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## MYSTERY SHROUDS PRE-LENTEN PROGRAM PLAY - A MYSTERY; BUT CAST IS KNOWN

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### FATHER FAY JOINS FACULTY 'PRO TEMPORE'

Father Noel Fay, an Irish immigrant, is now a part-time professor in the High School Department of St. Joseph's Seminary. Father is a temporary replacement for Father Hackett.

Father Fay's experience at teaching is not newly acquired. Father taught in St. Patrick's Seminary, Dublin, before he came to the United States in 1953.

A realization of the need for priests in the United States moved Father Fay to come to America to assist our own clergy. After his arrival in this country, Father learned of the want of priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He entered the service of the Archbishop of Los Angeles, James Cardinal McIntyre, for whom he labored three and one half years previous to his transfer to the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

Father's latest appointment was as assistant at St. Thomas Parish, Grand Rapids. He was assigned there when the Pastor, Msgr. Sweeny, became ill.

Upon his appointment as professor at the Seminary, Father still retained his position as assistant at St. Thomas Parish. Father Fay teaches morning classes at the seminary. He is fine example of Irish wit, humor, and learning. There is a perfect fusion of those three qualities with the last one predominating. Father told his Fourth High English Class, "Compared to the seminary back home you guys have it easy!" The students already have received indications that he intends to do something about it.

### 3 Solemn Masses, Recollection Day Highlight Forty Hours

Quiet prevailed throughout the house for three days on the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21. On these three days were held the annual Forty Hours Devotions.

The Forty Hours were begun Saturday morning with a Solemn High Mass of Exposition celebrated by Msgr. Falicki. Saturday evening a Holy Hour was held and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary was sung.

Sunday morning another Solemn High Mass was celebrated. The *Da Pacem* Votive Mass for Peace was sung at the side altar and the Monthly Day of Recollection followed, to be closed with the chanting of Vespers in the afternoon.

Monday morning the Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament was again solemnly chanted at the main altar, Msgr. Falicki celebrating.

Monday evening saw the closing of Forty Hours. Forty-seven priests were present to assist at the closing ceremonies. After the procession and Litany, Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Bishop Rancans. Assisting were Fr. J. Reitz, deacon, and Fr. Harnish, subdeacon. Fr. McKenna was Master of Ceremonies. After the final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" was sung as the recessional.

Father John De Marchi and two other Consolata Fathers were at St. Joseph's Seminary, Monday, February 18, to show a short film to the Faculty, Sisters, and Students.

The film, lasting nearly one half hour, was entitled: "Africa, Land of Tomorrow." Father De Marchi introduced the film with a short talk on the work of the Consolata Fathers in Africa.

Saturday, March 2, the Drama Committee will present the third in its annual series of four plays. The members of the Drama Committee have been diligently working with the cast for the past two weeks. They report much success and progress, but, as to the actual title of the play, they have been mute.

The whole program for that evening seems to be a closely guarded secret. Some news, however, usually finds its way to an eager reporter who immediately siezes the bits of "info", and makes a story from them.

This much has reached the public: the play will be a two act comedy-mystery affair with an all-star

### THE CAST

Spillane.....	Wainwright
Rand.....	Siegel
Lodge.....	Thompson
Carleton.....	Armbrustmacher
Semple.....	Wisneski
Orme.....	Sabourin
Abner.....	Iciek
Grimes.....	Konieczka
Dicky.....	T. Vesbit
McKinnon.....	Hawley
Lane.....	Spencer

cast of 10 top actors. That is about the extent of information regarding the pre-Lenten drama.

On that same evening, the winners of the Mission Raffle will be announced. Now, of this part of the pre-Lenten program we have some factual information on which to work. The Academia Committee sponsored this raffle which began on Sunday, February 10. The sixth class had the singular privilege of selling all the chances for a fine set of prizes.

The proceeds of the Mission Raffle, of course, go to the Mission Fund. The winners will be chosen by lot. The drawing will be held between acts of the play. The prizes for the raffle are: 1) a set of three books by Abbot Marmon, 2) a tennis racket, 3) a baseball fielder's glove. The prizes are valued at nearly \$40.



# Editor's page

## Catholic Press Month



February is well on its way out but just because February, Catholic Press Month, passes on, the aims and purposes of Catholic Press Month do not leave with it. Your Catholic Press has made great strides in the past ten years. It has grown in size and influence and is still growing. All Catholics should feel that they have an obligation to contribute toward its success. Do it in the name of St. Francis de Sales, patron of the Catholic Press.



