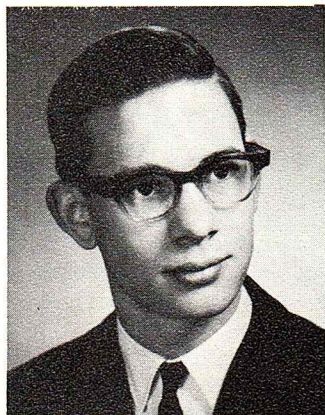


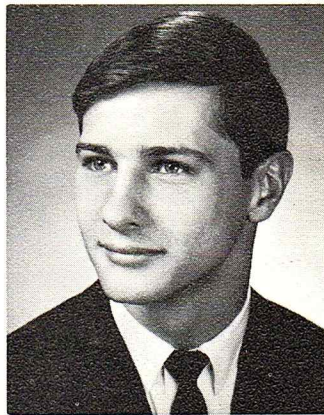
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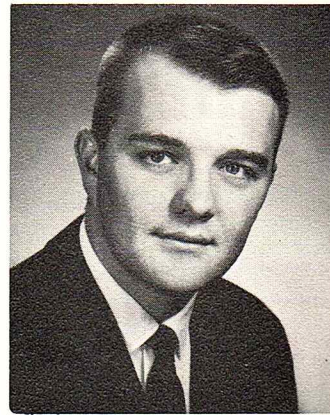
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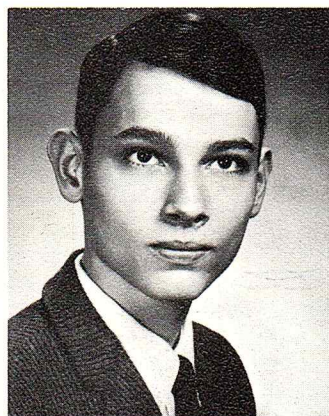
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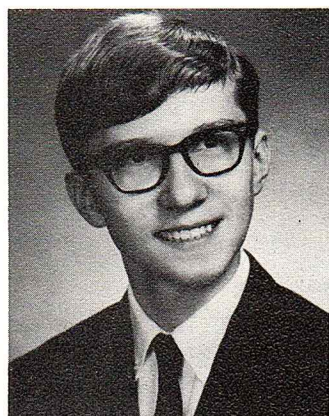
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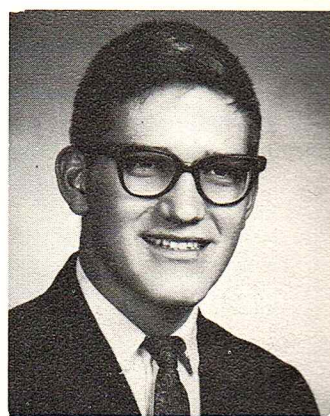
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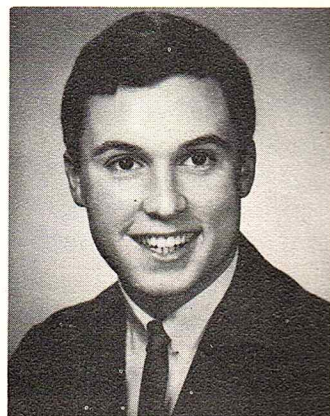
Our sincere congratulations to our High School Graduates. We hope that these Seminary high school years have been a real spiritual, intellectual and apostolic experience for you through which you have continued to develop your initial aspirations to the priesthood. We pray that God will bring these aspirations to fulfillment in the seminary years ahead.



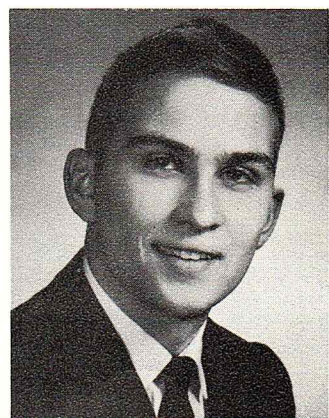
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Testing- 1, 2...

To be able to improve our person, we've first got to know what's wrong with ourselves; that's the main object of education.

