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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

There is no "Bits and Pieces, etc." "column" in this issue because, as I began putting things together, we had only one bit and one piece. So I shall include matters of that genre here. The column will likely be even more prosaic than usual.

Beginning with the last issue, we welcomed Joan Loranger to our staff. Joan serves as a secretary in the Provincial Office on weekday afternoons. She will type the material and, for the most part, put it together for the Notre Dame Copy Center to make multi-copies for us. Then we send them on to you.

There were several deaths in recent weeks. Please keep in your prayers the father of Brother William Vondriska and the brother of Brother Giles Martin -- and their respective families.

We appreciate the kind comments received from Brothers Avila Diederich (50th anniversary) and John Chrysostom Ryan, both Eastern Brother's Province -- received at Christmas.

All religious of the Notre Dame area have been invited to Moreau Seminary the evening of January 20th to mark the annual celebration of Father Moreau Day.

A second conference on the History of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States will be held at Moreau Seminary on March 18-19. Father Jim Connelly invites all interested.

Perhaps the holiday season can be blamed for the lack of contributions to this issue. But once again we invite you to send us information on what is happening -- in your life as an individual and/or in your house. Anything received by the fifth of the month will be included in the issue which reaches about two weeks later. Material should be sent to:

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FROM THE NOVITATE at WATERFORD

#Novitiate team members Joel Giallanza (SWB) and John Paige (EB) have been on the road recently, assisting at community functions; Joel addressed the Midwest Provincial Chapter-Assembly at Notre Dame on the topic "Spirituality: Our Roots and Our Future". John conducted a Day of Reflection for the Holy Cross Community at King's College, Wilkes-Barre.

#Sister of Providence, Jeanne Breault, conducted a retreat in early December for the novitiate community focusing her commentary on Advent themes of waiting and expectation. Several novices and team also participated in an Advent Penance Service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany.

#The Christmas Season has afforded us many Holy Cross visitors, and given us the opportunity to share our gifts with others, too. The novitiate community hosted a Christmas party for the novices and staff of the Albany Intercommunity Novitiate Program; we also prepared holiday baskets for several benefactors and produced dozens of Christmas cookies, under the direction of chef Chuck Hutti (MWB).

#Novice Rich "Santa Claus" Vannucci (EP), assisted by helpers Phil Tucker (SP) and Tom Looney (EP), provided "visits with Santa" for children of the employees of the Our Lady of Hope Home, as well as for the elderly residents of the home. With the help of the Little Sisters of the Poor, we were able to provide food, money, and Christmas presents to a poor family in Troy, known to us through the Unity House Apostolate where Chris Resch (EB) is involved in ministry.

#The novices and team traveled to New York City after Christmas for a

few days of visiting and sightseeing in the Big Apple. Through the graciousness of the Eastern Brothers, we were accommodated at their Candidate House in the Bronx; the religious at Our Lady of Good Council parish (EP) in Brooklyn hosted us for dinner one evening, and the Jesuit Scholastic Community at Fordham shared Eucharist and lunch with us on our final day in the area.

#Quinten Dronet (SWB), Richard Pena (SWB), and Phil Tucker (SP) contend that their "Southern-style prayers" are responsible for the extremely mild winter we are experiencing in the Northeast. Even though we have recently installed new snow slides on the roof, there has been no snow to test the improvements!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AT BROTHERS' CENTER

#The second annual International Student Leadership Institute was held at the Brothers' Center on January 7-9. Thirty-one students participated. They came from Holy Trinity and Josephinum in Chicago; Archbishop Hoban in Akron; Cathedral, Indianapolis; Regis, Cedar Rapids; and four from Anchorage, Alaska (accompanied by Brother Joseph Fox). Brothers Ken Haders, Joe Fox, and Robert Siegel hosted the group, which followed the ISLI outline/program developed by Father Tom Chambers.

Evaluations indicated the student's appreciation of the program and of the hospitality shown at the Center. Last year a blizzard delayed the departure two days--but all left on schedule in this snowless(so far) winter in South Bend.

FROM BISHOP DAVID, LOUISVILLE

#Everyone was home here for Christmas enjoying the 70° weather. Brother Dennis Bednarz prepared a marvelous repast.

#Brother Walter Gluhm has been spending nearly every Saturday at Archdiocesan workshops. Some topics have been: discipline, early adolescence, sexuality, and values.

#Brother Carl Sternberg was pleased with the Archdiocesan Youth Congress in which he played a major role setting up schedules and speakers... Carl will be giving a retreat at Holy Cross in River Grove in February.

