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## EDITORIAL

At the time I write this article it is common knowledge to most of the alumni that meetings are now being held between the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Office of the Jesuit Provincial of the Maryland Province to determine the future of the Bishop's Latin School. For this reason it may not be out of place to reflect on the value of the school as a possible source of vocations and as the finest high school in the diocese.

From the time of its founding by then-Bishop John J. Wright in 1961 the Latin School has enjoyed the generous support and good faith of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Since he assumed the duties of ordinary this year, Bishop Leonard has continued this support and interest on the part of the diocese. Yet now, when the Latin School is only in its ninth year and the first estimates of its achievements are being made, the school is in danger of being

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As first president of the Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association I would first like to give the results of the first election of officers by the Alumni Board. Greg Baker is our "new" secretary. Greg has done a tremendous amount of work for the Alumni Association since its inception. He has been secretary for the past four years and has been responsible for mailing out correspondence to alumni and for planning many of the activities of the Association. Greg, who is now

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closed.

There are obviously many questions involved in deciding the school's future, ranging from one of finance to the problem of staffing it. The basic question though is somewhat more abstract. It concerns the relative merits of a Jesuit education with its emphasis on the liberal arts, and the need for such a program in Pittsburgh.

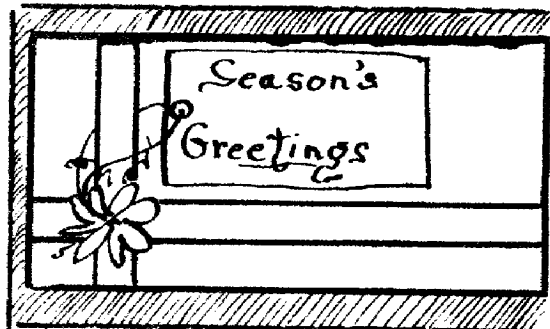
The goal of the Latin School has been the training and development of young men for leadership, either clerical or lay. In the Jesuit tradition a fundamental step towards this end is the study of the Humanities. Here, students encounter those universal principles which men have known and cherished through the ages. With this Humanistic background as an integral part of their education, graduates of the Latin School have entered into many varied fields of endeavor. Among those who are in the seminary, three are students at the Gregorian in Rome. In addition, there are alumni in mechanical and civil engineering, law, business administration, and creative advertising, to name a few areas.

The tremendous pride in the Latin School that is shared by its alumni is something which needs no elaboration here. It is a common bond which grew out of a spirit of fellowship that devel-

oped as we daily faced the challenges posed in the pursuit of excellence.

From the above it seems obvious to the alumni that the Bishop's Latin School is of certain value to the diocese. For this reason, it is suggested that the alumni express their gratitude for the opportunities afforded them, and at the same time voice the hope that these opportunities will be available to others in the future.

William Steidle



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## SPORTS PREVIEW

by Terry Fedigan

The BLS basketball team has taken another step forward this year with its entry into the Catholic Class B League. The team will play a total of 21 games, 12 of which are against league opponents. Financial assistance for this new venture was provided by a tremendously successful raffle held by the student body.

Mr. Robert Rodrigues, the Athletic Coordinator, has done a fine job with the sports program since taking over this year. When asked how the team would fare in the league, he replied that he had a strong club with lots of muscle under the boards and that it would hold its own in the league.

The J.V. Coach, Kerry Lynn '67, must be given much credit for the basketball team's improvement. Since he began coaching, he has provided many fine players for the varsity.

The alumni have been mailed schedules and are urged to join the student body in supporting the team by attendance at their games.



ROBERT M. RODRIGUES

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## SUMMER REUNION

by Stan Janiak

Now that we are in the month of December, most of us have our sights set on the Christmas holidays. At such a busy time of the year thoughts of summer somehow seem inappropriate. But perhaps it would be a pleasant change to think back to the summer months and the alumni reunion.

About 50 alumni attended the reunion held on August 16th at BLS. At that time they had a chance to wander the halls and renew old acquaintances. (Estimates vary as to how many spent the evening driving around East Liberty admiring the marvels of modern city planning.)

Since it was such a casual affair, we had the opportunity of meeting with the Very Rev. James L. Connor, S.J., Provincial of the Maryland Province, in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. Later in the evening Fr. Connor presented the William J. Walsh and Alumni medals. Following the presentations, Fr. Connor shared his thoughts on leadership and school spirit. His brief impromptu talk was one of the many highlights of the evening.

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attending Pitt, generously accepted to continue his duties.

Ray Niedenberger was elected as the Vice-President and Treasurer. Ray, a student at St. Paul's will be responsible for the arrangement of our reunions.

In the same vein, the board decided to appoint Brian Keane to fill in for David Wentz as representative of the Class of 1968. Dave's present duties in Vietnam prevent him from attending board meetings.

No mention can be made of the election of officers without taking this opportunity to thank the man who is responsible for the formation and growth of the alumni association. To be very frank, there would not be an alumni association were it not for the generous and interested efforts of Father Joseph E. Henry, S.J. He has guided the board and has been personally responsible for every event the association has held. It was largely through Fr. Henry that By-LineS and its capable staff were formed. It is hoped that Father will continue for many years to encourage and aid us as Moderator of the association.

As President, I want to urge each one of you to take an active and interested part in the Alumni Association and its activities. Our reunions are only as successful as your interest and atten-

dance make them.

Therefore, I would like to see all of you at our Christmas reunion, Monday, December 22, for Mass, Dinner, a basketball game, and post game refreshments to match your victory spirits.

By all means, contact any member of the board when you have questions or ideas you would like them to consider.

Melvin Wentz

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## THE READERS' RESPONSE

Dear Alumni,

Many thanks for the very kind tribute you paid me in the first edition of By-LineS. It was a very pleasant surprise, and I only hope that I can somewhat live up to your words and expectations.

Please keep up your generous spirit and your great love for BLS. May God grant us many years of happy memories and continued work together.

Gratefully in Our Lord,  
(s) William J. McGrath, S.J.

(Editor's Note: All readers are urged to submit any criticisms, comments, or suggestions which they may have regarding the newsletter or the Alumni Association. Letters can be mailed to the Editor in care of the Latin School.)