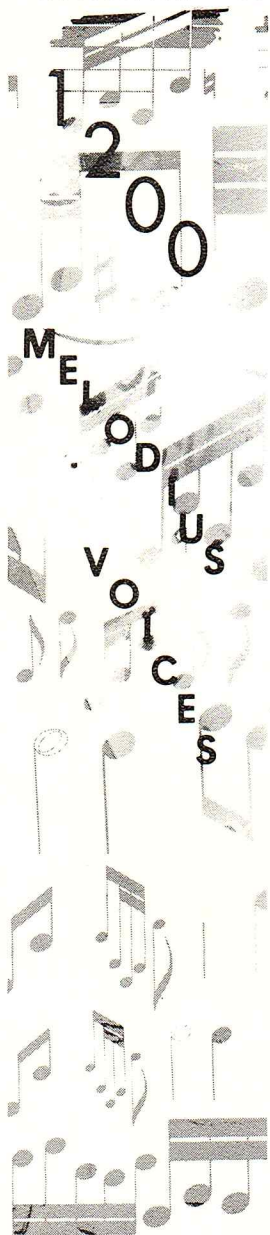
The St. Joe's Seniors took a short-cut to knowing themselves by filling out a lengthy psychology test. When asked what possible benefits they thought the test would offer, Jim Nelson, a senior, replied, "I think it will help because I want to see myself as others see me. It's hard to tell how my traits impress others."

The cost of these tests is about forty dollars per person. The tab is picked up by the Seminary.

The class of '69 or the "St. Joe lively ones" are already looking ahead so that they can plan their College entrance. Although the seniors should be and are busily at work with college "prep" red tape, the juniors are not going to be caught by surprise at the college doors.

On February 27, the juniors participated in the "National Merit Scholarship Exam" with the hopes that some college of their choice might be reserving an enrollment blank for their graduation. "It's not that I want to get out," said one junior, "I'm proud of my high school but I just want to be prepared."

TOM OCCHIPINTI



Just about this time every year, representative students from many of the Grand Rapids area Catholic schools participate in a festival of music. The '68 version took place in the Civic Auditorium on May 9th. The total number of students in the song-fest was one thousand and hundred. Fifth graders from local Catholic grade schools comprised 900 participants. The secondary schools contributed about 300 who made up the high school chorus. Catholic Central High School, West Catholic High and Mount Mercy Academy were represented in this group.

Also represented in this year's program was St. Joseph's Seminary participating for the first time. 35 seminarians, members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes were featured in the high school chorus.

In past years the program has consisted essentially of instrumentals and choral arrangements. These were performed by the various groups of students. This held true this year, but choreography made its debut as a square dance number was performed, appropriately enough, to the tune, "Let's Have A Square Dance." Another number presented was "They Called the Wind Mariah", with seven seminarians providing the accompaniment on guitars.

The finale was a stirring rendition of "This Is My Country", in which the entire performing assembly took part. The Catholic Music Festival proved to be a very entertaining evening.

JAMES MACIOSZEK

ANGRY TURNED SAD

Father McDuffee was searching frantically for twelve men - but they had to be angry men or they'd be no good. The purpose? To fill the roles of twelve angry men in the play by the same name for the annual seminary stage production.

Father ran into all kinds of unexpected problems, though. Father would have liked to have the play as a senior play. Problem number one: there are only eleven Seniors. Problem number two: the Varsity basketball players could not be burdened with parts in the play, so this eliminated some of the Seniors. Moving down to the Juniors (still avoiding basketball players), Father thought he was all set when someone casually mentioned problem number three: all those who were going out for the Varsity baseball team and would eventually make the team likewise could not be burdened further with a role in the play. This cut more of the Seniors and Juniors from the list. Problem number four then arose: even if Father wanted to reach deep in to the Sophomores, they were also drained of talent by the varsity teams. Those who were left in the three years even if all were capable, would not all be willing to accept roles, and Father was very reluctant to dip into the Freshman class. Problem number five: What to do? Solution number one to problems one, two, three, four and five: there simply couldn't be a seminary production this year and that's the way it stands. Next year we hope to schedule a production at a less busy time of the school year. Sorry about that, Father!

What goes into a Recorder?

