

# CRISIS IN VOCATION

Last year there were two priests ordained. This year there will be three and next year three - hopefully. Can anyone question the fact that there is a shortage of religious vocations today? The fact is that this is a world-wide dilemma. There simply are not enough priests to take care of the material and spiritual needs of the people. We can see examples of this right here in our own diocese.

Here at the Seminary most of the teachers themselves are studying at Aquinas College. A couple of these are practice teaching at either West Catholic or Catholic Central. During the week, one goes out each morning to say Mass at the Little Sisters' Home for the Aged. Besides that, each weekend all but a few go out to assist at some parish or mission where they are badly needed.

## Recorder

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### A NEED...

Today, with so many criticisms made about the Church by the increasing minority of outspoken clergy and others, how many times do you hear from the satisfied members of the Church? Not too many. They don't make sensational news. To be sure, you hear even less from seminarians, dissatisfied or otherwise. The reason is that seminarians, as yet, don't exert that large an influence on the thinking of others. It's only after they are ordained that you really hear anything from them. However, their outlooks and opinions are formed in the seminary. Thus, the seminary should be an ever-widening concern throughout the diocese or province that it serves.

Here at St. Joe's we feel the need for priests - good priests - more and more. We are therefore stepping up our study program to include subjects that will help broaden our outlooks and make us more aware of the needs of the world that we live in. Not only do we feel a need for the better quality priest, but also for a few more of them.

Within the past five years, a sharp decline in the number of vocations has taken place. For example, the present Senior class had a first year of seventy-two students, the Junior class started with seventy-four, the Sophomores began with fifty-two students and the present Freshman class with thirty-two. The Senior class has dropped from their original seventy-two to eleven now.

At present, the situation here looks as if it will get worse before it gets better. There is one class that has graduated from St. Joe's of which there is not one left in the seminary. They started out with over seventy students. Pretty disheartening, isn't it?

We here at St. Joe's have felt the need, as stated, and so we have set up an organization aimed at stimulating interest in the seminary. It involves bulletin board displays, news releases concerning the goings-on here; in short, keeping the seminary in the minds of those out-

side our community. Our actions are at present directed to the upper grades of grade school. We hope to expand in the future, but we can't bite off more than we can chew in the beginning. We know that many of you who receive this publication, the RECORDER, have in some way or another an interest in vocations and promoting them. The problem of the decline in vocations is not to be easily solved, nor do we really know what is at the very roots of it. We do know this, however - the seminary still stands behind an aura of mystery and apathy. We on the inside would like to dispel this cloud and bring in more from the "outside".

And thus, we appeal to you, our readers, who are vitally involved in this problem as priests, nuns, and above all, as Christians. We ask your cooperation in our efforts to promote interest in the Seminary. It sounds terribly large, but we believe we have something good here. So, if you have any questions about our program, what exactly it involves, and what we hope to do, please send your inquiries to the following address:

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I might also mention the extra work put on the shoulders of many parish priests. They often work at the chancery or as marriage counselors. Some parishes lack assistants. Farther north in the diocese there is a very serious shortage of priests. Our diocese is not at all alone in this plight. Others need priests just as much - some more - than we do. But where are they to come from? At this question, eyes are always turned to the seminary for reassurance. But today one would be surprised - though not pleasantly.

In the past, students entering the sem from the eighth grade have numbered from seventy-five to eighty. This year there are now twenty-eight in the Freshman class. The present Senior class is down very low. Our two years of college include twenty-six students. That means that altogether here at St. Joe's we have 112 students in com-

*Twenty-five  
Years In  
Service!*

Not many of us remember what kind of day March 19th was in the year 1943. Probably it was just another Friday during the War, the beckoner of another mediocre weekend. But to Gerard F. Guzikowski and four of his classmates, it was a very special day, one that could never be forgotten or surpassed. For it was a day that Reverend Guzikowski and his colleagues were ordained as priests in the service of Christ. The place was St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The four other men ordained that day were the Reverends Joseph E. Murphy, Albert Bernott, John McGee and Thaddeus R. Sniegowski. All are alumni of St. Joseph's Seminary. All are still in the service of Christ in Michigan. Fr. Murphy is now Monsignor Murphy, the principal of West Catholic High School here in town. Father Bernott is now pastor of St. Michael's Church in Denison. Fathers McGee and Sniegowski are also pastors now, of St. Henry's Church in Rosebush and St. Michael's in Sutton's Bay, respectively.