# LENTEN PLAN - CHRIST'S LIFE



HOLY CHILDHOOD

Lent is only a few days away; and it seems that it is about time to begin thinking of a lenten plan for ourselves. Perhaps the past two months can give a few ideas for intentions we could make for Lent.

January, the month dedicated to the Holy Childhood of Jesus, and February, dedicated to the hidden life of Jesus, provide us with many similar roads which we might attempt to travel during Lent. They both express the humility and obedience of Our Lord.

The Holy Childhood of Our Lord is best and most accurately described in the timeless words of St. Matthew, "He went down and was subject to them." The very thought that Our Lord submitted Himself to the command and wish of mere humans whom He Himself had created should provoke in us the understanding of the tremendous example of humility that Jesus set for us at that time of His life on earth. Moreover, there is a striking example of obedience, an example which we would do well to follow.

In our life hidden from the din and confusion of the world we should find a resemblance to the early life of Christ. Thus, we should take His life as a pattern for our own. Our daily actions - classes, prayers, study - whatever they may be, can all be acts of humility and obedience. More friendly relations with our fellow-students can be a form of humility; and in obeying the rule, we should follow Christ, asking no questions or hesitating because of our own feelings.

The early life of Christ, then, can well provide us with two criteria to be sought, the one obedience, the other humility. These two goals might help us get a better footing in a better life.



HIDDEN LIFE

## Doing Your Part?

In recent weeks it seems that certain students have taken an attitude toward authority and respect for property that is very detrimental to the student body and to the physical appearance of the house. The time to change this attitude is now. For the most part, no doubt, this condition arises, not out of evil intent, but rather out of a certain carelessness and neglect. Thus, the solution lies in the hands of the individual himself. Perhaps it would be a good idea for each of us to take himself to task and to ask himself whether he has done his part to keep the house in an orderly and pleasant condition for a better atmosphere.

The schools are few and far between that would permit their students to do as they please without respect

for property and cleanliness about the building. Much less, then, should one expect to find such conduct among seminarians, men who hope some day to be priests of God and to sow a gospel of Christian charity and to be apostles of respect for lawful authority.

The job is ours, fellows; if we want a clean house and healthy community spirit, we have to work to make it. Though the faculty has its part and has played it well, the final, decisive action lies in our power. Let's take a little pride in our school for future priests and make it an example of what Christian charity can do. Let's work together for a better house in which to better honor God.

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## IN MANU DEI SUNT

### FR. O'HARA DIES

Father Edward J. O'Hara who died at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon, January 15, served the Diocese of Grand Rapids in his priestly capacity for twenty-eight years. His last appointment was pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Grand Haven, where he had served for nearly seven years.

The funeral Mass for the repose of Father's soul was offered in St. Patrick's Church, Grand Haven, January 18. Magrs. Falicki and Verreau represented the Seminary at the funeral Mass.

### DEATH TAKES FR. KORSAKAS

Father Julian Korsakas, a native of Lithuania, served the Diocese of Grand Rapids for six years before his sudden death, January 18. Father died in an automobile accident, January 18, while returning from the funeral of Father O'Hara. Father had recently been appointed to Holy Spirit Parish, Grand Rapids, previous to which appointment Father had been stationed at St. Philomena's Parish, Beal City. Father had come to the United States in 1950, a refugee from Lithuania where he had served in his priestly office for twenty-nine years.

A requiem Mass was celebrated in Holy Spirit Church for the repose of the soul of Father Korsakas, January 21.

### MSGR. WESTDORP PASSES ON

Right Reverend Monsignor John M. Westdorp, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish, Holland, and Dean of the Holland Deanery, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids, February 6.

Monsignor was an alumnus of St. Joseph's Seminary, Grand Rapids, and of Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati. Ordained by Bishop Kelly July 10, 1921, he served our diocese for nearly thirty-six years.

The funeral Mass was offered in St. Francis de Sales Church, February 9. Magrs. Falicki, Shaw, and Verreau, together with Frs. Thome and Zuidema, attended the Mass.



# OTTO, ORATORS OPEN NEW SEASON

## OTTO'S VIEWS ON LATEST NEWS ORATIONS BEGIN, FEBRUARY 24

Well, here I am, back again, to gather newsy notes for you. I returned a few days after the close of Christmas vacation, and arrived just in time to see the fire in the Sisters' convent. The students tell me that two of the Fathers tried to put it out before the fire engines arrived, or rather that one of the Fathers worked to put it out while the other stood and watched. The "supervisor's" only cassock, I am told, was so saturated with the scent of smoke that he had to hang it out on the fire escape until the fresh air finally removed the odor. I don't know what that certain Father did until his cassock was ready for wear.