Have you ever wondered how we come up with a paper such as the RECORDER? We often have, and in order to clarify in our minds exactly how it's done, we've assigned this article to our editor, who always rants and raves about all the work that goes into each issue. The following paragraphs are a condensation of the book that he wrote for our staff.

The RECORDER has a very unique situation from the very start. It has a small and quite conglomerate public. This paper goes to priests, nuns, alumni, Serrans, seminarians and their parents, and anyone can pick it up along the way. The implications of the problems involved in writing for such a diverse group are quite evident.

The method of printing is by offset. Our printer aids us greatly by laying out all the material which we

want to appear on the printed page. We merely give him the articles with any accompanying pictures, designating the page on which we want them printed, and he lines them up. He returns the paste-up for us to look at and correct, after which it is photographed and the issue printed. We then receive and circulate it. This process is actually comparatively simple, but involves a lot of work in getting the articles out of the contributing seminarians.

Seminarians are only human, so getting articles from them on time is as bad as pulling teeth. That's one reason the RECORDER comes out very irregularly. Another reason is that due to our small community, our editor is usually burdened with other extracurricular activities as well as the regular load of homework, which is rough enough,

and so cannot devote his full energies to the paper. Then too there are intervening vacations which slow down everything anyhow. The editor usually has a nervous breakdown every two or three...

Well, at least you have some idea of the work involved in reaching you through this very periodic periodical. We would quote more from the editor's book but it develops into a rather long apology and pejorative gripe. If we have not answered any questions you might have or if you are in any way interested in the seminary, why don't you drop us a line? (We're in the Diocesan Directory). We'd be glad to answer any questions. You see, we're mighty interested in you, because without you, where would we be?

TONY FOSTER (Ed.)

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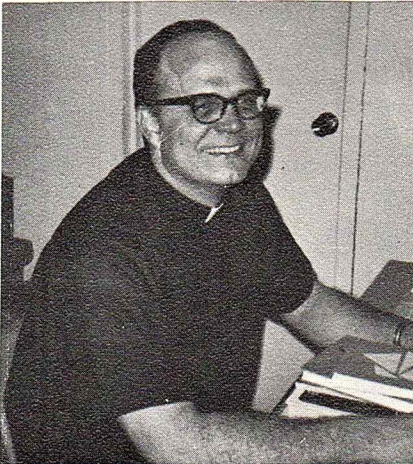
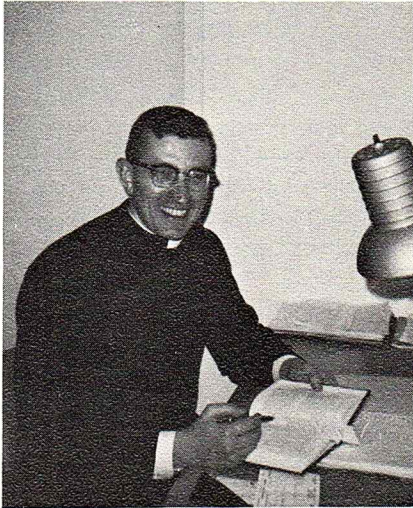
After completing one year of journalism at Ferris State College, GREGORY DEAN DODGE (below) entered St. Joseph's Seminary in the fall of '66. Greg was baptized September 10, 1965 and was confirmed in the seminary chapel by Bishop Babcock just last September—a first in the history of the seminary. Gred is now making plans to go to Baltimore for his two years of philosophy. When asked what his philosophy of life is, Greg said: "To do what God wants."



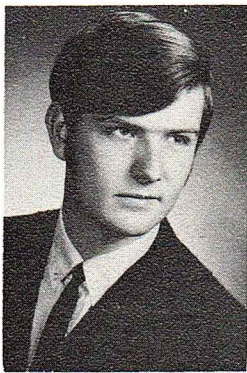
To our eleven young men who are completing their junior college seminary program here at St. Joseph's, I extend my warmest congratulations.

May the years you have spent with us here prove to have been a solid spiritual and academic foundation for your future work, as you strive to answer the call to priestly service in God's Church. May the Lord continue to bless your seminary years with success.