It is interesting to note that of the five priests ordained that day, three have served or are still serving on the St. Joseph's Seminary faculty. Father McGee and Monsignor Murphy served in years past, and Monsignor Guzikowski is presently Spiritual Director here.

parison to an average of nearly 200 in times past.

Why is this? Some say that too many teens are getting involved in social work such as Papal Volunteers, Vista, etc. Others observe that there is also a shortage of vocations in the fields of science, medicine, technology and teaching. They say that the pendulum will swing back. Others blame the "times". Then, too, there is the fact that most teens now wait until college to decide on a career. I've heard that the seminary is often shunned because it does not provide the right image to "outsiders".

Fr. James Bettendorf, in The Catholic Weekly (Feb. 16, 1968) says that some college students feel that seminarians present an image too idealistic (as quoted "...a glorious life wrapped in innocent fun and ultrahuman commitment.") The others are such critics that they get the impression that only a fool would put himself under such authority. (God knows these are both extreme views.)

The pendulum will undoubtedly swing back. The question is when. Something must be done to correct false notions of the seminary and to encourage vocations. If we combine a maximum of prayer with action we ought to get some results. Let's try it.

Dave LaPonsie  
IV High

About the same time that these five men were ordained, another man who was to see service in this diocese was also consecrated to Christ, but the place was Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is Father Benedict Marciulionis, the present pastor of St. Mary's Church in Lowell. He is well acquainted with his contemporaries from this side of Lake Michigan and is considered "one of the family".

The jubilarians don't see much of one another these days because of their scattered assignments. When two or three of them do come together, though, there is usually talk of a reunion in the spring. However, no definite date has been set.

Definite date or not, a reunion is sure to take place. There will be talking of "the good ole days", reminiscing of things that have made their lives full, and chuckling at the little incidents of humor that have occurred in twenty-five years. But whatever the thoughts or memories they carry into their reunion may be, let us assure them that they carry our sincere congratulations with them now and always.

Mark Kahns



# "A Sense of Community"

In a seminary community such as ours, environment plays an important part in the formation of each individual. A certain spirit, a real awareness and enjoyment of community enlivens social as well as spiritual maturation. A sense of community is that certain something that is just there somehow and cannot be defined, but which we have been working hard to find within our seminary environment. We of the college were looking so hard for it that even after we had it, we needed someone from the outside to tell us that we had arrived. Monsignor Hugh Michael Beahan is the man responsible for the remarkable spirit that invaded the college department as a result of his leadership in our retreat this year.

The procedure followed by the Monsignor was intended to bring the priesthood and the world into proper perspective. He opened the retreat with a talk on the goodness of the world that we tend to condemn all too readily. He had us take a good look at ourselves and at the world around us, considering the point of view of our families, our peers and the faculty. Along with this, we were encouraged to examine our conceptions of the priesthood. In his ensuing talks, the Monsignor illuminated issues facing the church today, including the liturgy and celibacy.

"Impressive" is too small a word to describe the Monsignor's retreat atmosphere in which he guided us ... produced a communication which we have seldom enjoyed. This, in itself, was a significant fruit of the retreat, but the most important thing we received from the encounter was the realization that we really have a community here at St. Joseph's Seminary. The praise which he poured on us and reported to others was all it took for this dynamic person to fuse twenty-six individuals into a spirited community. As a result of his efforts the "Burton Curtain" has developed an impressive reputation.

John Schmuker

## THE COLLEGE COUNCIL

In view of the fact that, as of the beginning of the school year 1966-1967, the College department of St. Joseph's Seminary had no formal organizational body to represent the College, it was suggested that such a body be formed by the students with the guidance and co-operation of certain faculty members. This was done and shortly after the College Student Council was brought into existence with the unanimous approval of all concerned.

The purpose of this Council was to serve its faculty and students in whatever ways would provide for the smooth operation of the seminary, and to provide a channel of communication between the faculty, the students, parents of the students and the people of the diocese. It was also through the Council that Committees were established to accomplish the various purposes of the Council; those being the Religious Activities Committee, the Cultural Committee and the Student Relations Committee. All are functioning well in their specific areas for the advancement of the community.

It was later indicated that a constitution was needed to facilitate the operation of the Council in providing guidelines and procedures to be followed. This was accomplished to the satisfaction of all. Already in its fourth semester the Council has accomplished the purposes for which it was designed. I am sure it will continue to serve the College community just as faithfully in the future.

