily Joe Zenk politely asked of Father Moran: "How do you spell the answer to the tenth question, Father?" Needless to say, the question passed unanswered.



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Why an "I Never" Club?

As I write this, the twenty first annual Field Day and Open House is scheduled to take place on May 25. To those of you who will participate in the events for the first time there will be a new experience which you will recall for many years to come. But I do not intend to discuss the usual "goings-on" which are witnessed on Field Day morning.

A few short years ago there was a number of "I never..." clubs. For example, M.S.C., soon to become M.S.U. had a "I never lost to Notre Dame or Michigan" club. In Detroit, until 1951, the Tigers had an "I never finished last" club.

To keep the names as nearly similar as possible I will call this the "I never beat the clergy" club. Some of its members are some of the better baseball players this school has had, Dan Mulka, Leo Lynch, Norm Zielinski.

Last year the students came as close to winning as they had been since 1947 - they were on the short end of a 5-4 score. The biggest student victory was 11-1 in 1940; the Fathers' best performance - quite recently - was 15-9 in 1953.

It's about time the entire student body begins to realize that there are two teams that can win a game. Yes, I mean the entire student body. You cannot expect a team to take the field in a moderately confident frame of mind if you don't let them know you are behind them 100%. You cannot, likewise, expect a loyal following unless you play your best, and develop a hunger for victory. Let's come alive in "55"!

II. COLLEGE DEFEATS I

The sixth class, fresh from a close victory over the fourth class, had little trouble with the fifth class, defeating them 75-45.

The fifth yearmen jumped off to a quick lead in the first quarter but it was short-lived as their seniors poured in 22 points in the next period. After a close third quarter, the sixth class collected 34 points to 12 for the younger cagers and cinched the game.

Five sixth classmen collected over ten points apiece, while Lomasiewicz and Wahnhoff led the scoring for the fifth class with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Sixth Class Squeaks Past Fourth, 49-47

The sixth class was forced to play some very sharp basketball to defeat an inspired fourth class team, 49-47. Completely outclassed for two quarters, the sixth class came to life in the closing minutes and sent the scrappy seniors down to defeat.

Led by big Dave Hawley, the fourth class controlled the backboards for most of the first half. In the second period, Al Theis and Hawley did some very accurate shooting, giving the seniors the lead at halftime, 30-24. During the third period, they maintained their lead and held a three-point margin going into the final four minutes of play. Then two sixth class field goals and a free throw decided the game.

The sixth class was lead by giant Leo Gengler who pumped in 18 points, most of them in the second half. Jim Thelen was a big factor in snaring the rebounds in the second half. Hawley and Tom Scholler formed a one-two punch for the fourth class, scoring 33 points between them. Other key players were Tom Dominiak, Leo Denslow, and Tony Vainavicz for the sixth class, and Ron Fries, Ken Veneklaase, and Jim Rudnick for the fourth class.

3rd TOPS 2nd

The third class defeated the second in a thrilling basketball game, 29-23.

The starting line-up for the third class was Dale LaBrie, Joe Kersjes, Tom Sabourin, and Vern Armbrustmacher. For the second class were Bob Knieper, Ed Zickus, Mike Haviland, and Fred Erhardt. The third class owed their success largely to the excellent ball-handling and shooting of LaBrie, Kersjes, and Sabourin. Haviland and Knieper furnished most of the points for the second class, while Zickus caught the majority of their rebounds.

Diocesan Games

GR 64 Sag-Lans 48

A highly favored Grand Rapids team defeated Saginaw-Lansing 64-48 in this year's college diocesan game.

The score is misleading however. The Saginaw-Lansing cagers led Grand Rapids for the whole first half, and it was not until the third quarter that Grand Rapids took the lead for good.

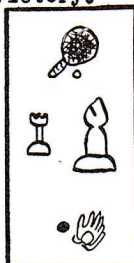
The sharp shooting of Thelen, Wojtkowiak, and Dominiak was too much for their opponents. Theis and Gengler led the Lansing-Saginaw forces both in scoring and general floor play. It was a hard earned victory for Grand Rapids.

GR Drops Senior Diocesan Game

On Wednesday afternoon, March 2, a well-balanced team made up of students from the dioceses of Saginaw, Lansing, and Marquette met a spirited squad from the Grand Rapids diocese in the annual Senior Diocesan basketball game.

Saginaw-Lansing jumped to an early lead through the balanced scoring of Al Theis, Ron Fries, and Dale LaBrie and, at the end of the first quarter, held a 11-8 edge. But Grand Rapids, with Ken Veneklaase and Dave Hawley leading the way, fought back in the second quarter. Outscoring their opponents 15-10, they held a two-point lead at the half.

Chiefly because of the rebounding ability of Tom Sabourin, Saginaw-Lansing held Grand Rapids to a mere two points in the third quarter and five points in the final quarter while scoring readily themselves. When the final whistle blew, Saginaw-Lansing owned a well-deserved victory.



Tournament Finals

Chess

- J. DeYoung 2 - McBarnes 0
I. Kelsch 2 - Kozicki 0
S. Lomasiewicz 1 - Rademacher 0

Ping Pong

- J. Kozarski 2 - Murphy 0
I. Haviland 2 - Langlois 0
S. Mankowski 2 - Ancona 0

Handball

- J. Wezensky & Spitzley 2 - Novetske & Murphy 0
I. Droste & Langlois 2 - Belter & Drosti 0
S. Rademacher & Szubinski 2 - Adams & Kowaleski 1



Grand Rapids Wins

Height was the main factor in the Grand Rapids' 30-15 defeat of Lansing-Saginaw. Edward Zickus and Frederick Erhardt having full control of the backboard helped the Grand Rapids team off to an 8-0 lead in the first period of play. Only in the second quarter did the Lansing-Saginaw team penetrate the top-notch zone defense to score their first basket while at half time they trailed by a score of 19-7. In the second half Robert Knieper and Harold Young attempted to put Lansing-Saginaw back in the game, but the brilliant rebounding by the Grand Rapids squad provided little opportunity for Lansing-Saginaw to close the gap in the score. At the final whistle Grand Rapids was ahead 30-15.

GR Triumphs in Juniors

Speed, fine defensive play, accurate passing, and teamwork were the highlights of the tight-fought Junior Diocesan Game. The Grand Rapids quintet finally emerged as victors by the score of 23-22.

Two minutes before the final whistle the Lansing-Saginaw team had a two point lead. Then Gary Lipe of Grand Rapids tied it up hitting on a fast break. A few seconds later Robert Hiltenga, after stealing the ball at mid-court, made the lay-up shot and thus put Grand Rapids in the lead. The Lansing-Saginaw team came back with one free throw but still fell one point short. G. Lipe of Grand Rapids found the bucket as easy target dumping in six field goals. Anthony Moran and Delmar Smolinski lead the Lansing-Saginaw team with seven and six points respectively.