Msgr. Moran

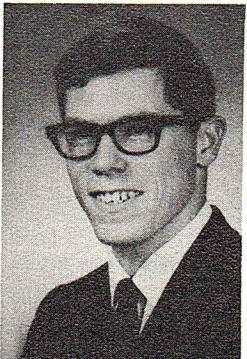


Father Robert Rose, Dean of the College and Father Donald Wieber, Dean of Studies and College Professor.

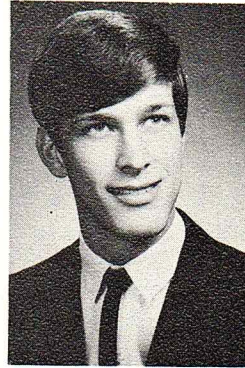


DENIS SPITZLEY (below) is a sixth year man and a product of the Lansing diocese. He came from the illustrious little town of Westphalia, Michigan. Denis, our College infirmarian, is noted for his patience (a quality which no doubt is prevalent among the other 16 members of his family also.) Denis will be receiving his future education at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. His motto: "Do your best and God will do the rest."

JOHN LESLIE SCHMUKER (left) entered the seminary in September 1966 after graduating from Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School. His plans for Major Seminary include a major in Philosophy and a minor in Sociology received at Loras College, St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.



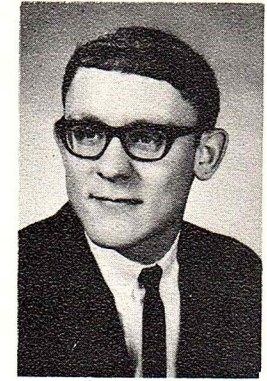
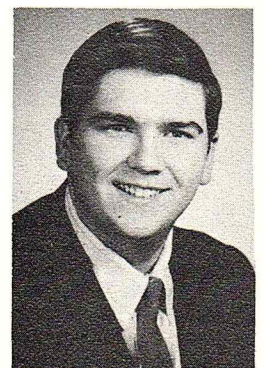
ROBERT GROSS (below), present college secretary, came to St. Joseph's Seminary in the fall of 1966 after an illustrious career at St. Patrick High School in his native town of Portland. Next fall he plans to attend Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Bob takes with him that typical Gross warm-hearted and irrepressible smile, and an earnest desire "To live Christ's life in love and service of his fellow men."



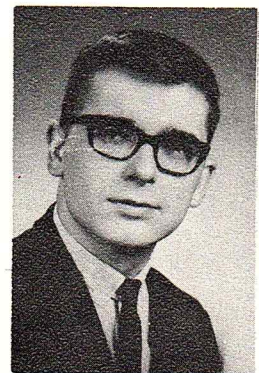
After completing grade school at St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Grand Rapids, CARL OCCHIPINTI (below), desiring the priesthood, entered St. Joseph's Seminary in the fall of 1962. He is considered to be one of the more progressive members of the community. By the end of the year he will have completed six years in the minor seminary and plans to enter St. Mary's Seminary, San Antonio, for his major Seminary training. Undoubtedly he will go through the rest of his life with the idea that "you don't have to be crazy, but it helps."



One of the members who swings a lot of weight in the college community is PHILIP WITKOWSKI (right) from St. Michael's in Muskegon. Phil entered St. Joe's in the fall of '66 after graduating from Muskegon Catholic Central. He plans to attend St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque in the fall. Believing that "no man is an island", he hopes to dedicate his life to breaking down those barriers which separate man from man, and God from man.

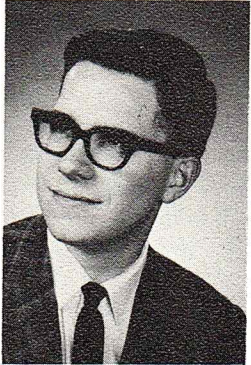


Bob (nick-named chin) entered St. Joe's "scared stiff" in Sept. of 1962. But since these early days ROBERT HART (above) has considered his seminary life as "a great and exciting experience." When asked about his philosophy of life, Robert answered: "Life to me, as a seminarian, is to be educated in all facets of life that will most help in my priesthood and enjoying the experience now." He plans to go to Baltimore for 2 years and then (saying it tongue in cheek) to Rome for Theology.