Bob Gross



## SNOWFLAKE SONGSPIEL

On December 4 of last year the sem's college students threw open the doors of St. Henry's Hall to all their friends from Aquinas for an informal hootenany. This get-together, which was held to give the visitors a look at the sem and to show everyone present a good time, was an enjoyable success, as in the past.

The entertainment for the evening was quite diversified. On the quieter, more folkish side of the musical spectrum, there were the lively sisters from Aquinas, the New Ireland Singers and a trio made up of Ray Griffith, Mike Zbojnowicz and Carl Shangraw. On the louder, more swinging side was the Parts of Perception, a rock group from Caledonia. Somewhere in between the rest of the spectrum

# COLLEGE SPIRIT

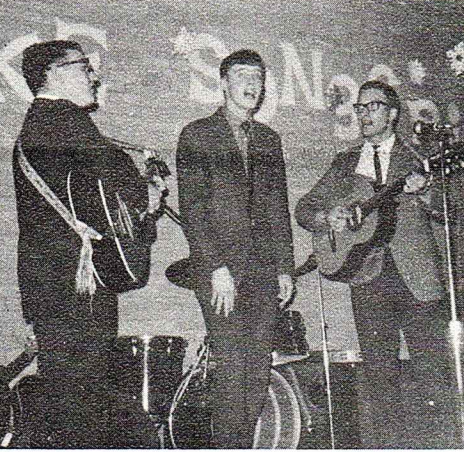
What's big and yellow, sings "Asperges Me" with a brisk moving chorus of "Baby Lace", emits smoke and rolls down Easter twice a day? If you're wondering about it, don't worry. Many people ask the same question. Heads turn, eyes strain and ears flutter all along the way. Each morning - hazard a guess, but no one should rave to tell you. Without a doubt, it has to be the College going to Aquinas.

It's an odd assortment of guys and there's probably none other like it. But then you shouldn't expect another to be. We're one of a kind. We have guys like Jim Hall, Dennis Spitzley, Joe Sadowski, and Dan Thielen, Phil Witkowski and Tim Brandy. They're about as opposite as they come and yet they're all united here in our sem. It seems strange.

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What can bind all these guys together and ever hope to keep them that way? It could be a fence, the "Burton Curtain" as Msgr. Guzy likes to call it. But it isn't. It could be force. But it isn't. What keeps them and the rest of us together is a common goal to which we are all striving, and real concern. Our concern helps us to help one another and our journey to the goal we have chosen. A community effort. Some day we'll reach that goal. And we'll reflect on the miracle of how that bunch of guys ever got that far. And we'll realize that through the efforts and self-sacrifice of each individual we managed to reach our goal. Heads will turn, eyes will still strain and ears will still flutter. But they'll see something else this time. They'll see a real community, a brotherhood in Christ.

IN THE PHOTOS  
AROUND THE TREE:  
(left to right)  
Bob Hart  
Phil Witkowski  
Joe Sadowski  
Dave Thielen  
Craig St. Martin (?)  
Fred Brucker



SINGERS --  
Carl Shangraw  
Ray Griffith  
Mike Zbojnowicz

were two very accomplished groups of artists: The Horizons, who featured a varied batch of Kingston Trio numbers and the duo of Mary Spreitzer and Dave Broner. Sometime in the near future, in

early May, the college will have another hootenany, with emphasis again on folk-style music and on good-times gaiety. And once again a delightful time is guaranteed for all.

## SEMINARY GOES "SEX-APPEAL"

'Twas the first day after Christmas vacation, a bleak and snowy Thursday and the freshmen, sophomores and juniors were "assembling" in Study Hall. The bell which signals our morning study rang, and blurred, half-opened eyes seemed to say, "Oh, no, here we go again." Just then, before anyone had a chance to catch up on last night's dream, Father Anthony Vainavicz whisked into the room carrying a rather large box, even in comparison with his 6'4" frame, and started to liven up the half dead students. How? Well, from the large box he took out several small-

er blueboxes and proceeded to pass them out. In each box was a tube of Ultra-Brite toothpaste, the sexy kind. Where did Father get all of these tubes? Well, here's the background to the interesting event.

The tubes of toothpaste were free samples, part of a shipment scheduled to be distributed in the Fennville, Michigan area. Mr. Charles Heavlin, Postmaster of Fennville, received the shipment and sent out the samples as planned. However, after all the orders were filled, there was still an excess of samples, about a box-and-a-half. Mr. Heavlin checked his Postal Manual and found out that he could get rid of the extras by giving it to any charitable institution outside of

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# The Priest - What We See

We thought that it would be interesting to see what seminarians would give as a response to the question, "What do you see in the priest?"