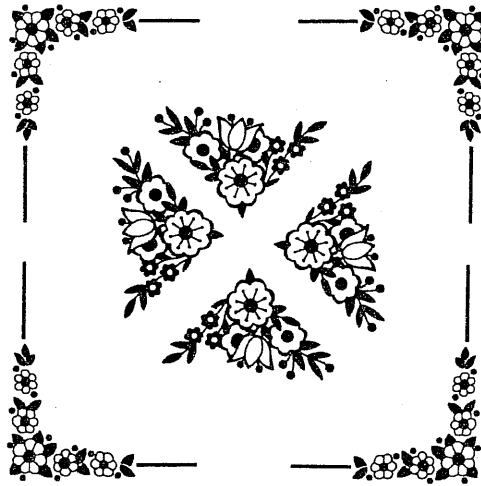
#Brother Charles Gregg has been involved with the Red Cross Bloodmobile. The National Honor Society sponsored the drive in mid-December. Again more than half of the seniors contributed.

#Brother Jude Costello says he isn't quite ready yet for a public concert on the mandolin because he needs more practice time. He's still working in the bookstore, tutoring, and visiting nursing homes. He really has full days -- what a way to age!

#The house members will make a retreat the weekend of February 4th at Nazareth (Ky).

#Archbishop Kelly will be our guest for dinner on January 25. Recent guests have included Brothers Eligius Ruscik, John Kuhn, Thomas Moser, David Baltrinic, and Richard Johnson.

#Brother Carroll Posey has conducted retreats for about half of the senior class. These retreats include faculty and alumni and follow-up sessions are held to reinforce the effect of the retreat.

FROM LINCOLN WAY, SOUTH BEND

#Brother Philip Smith has taken up residence in our house. Phil is teaching at St. Joseph's High School and has been doing an excellent job of leading the singing at the Center for celebrations, wakes, and funerals.

#David Daly withdrew from the candidate program at the end of the last semester.

#We await announcement of an autograph party as Brother Robert Siegel has just had his recipe for PACHYDERM STEW published in the "I Ran Away With The Circus" Cookbook.

The editor's introduction comments: "As the reader can probably imagine, the lure of culinary immortality prompted many more submissions than we had room to print. The recipe that instantly stood out as being absolutely essential in upholding the high gastronomic standards was for "Pachyderm Stew". Copies are available for five dollars in your local cookbook outlet.

#On the subject of books, the house recently received, from Dujarie House, a copy of Brother David Warnke's (E) book of poetry, "Winn Dixie at the Cortex."

FROM HOLY CROSS, RIVER GROVE

#Brother Thomas Corcoran, Principal, recently attended a Leadership Day meeting of all the principals within the Archdiocese of Chicago. While at this meeting Brother had the privilege to meet privately with the new Archbishop, the Most Reverend Joseph L. Bernardin, of Chicago. Brother reports that Bishop Bernardin was most gracious and personable. (It was said that when the new Archbishop stepped into his Chicago office there was a stack of mail measuring 4 feet to be tended to.)

#The Brothers entertained two groups of Senior Citizens again this year at the Holy Cross High School Christmas Concert. One group was from the Mayslake Senior Citizens Pavilion, where Brother Richard Shea's mother was once a resident, and the Resurrection Community Center, where Brother Donald Martin's mother now resides. It has been a custom for ten years to invite these two groups for the concert. The senior citizens are then invited over to the Brothers' house to be treated with refreshments prepared by Brother Anthony Houser. Brother Anthony also made loaves of his famous homemade bread to distribute to the guests.

#Brother Thomas Corcoran and Mr. Ernie Vessini, the Director of Development, recently appeared on Channel 7 while attending a meeting of an Association of Concerned Catholic Parents Clubs. The purpose of this meeting was to set into motion concrete legislation to legalize the Las Vegas Nights in the State of Illinois, like the state has done for bingo. The more relevant purpose was to seek extra ways for fund raising for the schools. The concept of Las Vegas Nights has recently been stopped by the Mayor

of the City of Chicago due to complaints by some not-for-profit organizations who recently wanted to "get into the act." The State's Attorney then stated that Las Vegas Nights are formally illegal and are to be halted throughout the state. Thus the reason for proposed legislation!

#The Association of St. Joseph, Holy Cross Chapter presented their usual Christmas gift to Brother Charles Drevon, the Director of the Local Community. This year the check was for \$200.00. Each year the Chapter donates at least 10% of their gross on hand to the Brothers. Some might remember the color TV set the Associates gave to the Brothers in 1970. Well, we would like to report that it is still in excellent condition. Brother Thomas Corcoran is the Chapter's Moderator.

#Brother Eugene Weisenberger, our House Organist, gave an organ recital of Christmas music in the brothers' chapel prior to the Christmas midnight mass not only for members of the house, but also for about 30 guests who are invited yearly. A breakfast prepared by Brother Anthony Houser and Brother Julian Przybyla is served afterwards. This custom dates back to the Christmas of 1961 when this house opened.

#Brother Thaddeus Gottemoller keeps busy in the summertime tending his "victory garden" and during the wintertime, when he is not sorting stamps for the missions he is teaching and/or tutoring students in mathematics. Then in his SPARE time he moderates the high school bowling team along with one of the women teachers (ahem!). Thad moves fast!