A familiar figure in the college community, usually busier under a stack of books, is BILL RABIOR (above). Bill comes from St. Mary's Parish in Cheboygan. He entered St. Joe's Sem in 1966 after graduating from Cheboygan Catholic Central. He plans to attend St. Pius X Seminary in Dubuque next year. Bill believes that man is created for man as well as for God. Bill hopes to use the priesthood as a vehicle for actualizing this idea.

LEONARD JOHN DEZELSKI (above) hails from the Crossroads of the North, Maple City, and is a member of St. Rita's parish there. After eight years of agriculture courses in grade school, Leonard came to the Seminary in 1962. He plans to attend Loras College in Dubuque, where he will major in dead—er, classical languages, with a strong minor in chemistry. Leonard's concept of divinity is expressed in this statement: "I firmly believe that God is the universal solvent."



DENNIS W. MORROW (above) affectionately called Denny by his close friends, entered the seminary as a high school freshman in September 1962. After six years of leisure and intimate association with the seminary faculty, Denny plans to major in Philosophy at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. When asked about his philosophy of life as pertaining to the sem, he answered: "Life is ours to use in the sense that we must use it as Christ did. We must be willing to sacrifice all, even this life itself for God and God's people. The seminary, if it is going to be effective, must show us how to do this."

THE SECOND COLLEGIANS DEPART

(See pictures and comments on page 3 of this issue)

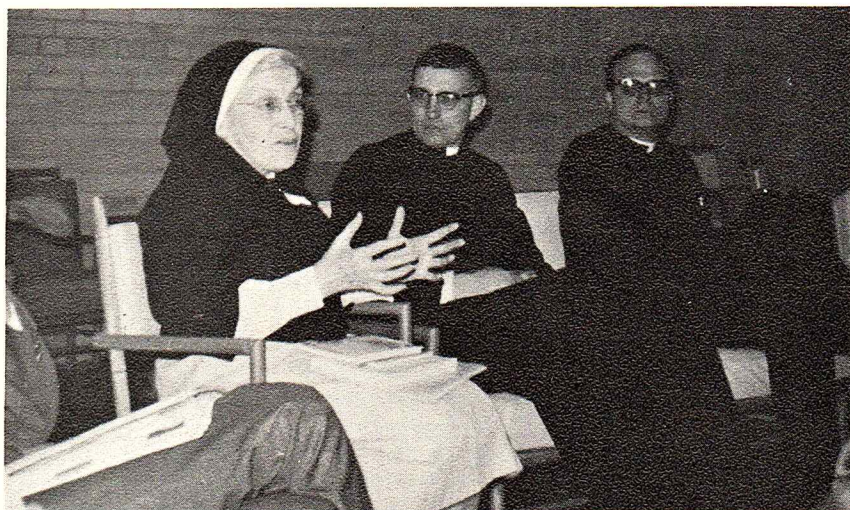
Six years ago a motley crew of juveniles, with sesquipedalian backgrounds and nationality traits, descended upon St. Joe's like a flock of animals heading for old MacDonald's barn, and with about the same sense of orderliness. In a few weeks, a group of cultured, trained and perhaps even educated young men will be departing from St. Joe's with scores upon scores of memories, both fond and otherwise.

Were these students to have been graduating six years ago, instead of entering the seminary, the column would probably be entitled "Ad Multos Annos." Now, we say in plain old unsophisticated English, "So long, it's been nice to know ya." Yes, in the past six years the seminary has changed much; and the present group of sophomore collegians have experienced every part of that change. They can look back upon their first year here and say, "Back in the days of the giants ..." and they can see that much has changed, and they realize that truly they were very much a part of it.

The change began during their junior year of high school and rather slowly; a weekend off here, a rule changed there. It was during the following year, their senior year of high school, that changes came more rapidly, much more rapidly. By their freshman year in college, a priest who had been ordained two years before would not have even recognized the seminary. It had happened, and happened so quickly that even some of the students and faculty didn't realize what had really occurred.

In many cases the change period was a joyful experience. In some instances, not so joyful; but overall, it was truly exciting and produced events which the students will remember for years to come. Without a doubt, the past six years have been joyful years for our sophomore collegians. Now they are off. Some will go to Baltimore, some to Loras College, others to still other places; but all will remember St. Joe's and the joy that their formation was for them during the past six years. So long.

