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## Father McGuire's Feastday Celebrated At Local Resort



Chuck Dymmer, Robert Graziano, and Pat Reddy look over Lee's plans in the Heritage Room at Eastover.

The "free-day" is the joy of any student. But this free-day was special, it wasn't any ordinary free-day. It was May 13th, the feastday of our Superior, Father McGuire, S. C. J. The specialty of the day was an outing to Eastover (a year-round resort in the beautiful Berkshires) in honor of Father McGuire. The whole day was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Bisacca, the owner of Eastover who made available for the second year the facilities of his place for our seminarians.

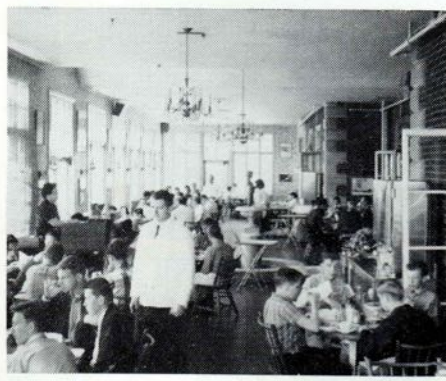
It was an enjoyable day. Even the weather co-operated by giving us a clear blue sky. The day began with a Sung Mass celebrated by Father McGuire, after which was breakfast. Next our bus set on the 15 minute drive to Eastover. When the second bus load arrived, the lifeguard, a member of the Eastover staff, told the students about the facilities. Then the recreational facilities were opened to the students.

How about a dip in the pool? Anyone for tennis? Basketball fans sought the out-door court. For water-lovers there was a canoe run, and for the Civil War fans, a tremendous American Heritage room where the many guns, pictures and articles of Mr. Bisacca dealing with the Civil War (his hobby) were kept. For those who enjoyed other diversion there was an outdoor bowling lane, miniature golf, a Finnish Sauna, ping-pong shuffle-board, softball, archery, and rifle ranges. Others roamed about the 1,500 acres just taking in the sun and the sights.

In the Eastover dining hall at noon, the students and faculty members were served a delicious meal, at which an organist played a variety of songs. At the end of the meal Father McGuire was presented with presents and a spiritual bouquet from the Fathers and the students. Present at the meal was Brother Theophane, who, celebrating his silver jubilee this year, was honored with presents.

Next the student body was given a lectured tour of the American Heritage room. Dick Wilder was the spokesman. The sophomores and the juniors were familiar with the room from last year's visit, but still were delighted to see it again. There were also a few new exhibits added to the collection. After the tour a swimming meet began in the indoor pool, for all those who wanted to join. All those who participated in it had a wonderful time.

Shortly after this, the student and



Dinner proved to be a very enjoyable hour at Eastover.

faculty teams began to warm up. Then it was game-time; the long awaited event got under way. Father Superior played at his usual position at shortstop. Although it was close all the way, the faculty edged the students in the end 12 to 11. The students congratulated the winners and went back to the other amusements.

The day at Eastover came to an end around 5:00 when the bus took the students back to the seminary for Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. That evening the students were shown the fine feature film entitled, "All the Young Men," a Korean War picture. Night Prayers and retiring brought the wonderful feast-day to an end.

Since the seminarians here at Bellefontaine are on Summer Vacation from June 1st to September 8th, there will be no issues printed during the summer months.

## Explorer Scout Induction Ceremonies Held At Seminary

I. H. M. has been recently honored by being the first S. C. J. minor seminary to have a Scout Post. What was the students' response to the new activities made available to them through the Scout's Organization? Fifty-two enthusiastic members!