A fire is a shocking thing to see sometimes, but not half as shocking as semester exams and their aftermath, the testimonials. The students gently hinted that the exams were a little more difficult than usual. That may be so, but back where I come from they were really tough. So, if you think yours were bad, fellows, just imagine what they were in our town.

As I wandered about the campus recently I happened upon a group of diligently working seminarians who were about to fell another tree. Their victim appeared to me to be a young tree between the east drive and the Sisters' convent. A year seldom goes by without at least one meeting its Waterloo.

During that same jaunt about the campus I visited the nearly-completed College Residence Hall. If my opinion means anything, I doubt that it does, I might venture to say that you may be moving in soon, collegemen. My prediction is very early spring. Check me if I'm wrong!

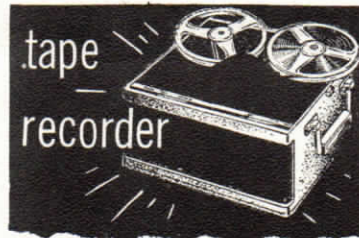
Several misfortunes have plagued Ray Rau and his staff of flooders this year in their attempts to perfect an ideal ice-rink. Numberless times the hose connections have come apart. One morning the faucet froze, and it was necessary to thaw it with hot water. Then, there was the unfortunate instance in which someone beat the coupling so that it could not be attached to the faucet. However, there is one case that "takes the cake". One night, while three of the collegemen were flooding the rink, some outsider shut off the water and ran away with the key. After a short and fruitless chase, chance of recovery was abandoned and the water was turned on with pliers. Ray Rau and Company, you have had your share of trouble. Take it from "Old Otto", your time will come. Until it does, I hope you have the full cooperation

of the whole student body.

Perhaps Louis Anderson is extremely strong or perhaps there is another reason; nevertheless, he broke a knife while he was buttering some of the Sisters' home-made bread. Strange to say, the very incident happened to Paul Johnson the following day. There must be some common ground between these two fateful occurrences. Maybe these two dainty men don't realize their own strength.

Such are the news notes I have for this issue. Keep me well-informed because I love to know more than my foremost competitor.

OTTO



Joseph Schmiedicke was elected to the vacancy on the College SCAS Board of Directors recently, and Louis Anderson was appointed Chairman of the Academia Committee. Charles Sigmond and Thomas Metiva are new members of the Academia and Apostleship Committees respectively in High School SCAS.

A "night watchman" now works full time at the front of the Seminary's main building. An automatic light meter turns all our night lights on and off.

The Second College this semester is taking in Latin from Magr. Shaw an Introduction to Philosophy.

Semester Examinations were written January 16, 17, and 18. A post factum free day followed. Semester Reports were presented in study hall Thursday, January 24.

With the beginning of a new semester there are many new subjects to contend with and a few more assignments to complete before the end of the school year.

Among the few assignments which the senior class has yet to complete are the annual orations and debates. These two expressions of public speaking abilities seem to interest nearly everyone in the College Department; not only those who deliver

them, but also the members of first year college. Why shouldn't they; do they not have to listen to them in College SCAS?

Well, for all interested, the seniors have been assigned their Oration topics. To say the least, they cover a very wide field of interest, from social problems to taste in language.

The speakers and topics for the first eleven orations are listed in the box below this article.

LOUIS ANDERSON-

"Labor's Fight for Fringe Benefits"

ANDREW CHRUSCIEL-

"Does the Negro Depreciate the Value of Property?"

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PATRICK CORCORAN-

"Your College Investment"

MELVIN FOX-

"Man Does Not Live by Bread Alone"

RONALD FRIES-

"Our Ties with England"

DAVID HAWLEY-

"Taste in Language"

PAUL JOHNSON-

"College Friendships"

EDWARD KONIECZKA-

"Does Football Help a High School?"

GERALD NORMAN-

"Reduce Accidents in the Home"

FREDRIC O'NEILL-

"Bring Out Hidden Taxes"

LAWRENCE PASHAK-

"Capitalism's Strong Points"

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## AFTER-DINNER EXCITEMENT



January 10, at approximately 1:10 P.M., a fire was discovered in the basement of the Sisters' convent on the campus of St. Joseph's Seminary. Fire-fighting equipment from nearby fire stations was summoned to extinguish the small fire which caused an estimated \$300 damage.