We therefore asked a member from each class this simple question. Here are the replies we received.

STAFF

Who is he, walking down the sidewalk, the wind blowing his black cassock around, his nose buried in a black book?

He's a priest, another Christ working for us here on earth. We, as seminarians, come in contact with many priests almost every day. They help us in our daily life, as teachers, counselors and true friends. They aren't giants in a physical way, but in a spiritual way - the big thing about them is their heart.

Even though the priest is the most important member of the Catholic Community, he is seldom recognized except on Sunday. The priest baptizes us, offers our gifts to God, joins couples in Marriage, and anoints the dying. And yet, he seeks no reward here on earth, but awaits his eternal reward in the new world.

The priest is a man of power and authority. By his preaching, example and counsel, he directs the lives of his parishioners in accordance with the wisdom of God and the laws of the Church. He is the human channel through which the love of Christ is transmitted to men for their salvation.

However, only God can give a priest such dignity and power, and the priest receives it not for his vain glory, but to help others obtain heaven. Christ lives in him and acts through him for the salvation of men, for the rejuvenation of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ.

Quentin Kuntz  
I High

People always say, "the priest is another Christ", look for "Christ in the priest". The priest certainly is another Christ, but when I meet a priest I don't go into him and look for Christ; I let Christ come out from him. I look at a priest as I do any and all of my other friends. The first thing I say to myself when I meet someone isn't "I'd better find Christ in you and bring Him out.", but "Christ comes out from within this person.", very fine. Too often I think we expect too much of a priest. But we must always keep in mind that he is after all, human and can't be 100% perfect.

Steve Cron  
III High

When I think of the priesthood, I think of St. Paul's words, "Being all things to all men." A priest as Christ's representative must bring Him to all people, not just to a selected or isolated group. His voca-

tion is to bring Christ to the poor as well as the rich, to the liberal as well as the conservative, to the Negro as well as the White, to pagans as well as Christians. He must be a father, teacher, leader, preacher, administrator, counselor. In other words, a priest must be Christ living on earth. The priesthood certainly isn't the easiest way of life, but I do believe the rewards greatly outweigh the sacrifices.

David Koenigsnecht  
IV High

Living in such close contact with priests, I've noticed the sincere concern that these men have for our community here and the Mystical Body as a whole. Having the same troubles, likes and dislikes we have, they are classified as human. To us, priests are odd because they care even when we stop caring. There are too many people in this world who live self-centered, who live with the "don't give a darn" attitude towards other people and their problems. It's pretty hard for a priest to do this because he has had twelve years of studying about a Man who cared a lot and shed his blood to prove it. So, when I look at a priest, I see not his problems, but I see the work he is doing for God and the World.

Harry Mika  
II High

..... "WHAT IS A PRIEST?" .....

In 1968, when modes of thought change even before they are made known to the general populace, it is next to impossible to present any idea which even a majority of the people will accept. Consequently, when asked the question, "What is a priest?", I can reply only by giving my own hopefully thoughtful considerations. If others agree with me, then let it be said that ours are shared opinions. If others disagree, then perhaps I can learn something new from them.

To me the priest is God's man-on-the-scene. Whenever, wherever and for whatever reason he is needed to do God's Work, he simply does it. His own wants and desires take second place to those of the people who call him "Father". For the priest is one whose life work is to burn himself out for Christ and his Church. His giving continues until there is no more to give. He then proceeds to give even his emptiness.

The culmination of priestly activity is found in the receiving and dispensing of those seven signs in

So often in these days of change and renewal the question is posed, "What will the priesthood of tomorrow be?" To me it is more a question of what we must do to get back to the essence of the priesthood that has "been" ever since Christ gave it to the church two-thousand years ago.

The priesthood cannot be changed. What we must do is free it from the shackles with which we, the human element of Christ's Church, have bound it.

The question that faces us as seminarians and future priests is not what the priesthood will be, but what it will do. For, behind all the slogans and catchwords of ecclesiastical controversy, necessary though they are, there arises a more important quest for him who is the sole object of it all, for Jesus Christ himself. What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?