On May 5, 1963, the organization of the Explorer Post became official with the afternoon induction ceremonies. Before the ceremony, Father McGuire spoke on how the Post became a reality in I. H. M. Then Mr. Bond, the chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee presented Father with Post 101's charter from Scouts National Council. The inductions took place next. Frater Jackson, Mr. Mindle, and Mr. Murphy became the official counselors for the post. At the meeting, members and the president of Post 98 were present and at this point in the ceremony they took over. The members from Post 98 gave a little talk on the relationship of an American and an Explorer. After this Emile St. Andre led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and was inducted as the representative of the whole Post. Following the induction of the post, its officers were designated; Fritz Sabo, president; Chuck Dymmer, vice-president; Richard Jacob, secretary; Alan Waters, treasurer; Tom Toplisek, quartermaster; Pat Houterman and Tom Rieser, cabinet representatives. This brought a conclusion to the ceremony and a memorable afternoon.



At the induction ceremonies Mr. Leroy Bond presents Father McGuire with the Seminary's Post charter.

## May 9th Marks The Solemnity Of The Feast Of The Sacred Heart

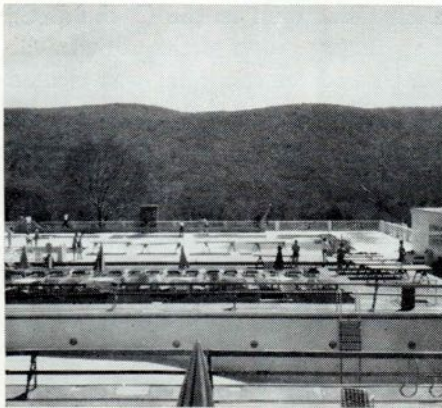
No feast holds a higher place of honor in our religious congregation than the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Because of the importance of this feast, we try to celebrate it as a family, that is, together. However, since this day usually falls late in June, after the students have left the seminary on vacation, and the religious are engaged either in summer educational courses or other activities which keep them occupied away from the seminary, our Father Provincial, Father Miller, has designated that a supplementary feast, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, on May 9, be celebrated in anticipation of the actual feast of the Sacred Heart.

To prepare ourselves for this feast, the sermon on the Sunday preceding the feast was concerned with "chaining" our hearts to the Heart of our Divine Saviour. Then, on the three days directly before the celebration, conferences were given on different aspects of the Heart of Christ.

With the arrival of May ninth came the great solemn celebration. It was a complete day to every seminarian from any aspect—whether recreational, relaxational, or spiritual. The day began fittingly with the normal curriculum of morning prayers, meditation, Mass, and thanksgiving. Later, we entered into the true spirit of the feast with a votive Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart. The remainder of the morning and the first part of the afternoon were spent in competitive sports, volleyball and softball. Finally, with Solemn Benediction, rosary, and night prayers, the day was concluded in the same spirit with which it began, namely that of love and reparation for the Sacred Heart. Truly it was a day well spent, both for the love of the Sacred Heart and for the advancement of the souls here striving for the fulfillment of their vocations—priesthood in the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

### My Friend

I have a friend,  
Who says we'll never part  
As long as I remain  
Close to His Heart.  
He's a true Friend  
Who helps me when I'm down,  
So I stride along with confidence  
Knowing He is around.  
But there are times  
I foolishly reject Him  
So to make Him sad,  
Since I follow a passing whim.  
Then I repent to Him  
And I try to amend my part  
By giving my friend his only want,  
The friendship of my heart.



This picture shows the outdoor game section of the Eastover resort.

# The Rector's Corner



Dear Future Seminarians,

In a few months many of you will be preparing to enter Immaculate Heart of Mary to start your studies for the priesthood. It is the first step to the dream you have had for a long time. I know you will enjoy seminary life; the first few days it will be a little strange to you, but once you see the spirit and eagerness of your fellow seminarians you will accustom yourself to the atmosphere.

Usually a boy and his parents have

many questions about the seminary, and despite how much you know already, there are many little details. If I can be of any help, just write and I will be glad to answer any questions. Furthermore, during the summer months, the seminarians from Bellefontaine make it a point to visit the new students in their area and get acquainted.

To the future seminarians of "Bellefontaine", I hope you keep up your interest and continue to pray for your vocation every day. Just "to want to be a priest" is not enough. Everything has to fall in line with your desire: your Mass and Communions, your consideration of others and over all development of your character. If you want a big thing in your life it takes big sacrifices to attain it.