The students, who had shortly before finished dinner, crowded around to watch the action and take some pictures. One of the bystanders, Norman Droski, snapped the accompanying pics of the excitement that took place that afternoon.

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# ST. JOSEPH'S ALUMNI NEWS

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Gadfrey Gambols

## Archives Tell Historic Tale

It's a good thing my boss gave me this assignment early because it was quite a job getting together a brief history of St. Mary's Seminary.

When I dropped down to Baltimore, I could see right away that there must be quite a history to the institution at 600 N. Paca Street. Time goes by so fast I had to think back to remember how it all started.

Then it came to me. A few years after Columbus discovered America, a fellow who was called Lord Baltimore founded a colony granting religious freedom to all. He called this colony Maryland. Quite a number of Catholics settled it.

After awhile, when the American hierarchy was established, it was decided that a seminary should be built to supply the new country with priests. And so, on October 3, 1791, a dream came true as St. Mary's was formally opened under the patronage of Bishop Carroll.

Father Francis Charles Nagot, S.S.S., was the first president. He and three other French Sulpicians formed the first faculty. Though at first established as a non-sectarian university, since

1853 it has been used solely as a major seminary.

The seminary is still conducted by the Sulpicians. The original building is now used only for philosophy. A new building in the suburbs of Baltimore is used for theology.

The school is recognized as a university by both

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
AND UNIVERSITY



BALTIMORE

MARYLAND

the Church and the State.

The old building is located only a few blocks from downtown Baltimore. It is beginning to show its age. As a matter of fact, the chapel has been designated by the United States Department of the Interior as a site worthy to be preserved.

The seminary has a long and fruitful history, but my boss said for me to write an article not a book so I'll leave you with those few notes.

Your foreign correspondent,

E. Gadfrey

## 'Bells of St. Mary's' Find Baltimore To Their Liking

Since imagination is the excuse for experience, perhaps it is not out of place to take the reader on a tour, via the magic carpet, of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, the present home of six members of the class of '56.

Having broken the sound barrier in an effort to reach 600 N. Paca St. before a new day begins, we complete our journey in three nods and a nid flat, a record time for any cruise. Bad weather set in as we neared Baltimore and it is only with the greatest difficulty that we finally locate the seminary enveloped though it is by a mixture of fog, rain, and snow. It seems as though the former critics of Grand Rapids thermometers have really walked into a weather "Wonderland" here.

As we search for a suitable landing place, we spy the open window of Bob Maternoski, ever a fresh-air friend, and arrive inside just in time for the 5:40 rising bell. The 225 students of the Philosophy department are immediately on their feet and begin their run, not just for water but with wooden basins under arm for running water. Figures file past before our eyes and among the foremost, of course, we recognize the smiling faces of our six alumni, anxiously looking forward to the adventures of another new day. Besides the Grand Rapids students, there are students here representing 29 other dioceses throughout our nation. Most of the students are from the Atlantic seaboard states but there are also many mid-westerners, and as I heard one alumnus say, the latter "have it all over these Ivy League Boys!"

After Mass, celebrated in their historic chapel, we wander up and down the wooden stairs and across the wooden floors to other scenes of interest. From the rooms set aside for cards, ping-pong, and pool, we pass to the exercise

room where we behold "Biceps Bob" Barrera struggling with a 300 lb. barbell. Friends say he's getting so muscle-bound that he can hardly pound the piano keys any more. On the campus there are additional recreational facilities for football, handball, softball, and basketball.

Let the readers think

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

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that life here is all play and no work, it is necessary to add that the students are just recuperating from their semester exams held Jan. 28 - Feb. 1. Their class schedule is somewhat similar to ours with the exception that Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, on which students visit either the orphanages, the swimming pool at the nearby Jesuit High School, the jail, or the morgue. Our alumni journeyed to Washington on January 21 to witness the Presidential Inauguration and the attending ceremonies.

Our alumni have wasted no time in becoming accustomed to their new surroundings. At benediction that evening, we find Bob Barrera, the new assistant organist, at his accustomed position in the choir loft and you can imagine our surprise when we notice that Alvin Walke has exchanged his keys to our store for the garb of a sacristan here at St. Mary's.

Well, the day has passed and it's time to turn our carpet homeward; but by their actions we are sure that in the future we will be hearing many pleasant strains from these six "Bells of St. Mary's!"