Much of the trouble with the priesthood today is that the pure Word of Jesus Christ has been overloaded with so much human ballast, burdensome rules and regulations, false hopes and consolations that it has become extremely difficult to make an ultimate decision for Christ. Many people look to a priest with a real desire to hear what he has to say, and yet they are always turning away with the uncomfortable feeling that the priest is making it too hard for them to come to Jesus. They don't go away because they think the Word of Jesus has turned them off but because they feel that they have been put off by the framework of human, institutional and doctrinal element of our teaching. Are we just to forget and have nothing to do with these people? Of course we know all the answers to

their objections and these answers certainly make it easy for us to slide out of our responsibilities. But maybe we should ask ourselves if we don't in fact place obstacles in the way of Jesus and his Word. Is there any possibility that what we hold to so dearly as gospel truth is only our own presentation of the gospel or a type of preaching that was all very well in its own time but is now too dogmatic and hopelessly irrelevant to life? By constantly harping on these ideas, aren't we missing the core of the gospel? Does not our preaching contain too much of our own opinions and convictions and too little of Jesus Christ?

Jesus invites all those who labor and are heavy burdened, and nothing could be so against our best intentions and so against the proclamation of the word, as to drive men away from him by forcing man-made dogmas upon them. Doing this, we make Christian love a laughing matter to Christians and pagans alike. And we have done it. It's no use taking refuge in abstract discussions, or making excuses, so let's get back to Scripture, to the call of Christ himself. Let us try to get away from the pettiness of our own little problems and convictions and seek the wealth and splendor which is given to us in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Karl Hausler  
I College

which man encounters Christ in such a special way. In these, especially the Eucharist, the priest is reminded of the efficacy of his work. He likewise receives the strength he needs to toil for Christ.

Is the priest a man who labors indefatigably without pay? If one means material, the answer is yes, absolutely. But a priest's real pay

is worth much more than all the artwork of the Louvre. His salary is the peace of Christ founded in a deep faith. The very knowledge that his work is not in vain, that he is needed by God and God's people - this is enough reward. What better laurel wreath could one hope for?

Bob Hart  
II College

## SEMINARY GOES "Sex-Appeal" (continued from page 2)

his area. What institution? The seminary, of course. How could he think of any other place, especially with his freshman son, Charlie "Bixby" Heavlin, writing and calling home telling him, "Don't forget to pick me up for Christmas Vacation!" So Mr. Heavlin, when he came to pick up his son, left the two large boxes in the main floor locker-room. There they stayed unnoticed for a week, until two students, Steve Ragsdale and Gerry Czyzyk, working over the holidays, discovered them while cleaning the locker-room. The discovery was made known to

the Rector; the shipping labels were examined and still no one knew how they got here. So, Msgr. Moran called the Post Office in Grand Rapids, inspectors came over, Mr. Heavlin was called, and the whole affair was straightened out.

When everything was cleared up, Father Vainavicz, head of our Seminary store, took the boxes and headed the distribution of the tubes. The beneficiaries of his "generosity" included the high school students, the collegians, the Sisters and the Faculty. Our thanks to Mr. Heavlin and all who made possible so many shining, bright teeth.

Gerry Czyzyk



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## varsity progress



With the MAA basketball tournaments coming in the near future, the Rogues Varsity has to shape up considerably. Having played five games, the Rogues have won two and lost three. If you were to study our team's potential, you would find the Rogues record should theoretically be four wins and one loss. However, our team lacks consistency and experience.

The height problem which was anticipated has not been a major factor in our losses. Rather, our shooting has not been accurate and our defense has fallen into lapses. Together these two problems have spelled our defeat three times. Here is a game by game rundown of our relatively short season as such.

December 2, St. Joe's at Ionia, Sts. Peter & Paul - Although we didn't play the greatest game, we won by a 63-49 score. Hank Klein led the Rogues' attack with 20 points. Our offense looked encouraging, yet our defense became sloppy at times.

January 13, St. Augustine's Seminary at St. Joe's - For some reason our attack was very shaky, as we managed only fifteen points in the entire first half. St. Augustine's won 55-35 having little trouble with our shooting percentage around 20%.

January 27, St. Joe's at Comstock Park - Again our game was ruined by inaccurate shooting. Being a much larger school, Comstock Park breezed along to a 71-41 victory. Hank Klein led our offense with a 15 point effort.

February 10, St. Joe's at Manistee Catholic Central - After going through a snowstorm, our three-hour drive to Manistee ended. We were greeted with a 75-56 loss to the Manistee Junior Varsity. The varsity game was close until the fourth quarter, during which the Sabers used a fast-break effectively to sew it up. Tony Steers pumped in 17 points for St. Joe's and our team shot with 50% accuracy, yet our defense wasn't up to par. Consequently, we lost again.