So to those we will see in September, I hope you have a pleasant summer. To the boys who will be with us in the future years we will be praying for you so that one day you will join our big family at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

With continued remembrance of you and your intentions in daily Mass, I am *In the Sacred Heart,*

*Father McGuire*

## Mary, Gate Of Heaven

There is a legend about Mary's intercession for us in Heaven which goes something like this: Once Christ saw two strange characters walking through heaven. He asked St. Peter why he let them in. St. Peter said, "Lord, every time I shut the door on somebody, Your Mother opens up the window."

By this little tale we learn that our

best means to Heaven is by way of Mary.

A Seminarian's life continually revolves around that of Mary. He is at all times mindful of her love for him and he expresses it by daily recitation of the rosary, and frequent prayers and hymns in her honor. He learns to practice the saying, "May the Heart of Jesus live, through the Heart of Mary".

When we are confronted with an earthly problem we always turn to our mother for a solution. So isn't it true that when we have a spiritual hardship, we go to Our Heavenly Tower of Strength?

Whenever a Seminarian looks up at Mary, he sees an entire book unfold before him. He sees her great humility among her companions. Even though she knew while she was on this earth that she was the Mother of God, never did she express it. He also sees perfect obedience which is the most difficult virtue to practice as a Seminarian. He sees all these things, but the most outstanding is that of the love Mary had for her Son as His Mother.

## Junior Of The Month



Dennis Mayor

This month's "Junior of the Month", Denny Mayor, hails from Pennsylvania, the Keystone state. He lived in Homestead, Pa., until he was in the second grade when his family moved to his present residence in Munhall, Pa.

Denny is an above average student, who has a special liking for Latin and Civics. In the athletic field, baseball and basketball are the favorites of Denny, second only to football, which is tops in sports for him. In football he plays center and his build makes him a contribution to the offensive and defensive squad of any team.

For relaxation, he likes to play a game of golf on the rolling greens of our front lawn. His other favorite hobbies are rosary-making, model-building, and coin collecting.

Extra-curricular activities make a busy man out of Denny. In this last year he was the leader of the African

discussion group in the C. S. M. C., the winning group of the year. In the March 14th elections he was elected to the presidency of the C. S. M. C., and is now busy at work in this post.

We expect much from Denny in the future in his many capabilities.

## The Sacred Heart Has Promised:

"I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honored."

"Those who promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out."

## Dear Mom and Dad,

You always said that I would be allowed to send home one short letter a year if time was pressing. This is the short one. I have only a few days before the curtain falls on my Sophomore Year. In order that it falls gently, I have to study for the final exams.

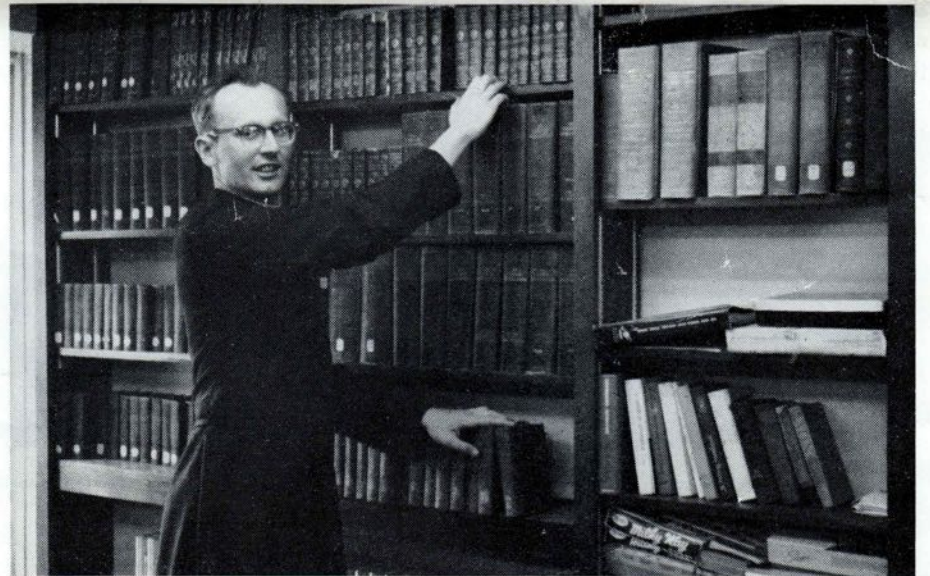
I'll see you in a few days and fill in the lines I made so short. You know the old saying: "plan ahead"—it all came too quickly. Will try to do better next year.