## Washington Whispers

Although printable news has not been forthcoming from our alumni at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., we have found, in the January issue of *The Crossroads* published by the C.U., a picture of Gaspar Ancona, a graduate of St. Joe's Class of '56. So, Gus, we know that you are still alive.





# CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK FEBRUARY 17-23

## LIBRARY'S NEW BOOKS

### The Happy Warrior

by Emily Smith Warner  
Biography of Alfred E. Smith written by his daughter. Good for the upper classes.

### This Hallowed Ground

by Bruce Catton  
About the Union's side in the Civil War. For the younger set.

### Abbe Pierre Speaks

by Abbe Pierre  
A collection of the talks given by Abbe Pierre. Excellent for all.

### The Team that Wouldn't Quit

by W. MacKellar  
Interesting story of a die-hard basketball team. Another one for the Juniors of the house.

### Jesus and His Times

by Daniel-Rops  
The Catholic version. Better understood by the older students.

## Book You Never Read.

What, Never?

Well, Hardly Ever . . .

The Bible, which most folks treat as if it were printed in Sanskrit, does not and cannot contain error. St. Paul says of it, that it was written "for teaching, for reproving, for correcting, for instructing in justice; that the man of God may be perfect, equipped for every good work".

## A Nightmare

# 'Twas the Night Before Exams

To many students examination time is synonymous with nail biting, falling hair, ejaculations, insomnia, upset stomachs, and temporary loss of memory. But among test-fearing students my friend Wishful Willy had the distinction of turning the palest whenever examinations were mentioned. You see, Wishful Willy was the world's worst worry wort. He spent more time worrying about examinations than he did studying for them.

Yes, the story of Wishful Willy was a sad tale until one night on the eve of examinations there appeared to him— But why should I give you a second hand account when Wishful Willy can narrate the episode much better.

"I had just fallen asleep when a vaguely familiar voice roused me. 'I am the spirit of one who failed. If you would escape a similar fate, follow me.' As the spirit spoke I began to wish that

## EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Whether you are in second year college or in first year high, make books your business! Then, too, not just any books, but the books which will do you the most good.

Perhaps you are not sure of what books to choose; the librarians should be of help in that regard. They know what is good and what is not.

I had never gone to bed that night. But I silently acquiesced. What else could I do?

"When we arrived at our destination the spirit spoke once again. 'From here you must go on alone. If you are unsuccessful—well, the best of luck! But success is yours if you survey the situation well and answer carefully.' With that he was gone.

"With some apprehension I readied myself for the ordeal and opened the door. What I saw made my hair—the little that was not already pulled out—stand on end. On a high throne was seated the questioner, a cardinal in regal robes. In his right hand he held a doctorate in Canon Law. On his left stood two ominous looking men clad entirely in black. The rack that they were oiling left no doubt but that they were inquisitioners. My mind went blank as I realized that this was to be the most severe test of my

life. But then I recalled the advice of the vision and calmed myself. Two hours and twenty-nine minutes later I walked out of the room with a doctorate in my possession.

"With a strange new confidence I faced the remainder of the examinations. The history exam was an intricate maze of facts and figures. The French had as a penalty the guillotine for all who dared to mutilate the sweet flowing language. And so on down the line.

"When I finally emerged into the daylight the phantom reappeared and spoke these parting words: 'You learn quickly; see that you retain it.' And before I could express my appreciation he vanished at the same instant the 6 o'clock bell shattered my sleep."

The moral of Willy's story? Dream hard during examinations but study harder!

Norman Siegel  
I College

# One of Very Few



In the picture at left, snapped by W. Morin, are some eager skaters enjoying one of the few days of skating that this year had to offer.

See the following page for a more complete picture of the problems that confronted the Community Affairs Committee.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

## CONTRIBUTION TO

## CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH



Although the contribution of St. Joseph's Seminary to Catholic Press Month will not spread abroad to the people of the world, we do feel however, that we have done our part. During the past month dedicated to the Catholic Press the Newman Literary Society of St. Joseph's has continually kept the student body aware of the importance of Catholic literature. During Catholic Book Week, especially, the Newman posted many displays on the bulletin board which informed the students of recent Catholic publications and of the latest Catholic books which the Library had purchased and processed for student reading.

Such is the contribution of St. Joseph's Seminary to Catholic Press Month. It is not tremendous, but it is vital.