GREINER



Sister Jane Marie addresses the college department as one of our guest lecturers for theology (see story at top of next column).

HAPPENING '67-'68

This semester's theology course is not the usual "modified" religion course. Instead it deals with the problems of the Church today. Each student picks and presents to the class his own thought-provoking subject, such as liturgy or situation ethics. Through this, we hope to achieve a better understanding of the problems facing the church today.

(See picture of this class elsewhere on this page.)

D. WAGNER

For several years members of the college have offered their services as CCD teachers in certain parishes of the diocese. This year, instead of teaching, we sought to get some background training for this work. In this hope, ten of us enrolled in the CCD teacher training program at St. Jude's Parish. We have just now completed sixteen weeks of the thirty-two week course and we can say that we have benefitted in many ways. First and foremost, we have learned much as regards methods and ideas for teaching. But an equally important benefit has been the contact with the priests, sisters and laymen in the course. We hope that they enjoyed it as much as we did and that we will see many of them back next year.

J. MARTIN

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS '67-'68

Some of us had an urge for the sport of hunting. Michigan is a bounteous land full of roving game, but after vain expeditions in the Northland, our efforts were finally rewarded on a Sunday afternoon ride to Muskegon when a certain fox met his doom at the lethal hands of the indefatigable Joe Sadowski.

FRED BRUCKER

THE SAND LAKE CCD

The enthusiasm of Vatican II has not failed to affect the diocesan CCD program, a dynamism especially in evidence each month at St. Mary's, Sand Lake. Fr. Eugene Golas is the able and eager leader of this group, and his friendly relaxed approach has become increasingly effective over the months. We speak from experience since Fr. Golas had invited a group from the college to help him out as discussion leaders and recently has been planning out the CCD Sunday with us. We're all grateful and hope to be of further assistance.

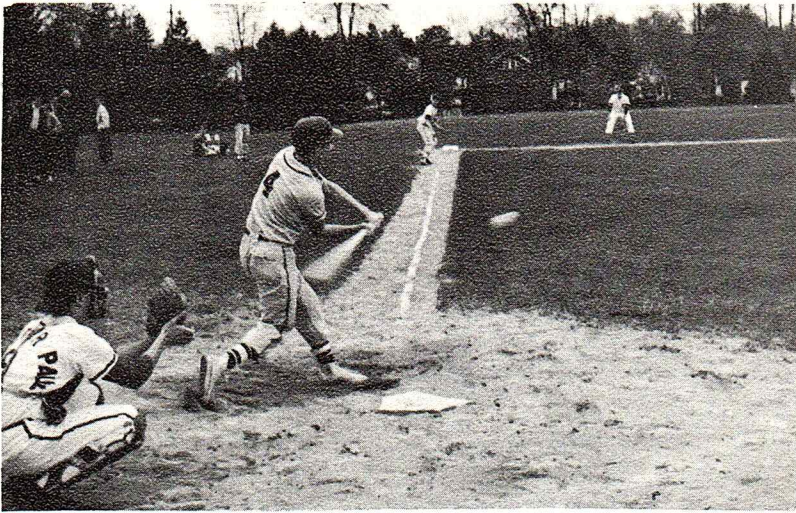
LARRY LEMANSKI

THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

What is it all about? It's ordinary people of different ages gathering a few hours a week to offer their petitions, prayers and praise to God; people who have become aware of God in their lives, and who are trying very hard to live a Christian life in a world which needs real peace, real joy and real love.

What happens to a person? A newness of life, an encounter with and of love happens. This feeling of happening is most difficult to describe; it must be encountered. Many collegians have been attending Pentecostal meetings at St. Mary's Church here in Grand Rapids.

CRAIG ST. MARTIN



IT'S BASEBALL TIME

Believe it or not, St. Joseph's Seminary has a baseball team fully equipped and experienced with three games to its credit. Mr. Didion, our Physical Education instructor and science teacher, is the coach.