God bless you,  
Your loving son

*Joe*

P. S. I'll be coming home on the bus.

## Meet The Faculty



Many hours are spent in the library by "Faculty Member of the Month", Father Jerome Clifford, S. C. J.

Long before the school year begins, a new teacher at Bellefontaine is told his subjects and classes to teach. Little does he know that by the time the school year begins he has a score of other duties to perform. Such a man is Father Jerome Clifford, S. C. J., who joined the faculty last September. In addition to teaching sophomores religion and juniors civics and trigonometry, Father is librarian, gardener, and director of the Sodality of Mary. Because of Father's sincere frankness and simplicity, a great percentage of the students have sought him as their private spiritual director and confessor. Many of Fathers' weekends are spent in pastoral work assisting in the parishes in this area.

Father Clifford was born on July 15, 1933, and grew up in Hartford, Connecticut. There he attended St. Michael's grade school and spent four years in a public high school. Upon graduation, Father entered the University of Connecticut. After the completion of his third year at the University Father heard Christ calling him to the altar of the holy priesthood. In answer to this call he entered St. Thomas' Diocesan Seminary in Bloomfield, Connecticut. Still Father wasn't satisfied; he wanted to answer the Sacred Heart's plea of love and reparation, and so in 1955 Father became a postulant in our

Congregation. Finally, in December of 1961, he became a Priest of the Sacred Heart. Last year, shortly after Father Clifford's ordination, he came to Bellefontaine to offer a First Solemn High Mass. Little did we know at that time that he would soon be a member of our own faculty.

We pray that the Sacred Heart will guide Father Clifford in all his priestly undertakings and we give him our heartfelt thanks for carrying the spirit of the Heart of Christ to our hearts by his priestly life of teaching and sanctifying.

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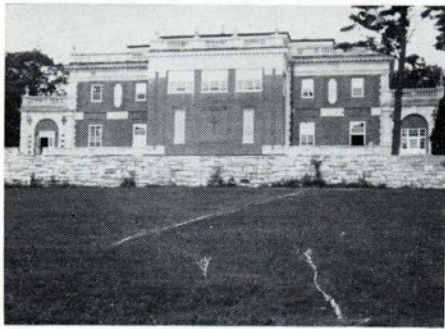
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### 1861 -- History Of Bellefontaine -- 1963



Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, 1961.

As many of our readers will remember, there appeared in the first issue of Bellefontaine the history of Bellefontaine which was as follows:

"As the school year opens here at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and all become accustomed to their new surroundings, many still find an air of homelife on the property. The reason for this is that Bellefontaine, as the estate was formerly called, was once the home of Girard Foster.

"In 1896, after many years of business success, Girard Foster purchased 200 acres of land from a probate judge in Lenox, Massachusetts. A mansion was built in the middle of the 200 acres in a period of three years. It was designed after the famous Petiti Trianon at Versailles in France by Carrere & Hastings of New York.

"There were formal gardens on the east and west sides of the house, with borders planted in the informal manner of English cottage gardens. The inner court was planted on either side with rare evergreens, and, in the center, was a beautiful Roman Verona marble fountain; part of which still stands. A marble balustrade once bounded the lawn and the driveway on the south, and was ornamented by the statues of two goats and eight little cupids, four centuries old.