February 20, Ionia, Sts. Peter and Paul at St. Joe's - We had better results in this latest game as we beat the Panthers for the second time this year. Good shooting and rebounding plus a full-court zone press helped us to a 66-56 win. Matt Flak led the scoring with 19 points.

By the time we play our last game of the regular season we will have just two weeks to prepare for the District tournament. The team will have to improve its weak points in defense besides working on shooting accuracy. Another part of our preparation will be the incorporation of the starting Junior Varsity five into the Varsity. These five players, along with the rest of the JV have compiled a perfect record this

season and should bolster our team greatly. So when the Rogues Varsity takes the floor for their first tournament game, the team you'll see should be much better than the meager two victories indicates.

Lou Martin  
III High

ORANGES ? ? ? ?  
? ? ? ? OR PINEAPPLES

It was a very fateful three days in the life of St. Joseph's Seminary. The event occurred at the start of the second semester. What happened was due not to innocent pupils, but the blame was later placed upon Fr. Anthony C. Vainavicz. He very innocently instructed the first year students to make a series of graphs based on actual questions. Little did he know he had just dropped a bomb, almost as potent as the one dropped on Hiroshima.

That afternoon the halls were buzzing with questions. Some sample questions were: What side of the bed do you get off in the morning? Or, what fruit do you like best? Another was, what girl's name do you like best? Through all of this we still had some down to earth ones like: What is your favorite song? Someone else asked different persons how many belts they had and what were the colors.

With three days of this the seminary was upside-down and inside-out with these weird inquiries. Some seminarians were afraid of any evidence these "innocent" questions might reveal. But as time or fate would have it, the man who started this whole affair stopped it as easily as he started it, saving the seminary from certain "destruction". He just brought that algebra unit to an end and calmly went on to another chapter.

Duane Feldpausch

## A R O U N D



Sports is the big attraction around the Seminary at this time of year. Therefore, this issue's article is centered mainly around this topic.

When winter came, Ray Cotter and the boys went to work on our ice rink. Upon its completion Fr. LeBlanc opened the Seminary's first "Hockey School". Everyone was learning well and our only casualty was a three-inch cut over Dave Laponsies' eye when warm weather set in and our rink was finished for the year. All we can do now is wait for next winter.

Our monthly day of Renewal brought us Fr. John Wisneski with some interesting ideas. Father is an assistant at St. Andrew's Cathedral here in Grand Rapids. He presented us with some of the problems confronting a priest in an "inner City" parish. The ideas he presented to us were most interesting and helpful.

This year intramural basketball at the Seminary has made a sudden change for the better. Because the JV and Varsity teams practice every night, other students don't get much of an opportunity to play basketball. Fr. Vainavicz came up with the perfect solution. He appointed certain Varsity players as coaches of the teams which they would select from all those not on the Varsity or JV who were interested. With the remaining Varsity Players and a few JV members as referees, the system was about to be tested. The available times for games were Wednesday afternoons, Saturday nights and Sundays after Mass. The schedule was posted and the season began. As of now, just about all the teams have a chance to win the championship. Again, hats off to Fr. Vainavicz for a fine job.

At the beginning of the basketball season, Fr. Joseph Flickinger told his JV team that their objective was to bring a fine name to St. Joseph Seminary. So far they have done a great job. This is exemplified by their outstanding 11-0 record. The team's greatest feat of ability was against Comstock Park. Trailing by 5 points at the half, they came back to post a 78-70 triumph. On behalf of the entire JV squad, I would like to extend our whole-hearted thanks to Fr. Flickinger, who taught us what the game of basketball really was. Our thanks also to the student body for the fine support they gave us during the games. (The photo in the heading is that of the JV team).

The big talk around the Seminary now is baseball. Mr. Didion, our Science teacher, was given the position of Varsity Baseball Coach this year. A baseball stand out at Catholic Central (that was before he started smoking those long cigars), Mr. Didion seems like a very competent man. He will be supplied with uniforms for 15 players. The competition for these choice outfits will be hot and heavy, but whoever makes the team will do a great job in representing the Seminary.

Thus ends another segment of the happenings around the Seminary. We are proud of our Seminary and through our actions, whether on the basketball floor or at home for a weekend, we hope to show people what a great place it is.

Bill Wittland