The team had to be started from scratch, so coach Didion called the first practices back in the middle of March. There was quite a turnout of team hopefuls, as was expected, since baseball has long been a favorite sport at the seminary. Out of 35 men trying out, 16 were cut from the team within a week. Out of the remaining 19 who are now on the team, only 15 have uniforms, so no one can afford to be lazy or he might find himself without a uniform. Besides shaping the team itself, the baseball diamond needed a grooming. Consequently everyone took up shovels and rakes to straighten the pitcher's mound and base paths. After several weeks of hard practice the team was ready and willing to play.

The schedule has included a scrimmage game with West Catholic's freshman team, single games with Ionia SS. Peter and Paul and St. Augustine's Seminary plus a double-header against Ionia. We claimed the better side of a 5-1 score with West Catholic and did likewise against SS. Peter and Paul by beating them 9-0. However, St. Augustine's took the next game by a score of 6-1. In the double-header against the same Ionia team, we won the first game 6-4 and were robbed of the chance to take the second game when rain ended the contest in the 5th inning while St. Joe's held an 8-3 margin.

With 4 games remaining this spring, we hope the team continues at the present pace. Taking into consideration all the problems of this first season, the team seems to be progressing well and should be even better next year.

LOU MARTIN

Learning To Teach (?)

Isn't that Fr. Vainavicz teaching Latin at Catholic Central? What's he doing there? I thought that he was a teacher at St. Joe's Seminary!!!

For that matter, what is Fr. McDuffee doing at West Catholic or Fr. Flickinger at Roger's High School?

It isn't hard to explain. They are learning to teach. Learning to teach? Well, what are they doing at the seminary?

Oh, I don't want to knock their teaching ability; as a matter of fact, they are well qualified and very good teachers. They are just working toward certification.

It all started like this . . .

Frs. McDuffee, Vainavicz and Flickinger have taken courses at Aquinas College and elsewhere in order to finish requirements for a teaching certificate. Now that these courses have been completed, they must successfully finish a term of practice teaching. Fr. McDuffee has been sent to West

Catholic High School, which he constantly refers to as West Catholic Central. There he teaches two senior classes of English. He has also taken over Fr. Ed Mike's class of Preparation for Marriage. Several times he has brought new teaching tricks back to the seminary. However, we will never forget the time he came into class with the classic statement which some unidentified student at West Catholic had made: "You know that short priest from the seminary that we thought was going to be smart? Well, he isn't . . ."

Fr. Vainavicz, meanwhile has been spending his hours at Catholic Central. There he teaches Latin I and II and likes to sit on on other classes such as German. He likes teaching there, but 6'6" Fr. Vainavicz is still wondering why he's been sent to Catholic Central while some other members smaller than he have been sent to South High School.

Then we come to Fr. Flickinger. He has taken a leave of absence from seminary teaching to pursue further studies in the sciences. Now he is practice teaching at Roger's High School. Since he isn't allowed to wear his cassock and collar at the school, he has been teaching biology in sport coat and tie. "Mr." Flickinger is doing quite well at his new post.

And now all three Fathers are awaiting certification, which would aid the seminary in gaining its accreditation. They finished their practice teaching around Easter and expect their certificates at the end of the school year.

And that explains it.

JOE GERSCH

THANK YOU SISTERS

A day does not go by in the life of a seminarian that he does not come upon at least some encounter with one of the eight seminary sisters. Still, despite the numerous times that our paths cross, we seminarians must admit that we know very little about the sisters.

For instance, how many know that the sisters rise at 5:45 (don't groan guys; 5 months ago they were rising at 5:00). We usually don't see them until breakfast at 7:30. Their morning is taken up with breakfast (or infirmarium work for dear Sr. Christopher), Mass and lunch preparations. The afternoon, a bit more relaxing, is accented with rosary, compline and finally supper.

Each sister gets one day a week off. Sisters now may travel, singly if they wish, rather than always with a companion. Transportation, at one time a great hindrance to their outside activities, is no longer a problem as the sisters now have a car for their various needs.

We are happy to know that the sisters consider their community one with ours and not as two separated bodies.

The sisters would like to leave with us a couple of thoughts concerning themselves. They are human; they make mistakes and learn through them. Also, they are growing with the changes.

So we the staff, speaking for the students, salute the Sisters and sincerely thank them for that part of theirs which they have generously given to the community and its operations.

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