"In 1943, eleven years after Mrs. Foster's death, Mr. Foster attempted to sell the house, but because of complications, was unable. He died on September 24, 1945, at the age of 95, and left almost everything to his son.

"On March 1, 1946, the young Foster succeeded in selling the estate to the Borlex Corporation of New York. This corporation kept all of the employees on the estate for two months. Immediately after their discharge, an auction was held on the furnishings of the house.

"In July of 1946, the estate was sold in four sections: to the Louchar Company; to a Doctor Junter Cohen of New York; to Edward E. Jenkins; and to a Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook bought the main house, ninety-six acres of land, the gate-house, the stables, and the green-house for a private summer estate.

"In November of 1947, Bellefontaine again changed hands; this time it became Our Lady of Mercy Seminary, property of the Fathers of Mercy.

"On February 14, 1949, at 3 A. M., smoke was detected pouring through the hallways. Father Rector gave the alarm to the other four priests, twelve students, and four Sisters, to flee the building. Attempts to call the fire department were in vain because the wires were burnt. By the time the firemen had finally reached the building and had begun to fight the huge blaze, all of the interior, except the library, was enveloped in flames.

"Ceilings crashed to the floor, and walls collapsed as the fire continued. Marble fireplaces were reduced to powder, and two Corinthian pillars were completely destroyed. The entire chapel, including the altar, crucifix, chalices, and pews were lost when the room collapsed into the floor.

"It took three years to build Bellefontaine, but in two hours it was destroyed by fire.

"On October 29, 1949, the Fathers of Mercy contacted the Bethelt Construction Company of Holyoke. It took one year to rebuild Bellefontaine, and at the completion, consisted of 45 rooms.

"Ten years later, in 1960, the Priests of the Sacred Heart, acquired Bellefontaine and they continue to utilize the buildings as a Seminary for young boys for the Priesthood."

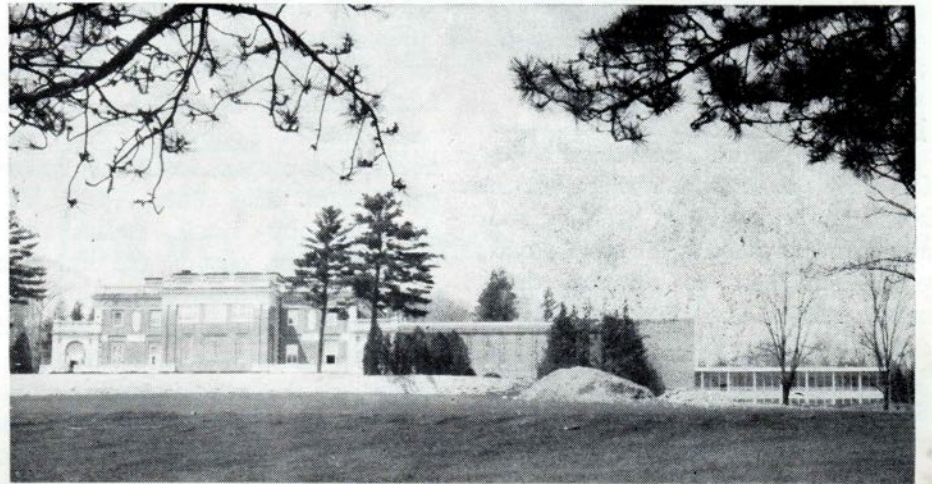


The new wing for the most part was bricked in by Autumn, 1962.

September, 1961 saw the arrival of the first two classes at Bellefontaine. Soon, however, it became evident that space would be a big problem in the future. Later, in the spring of 1962, preliminary bulldozing was begun for the addition of a new wing consisting of classrooms, recreation rooms, dormitories, a gymnasium, and a new chapel to the existing building.

A beautiful forest was soon replaced by a forest of beams and girders as the new building began to take shape.

In 1962, a house next to the seminary grounds was purchased for use



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as a residence for the Junior class. The house is now called St. Joseph's Hall.