#Brother Quentin Hegarty, Director of the Alumni Association at Holy

Cross, with the help of the Alumni of the class of 1972, staged the most well attended REUNION H.C. ever had. The Alumni are still talking about it. Preparations are now being formulated for the class REUNION for the 1973 year. The month of January begins another season for the Alumni to use the Holy Cross gym, every other Monday night for fun and games. The fledgling Alumni Association formed last September will hold its next meeting March 23, 1983.

#Brother Chester Rachel, Director of Recruitment and Public Relations at Holy Cross, invited 15 Alumni to assist him with the annual Open House, November 4. These Alumni were doctors, lawyers, CPAs, one newspaper man, and one policeman. These Alumni assisted in giving information to prospective students for H.C. Mostly they answered the question: "What H.C. meant to me!" This was so enthusiastically received by the Alumni that they want to double their ranks for next year.

#Brother Raymond Dufresne, Library Director at H.C., has reported that a new computer will be placed in the library via the Title IV funds. This will not only be a learning tool for students in English and Mathematics, but eventually Brother wishes to catalog every book and periodical in the library for easier access.

OF BROTHER FRANCIS MEDURI and GHANA

#Brother Francis Meduri writes that he recently completed a special assignment in the Sunyani, Ghana, diocese, by winding up his stint as administrator of the Catholic hospital at Nkoranza, a small town some distance from Sunyani.

Frank experienced many varieties of interesting and educational events during his months as administrator. He certainly learned more about searching for supplies of food, equipment and petrol, and, what is more important, securing such supplies for the hospital.

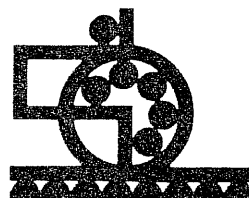
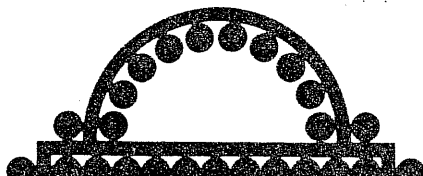
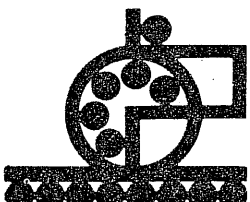
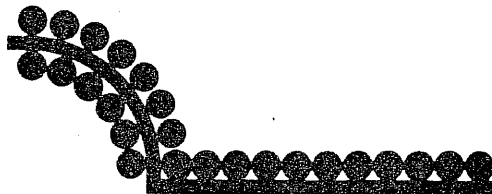
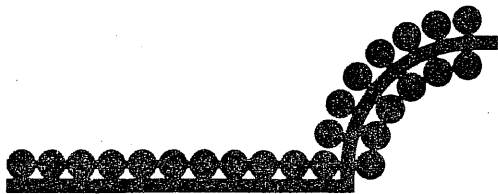
In the process, Frank continued to practice Twi, the local Ghanaian dialect, without which, he says, it is practically impossible to deal directly with the majority of people in the Sunyani area.

Still conscious of his role as Youth Minister in the Sunyani diocese even during his time as hospital administrator, Frank attempted to solidify the CYO program going in Nkoranza, as well as strengthen the organization on a diocesan level. Conditions in the country, however, militate against much activity apart from the very fundamental search for food and other basic needs.

Frank is now back full time in Sunyani with Brother Joe Tsiquaye working in Youth Ministry.

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FROM DUJARIE HOUSE

#We forgot to express, last month, our gratitude for a crate of fresh grapefruit we received from the Brothers at Monroe.

#Among those spending some time with us recuperating from hospital terms were Brothers Vitus Schwartz and Ivan Dolan from Columba Hall, and Brother Andrew Steffes, from the Center.

#Brother Robert Siegel took over our kitchen for five days during the Christmas holidays, including a wonderful Christmas dinner.

#On December 11, we had the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the Community Mass. This takes place four times a year and religious of the area who wish to join us are invited.

#Among the gifts received by members of the house at the annual Christmas party (December 19) were new sweaters from the Provincial Council. Brother Jeffrey Michels takes care of these gifts each year. Brother "Santa Claus" Simon Murren presided again at the distribution of gifts. Our head cook, Mr. Ron Ori and head nurse, Mrs Shirley Rasmussen, and most of the nursing staff helped provide a fine buffet dinner and the Brothers and aspirants from Lincoln Way helped lead the musical entertainment.

#The Brothers in the house donated used sweaters and shirts, boxed by the nurses, to St. Vincent de Paul.

#A staff party was held at the home of Mr. Ron Ori on Tuesday evening, December 28... A week later Mr. Ori brought one of his three dogs (the oldest and most gentle one) out for a few hours to be petted by many of the men. It was a successful experiment and bears repetition.

#The house received an elaborate bird feeder from the staff for Christmas. The birds are beginning to discover it and we will soon become a community of bird watchers. The feeder is near the patio and we get a good view of it from the library.

#Gifts to the house financed a new TV antenna, installed during the holidays. Local reception is vastly improved and most of the Chicago stations are again available.