**Sports Spot** (Con't from p.6)  
our lives? If it has not, why not? Has it helped—no matter how indirect the help might have been—to make us better seminarians? The more active, the more diverse forms of recreation which the Activities Building affords us should make us better seminarians—athletic-wise, naturally, but even physically and spiritually.

This leaves us with but one conclusion. We can best thank our Bishop, priests, and people of the Grand Rapids diocese by becoming better seminarians and thus eventually better priests.

Lest you think that we have concluded on too spiritual a line, we of the Sports Staff would make the following pleasant observation: Seminary basketball in previous years has been "rough and tough" basketball. This condition was almost inevitable because of the inadequacy of the old gym. Now all that has been changed. Seminary basketball is still hard-fought but it is cleaner, better basketball. Keep up the good work!



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## BASKETBALL COMPETITION TOPS WINTER SPORTS

### SPORTS SPOT

Previously we have used many and diverse words to describe our new Activities Building. In this issue I thought I would use a picture to present the description for me. And so I told our many seminary photographers what I wanted - a picture taken from the far south floor including three center jumps with the four handball alleys as a background. Or, in other words, the picture would have to include thirty basketball players and at least three referees.

You know, it's a funny thing but all the photographers gave me the same answer - go out and buy a panoramic camera and take your own picture. Since I can hardly afford to do

that, I think I will resort to verbal description once again.

Seriously though, that incident made me think. Do we seminarists really appreciate the "panoramic" of our Activities Building? In fact have we taken the opportunity to thank our Bishop, the priests, and the people of the Grand Rapids diocese who made it possible?

Oh, verbal expressions of thanks are easily performed. But I have in mind another means of expressing the same—by deed.

I think all of us could ask ourselves a few questions: Has the Activities Building added anything to

(See SPORTS SPOT, page 5.)

### St. Jerome's G.R. Students Score Impressive Victory

December 16, the front doors of St. Joseph's Sem-

inary unexpectedly opened to welcome about fifteen seminarists from St. Jerome's, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. All of them were students of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, anxious to "try out" our new recreation building.

Their anxiety was rewarded by a 36-32 victory over St. Joe's. The basketball game was a typical pre-season tilt - a low scoring affair and a bit rough.

Ordinarily, a loss lowers the prestige of a team; but, to say the least, St. Joe's was proud to lose to the fine team which Joe Flickinger had organized for St. Jerome's - an extremely fast, aggressive quintet. The starting five for the winners were Flickinger, Kobza, McKinney, Neuhouse, and Thrall. Barnes and Lagoe were substitutes.








### Ice-Rink?

### Maybe-Next Year

"Where there's a will, there's a way." Ray Rau, head of the Community Affairs Committee is beginning to wonder. True, there were broken attachments, leaking hoses, low water pressure. All these Ray, with the gracious help of George the janitor, fixed.

Still the rink promised to be bigger and better than ever, but Mother Nature had other designs. "Holiday on Ice" will have to wait until '58. But now in '57 all of us can learn that patience is a virtue.

## BASKETBALL STANDINGS ..... TOP SCORERS

<u>Seniors</u>		<u>Intermediates</u>		<u>Juniors</u>		<u>Seniors</u>					
Kings	10-2	Cobalt	6-0	Cookies	10-2	Zickus	Ht.	Pt.	Av.		
Captains	8-4	Zinc	6-1	Crackers	8-3	Knieper	6'5"	23			
Emperors	8-4	Sulphur	6-1	Buns	7-3	LaBrie	5'11"	17			
Kaisers	8-4	Mercury	5-3	Toast	7-4	Theis	5'11"	14			
Majors	8-4	Gold	5-3	Crumbs	6-4	Kelsch	5'11"	14			
Dukes	7-5	Copper	4-2	Hardtack	5-5	<u>Intermediates</u>					
Czars	6-6	Lead	3-2	Cake	5-6	Moran	6'2"	24			
Monarchs	6-6	Nickel	2-4	Biscuits	3-8	Lobbezzo	5'11"	18			
Princes	5-7	Argon	2-5	Bread	2-9	Nowak	6'1"	16			
Colonels	4-8	Silicone	2-5	Brownies	1-10	Metiva	5'10"	12			
Barons	3-9	Boron	1-5			Hahnenberg	6'	12			
Generals	3-9	Tin	1-7			<u>Juniors</u>					
Knights	2-10	Carbon	0-8			Doud	5'7"	27			
						Sullivan	5'6"	26			
						Plamondon	5'7"	22			
						Hehl	5'9"	18			
						Flattery	5'6"	16			

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