Students returned from their summer vacation to find the walls of the new building going up. Throughout the first semester everyone anxiously watched the progress of the building as it grew to a mighty structure from a skeleton. By Christmas, the other shell of the building had been completed.

Upon return from Christmas vacation, the students found that the inside of the building was beginning to take shape. Many walls on the inside were erected and the girders were in the process of being plastered.

Application of the many coats of paint needed for walls was begun in the gym in March, and from there to the recreation rooms.

April marked the great event for us, the laying of the gym floor. Soon afterwards, the first coats of varnish were applied to the floor, a lengthy process. Painting of the gym was completed and all walls were finally erected in the new building.

Even more progress was made

when in May, the existing recreation and television rooms were sectioned off with brick walls. The inside brick walls of the chapel were laid and the soundproofing behind the altar was put in.

The tile floors were begun in the recreation rooms and classrooms. By the middle of the month, the classrooms were about ready for occupation, with the exception of the installation of a few more blackboards and the waxing of the tile floors. In the gym, the floor lines were added and the final coats of sealer applied. The installation of baskets was to begin soon. In the chapel there is still some interior decorating to be done. Finishing touches in the rest of the building are underway. The dedication of the new wing is scheduled to be either in late Summer or early Fall; thus the history of Bellefontaine is brought up to date. It is the hope of everyone here that Bellefontaine will continue to add to its colorful history for many years to come as Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary -The Priests of the Sacred Heart minor seminary of the East.

### Father Richard Writes



Hi Fellows,

With only two weeks of school left, I know that all of you are happily looking forward to summer vacation. You are planning a variety of activities for yourselves, such as baseball, fishing, a trip with friends or the family, or possibly a week or two at camp. In short, your plans are to have a wonderful summer.

However, not to be too selfish with your summer plans, there should be some time set aside to make others happy too. A helping hand around the house will be expected and appreciated by your parents. Moreover, some time should be spent each day to make a happy summer for brothers or sisters you have.

Above all, though, to have a perfect summer vacation, you must not forget God. Your love of God shouldn't be held or limited to forty-five minutes a week attending Mass on Sunday. During the past school year you have grown in the knowledge of God by religion classes, in the love of God, by the reception of the sacraments, and in the service of God by obedience to the commandments and by prayer. Vacation should be a continuation of what you have learned in school. For the summer I would like you to follow the "C. M. C." Program. By following this program, you will grow in your love of God and in a love of your vocation to the Priesthood.

C... Confession—before First Friday and also during the middle of the month.

M... Mass—Besides Sunday, at least once a week.

C... Communion—On Sunday and whenever you get to Mass; also on the First Fridays and Saturdays of every month.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer vacation. If you stay close to God, He will stay close to you. God bless you.

In the Sacred Heart,

*Dr. Richard, S.C.J.*

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# Sports

## Shorts

The sports program here at Bellefontaine is a rigorous one, meant to keep the boys strong, healthy, and alert. The boys go out each day and play their best to develop their minds, bodies, and sportsmanship in order to become better priests some day.

### BASEBALL

Baseball is in the air! Yes, it's that time of year again when baseball, the most popular sport in America (don't tell this to football lovers), is being played in almost every park or sandlot around the country. The Seminary is no exception.

This year the students are again divided up into two leagues; sophomores and juniors into the "A" league, the freshmen into the "B" league. The latest report from the A league finds Ron Furlong's team holding tight on to first place with a won and lost record of 12 and 2. Although they're sitting on top of the hill, they haven't had an easy climb. The teams are pretty well balanced and each game is a struggle. Coming in second place is John Kasper's tremendous team with a record of 7 and 6. Filling in third place is Dennis Myc's team which moved out of the cellar by a three game winning streak and now has a 4 and 9 record. Recent newcomers to the cellar position of the league is Jim Brune's team whose record is 4 and 10. Their present position under estimates the true

## Dehon Seminary vs. I. H. M. In Softball

May 1, the feast of St. Joseph, became the occasion for the first softball game between I. H. M. and Dehon Seminary, the S. C. J. school for adult vocations. The day was gray and a little cold for a game, but nevertheless it was decided that the game should be played.

The starting student lineup was Terry Trotochaud, s.s.; Tom Rieser, c.f.; Clentin Martin, c.; Pat Houterman, 3b; Jim Brune, 2b.; John Kasper, lf.; Stanley Schmidt, lb.; John Henn, rf.; John Brilla, p.; and Fritz Sabo, short center.

In their half of the first inning the visitors managed to get a man on first base, but no runs. In the second half of the inning Terry Trotochaud singled and moved to second when Tom Rieser flied out to center. Clenti-

strength of the team, and they mean to prove it by making their stay in last place a temporary one.

The strongest team in the "B" league has turned out to be Bob Simon's team whose record is 11 wins and 5 losses. Following closely behind the top team is Dennis Madigan's team. The other two teams, captained by Louis Becker and George Lister, occupy the last two positions. Louis' team has won 6 and lost 10, while George's team has lost 11 and won 5. So it seems that only the end of the season will determine the first place team in the B league, for it's still a toss up between the first two teams.

### VOLLEYBALL

Another sport has been added this year to the regular list; it is volleyball. League teams similar to those of the softball teams were formed, and just about all the time not spent playing softball is put to good use on the volleyball courts. As the members of the teams get more experience the games get better and volleyball is fast becoming a school favorite.



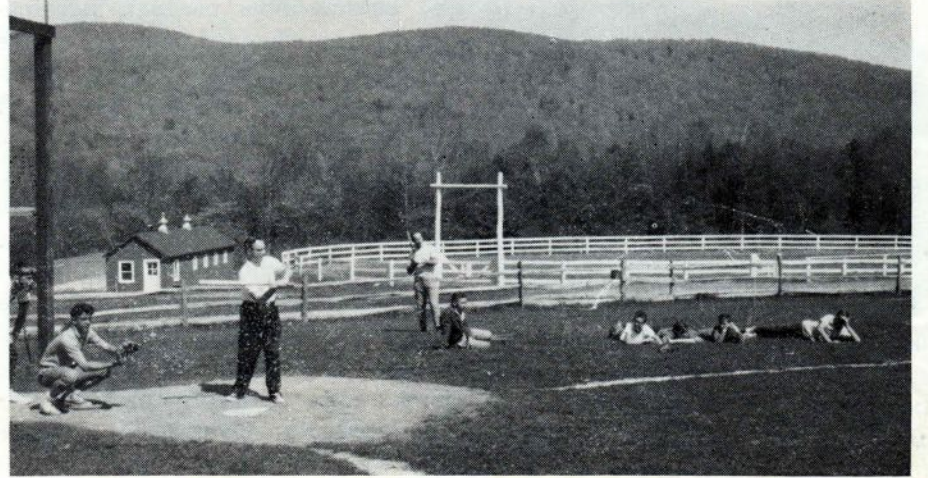
Volleyball is getting to be one of the most popular sports at Bellefontaine.

Martin followed with a single. Pat Houterman stepped up to the plate and drove the ball over the left fielder's head. He dashed around the bases and the students had three runs in. A double by Jim Brune, an error, and a sacrifice brought in another run for the students, and made the score 4-0.

Both teams went scoreless in the second inning. I. H. M. put another tally in the scoring column during the third inning when hits by John Kasper and John Henn blossomed into a run. In the fourth inning Dehon finally managed to score on two hits, two sacrifices and a homer by Pat Manifesto, to bring the score to 5 to 3.

The next scoring outburst came in the bottom of the seventh, when successive hits by Terry Trotochaud, Tom Rieser, Pat Houterman, and Jim Brune, boosted the students' lead to 8 to 3. But again Dehon bounced

## Faculty Retains Laurels In Softball



At bat for the Faculty is Father McGuire, who celebrated his feastday at Eastover with a few solid hits.

The ball game was over, both sides played extremely well, but like in most sports, only one team claimed victory.

Before the game had even started there was much talk over which side was favored to win; for you see, this was the biggest game of the year—the student-faculty game. Although the students had never claimed a single victory in any sport against their mighty opponents, there was a new spark of hope in the softball team. Unlike last year, the team was solid, proud, and very confident. The faculty team, however, was kept a secret until the big day, when they would enter the field with the students to prove who was tops.

Tension mounted as the teams took positions. Faculty claimed the rights of home team, so the students got first try at bat. By the time three outs

were recorded, the students had one run to their name, quite an accomplishment for so early in the game. Nevertheless the faculty aimed to get that run back so they started "bombing"—results: five runs to one.

In the fifth inning the students tied the score and then took the lead, but the game was not over.

Each team continued to tie, then take the lead, until finally, to the disappointment of the entire student body, the students failed to gain any runs in the last inning. Thus after a hard fought game, the faculty as in the past, came out as the victors. The final score was 12 to 11. Although it was a tragedy to the students, they showed that they were rapidly improving, and they left the field with a sense of hope and a feeling of anticipation for next year's game.

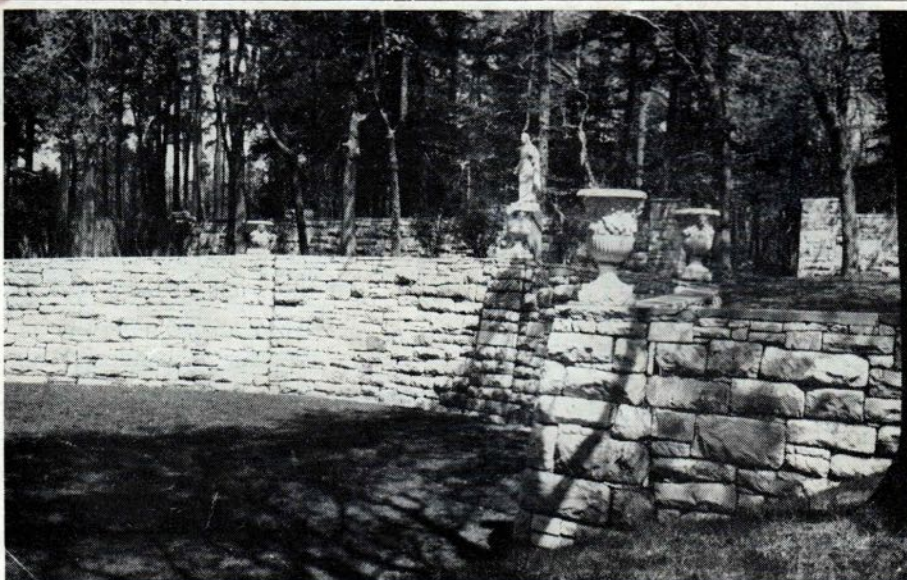
back, this time in the top of the ninth. Three singles and a double gave Dehon two more runs and left men on second and third as Radkii, the first baseman, came to bat. After two strikes he muscled one past the outfielders for a three run homer. This tied up the score at 8-8. Before the ninth inning was over the visitors threatened to take the lead but a small pop up to the pitcher killed off the side.

The students failed to score in their half of the ninth inning and the game went into extra innings. In the top of the tenth Dehon went down in order and the students came to bat. Jim Brune led off with a single into the hole between third and short. An attempt by the shortstop to throw Jim out at first failed, for Jim reached the bag first and the ball was overthrown, sending him to second. John Kasper, the next batter, almost duplicated Jim's hit to the shortstop. But this time the shortstop was ready to



Jack Lockhardt at bat with Clentin Martin catching during the Dehon-I. H. M. softball game.

get the ball and, checking Jim at second, threw Kasper out at first. As soon as the ball left the shortstop Jim took off and raced to third. His great speed got him to third before the throw from first base. But when the throw from first went skidding past the third baseman, Jim charged home. The game was won! The final score of the Thriller was I. H. M. 9, Dehon 8.



Spring brings beautiful surroundings to the Sacred Heart Statue on the seminary grounds.

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