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## In Memoriam

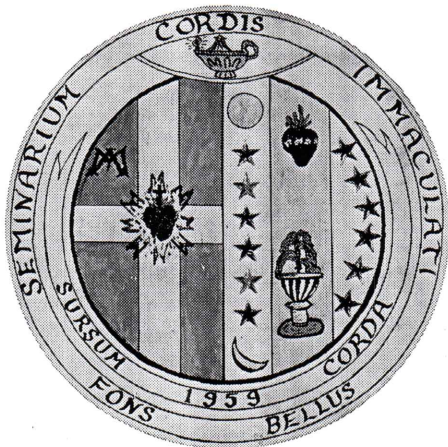
### Father Mitchell Conducts Retreat

At 8:00 P.M. on October 20, Father Kenneth Mitchell, S.C.J., opened the students' annual retreat with a conference on what a retreat is. Retreat-time was, of course, nothing new to the sophomores, juniors, and seniors, but to most of the freshmen the three-day period was an entirely new experience.

Father Mitchell, the retreat master, is the present superior of Sacred Heart Monastery—the house of Sacred Theology for our Province—in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Father is a convert to the faith, and has seen a great part of the world as a Priest of the Sacred Heart. He was curate at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in East Chicago, Indiana; professor of history at our minor seminary in Indiana; and an army chaplain with the troops in West Germany, holding the rank of captain.

### SEMINARY SEAL

Beginning with its next issue, *Bellefontaine* will proudly bear the seal of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary



on its masthead. In this issue we would like to explain the seal itself to you.

The main body of the emblem is divided in half; on the left is seen



Gene Mitchell - Berkshire Eagle

JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
THIRTY-FIFTH PRESIDENT  
1917 - 1963

To the memory of the great man who was the President of these United States, united now even more firmly in their sorrow, we respectfully dedicate this issue of our seminary paper. May it show in some small way our appreciation for the man, for the spirit of the man, and for the spirit of God which animated him.

The faculty and seminarians of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary assisted at a Solemn Mass of Requiem for the slain President on Monday morning, November twenty-fifth. Very Reverend Robert P. McGuire, S.C.J. offered the Holy Sacrifice and preached a brief eulogy.

"The just man shall always be remembered." "May he rest in peace."

the coat of arms of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, which operates the seminary. The emblem of the Sacred Heart appears on a cross in a blue field. The initials "A M" stand for "Ave Maria."

In the right half appears the symbol of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the patroness of the seminary, together with the sun and moon and twelve stars spoken of in St. John's Apocalypse (12, 1).

The Latin words in the outside circle stand for "Immaculate Heart Seminary" and for "Bellefontaine." The motto "Sursum Corda" is taken from the Preface of the Mass and means "Lift up your hearts." The year 1959 was the year of I.H.M.'s founding.

## Fall Play Well Received



"I'll kill him!" Cast, in a tense moment, includes Tom Toplisek, Terry Brady, Chuck Dymer, Ron Furlong, Emile St. Andre, Dick Griffin (hidden), Fritz Sabo, Pat Houterman.

Another historical moment will go down in the archives of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. On Sunday, November 17th, the Drama Club presented its first dramatic performance on the new stage—Reginald Rose's *Twelve Angry Men*. The play drew "rave notices" from the audience for the fine acting of its principals. In view of the limited action in such a play, these comments were a tribute both to Rose's lines and to the direction of Father Walter Naby.

In addition to the student body and faculty, about eighty guests were present, thirty of whom were seminarians from our own seminary in nearby Great Barrington.

The play was fittingly dedicated to the Superior of the Seminary, Father McGuire, and was a joint production of the junior and senior classes.

### Cast

Foreman	Terry Brady
Jurors	Ronald Furlong, Chuck Dymer, Dennis Myc, Al Bannon, Rischard Griffin, Fritz Sabo, Patrick Houterman, Tom Toplisek, Dan Sowinski, Emile St. Andre, John Brilla.
Judge	Alan Waters
Guard	Jack Reneau
Clerk	Michael Hess
Stagehands	James Murphy, Gary McInnis
Directed by Father Walter Naby, S.C.J.	



HONOR ROLL students for the First Quarter: L. to R., Richard Johnson, John Wierzbicki, Alan Waters, Robert Markunas, Dennis Myc.

# The Rector's Corner



My Dear Friends,

As you read this letter the second session of the Ecumenical Council will be over. The eager reception of the Council doings outdid the first session. When we ponder the thought of how taken up our beloved Pontiff, Paul VI, was with each General Meeting, even though still carrying on the daily affairs of his busy day, we are very happy to see that he thought of his seminarians throughout the world on their four-hundredth anniversary. If the wonderful work of the Council is to be carried out to its fullest extent, the seminarians of today, who will be the priests of tomorrow, must be very conscious of their role. The preparation for readiness that is offered to them in their train-

ing is not all speculative as some people may think. The apostolate to save souls can be carried on in their seminary training. The application of their zeal in seminary life and in their training is transformed to another artery of helping souls.

To meet the challenges of our day a completeness is needed: the development of the physical, intellectual, spiritual, and moral fitness of each seminarian. Every seminary does make these aims its goal. It is difficult for many people to visualize this, but they just have to see and to understand the final result—the priesthood—and they will know how each stage in the seminarian's training is woven to give him the leadership for Christ's Kingdom on earth.

The many friends of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary share in Pope Paul's plea for outstanding seminarians. It is through your help that we can carry on such an important work of the Church. For this reason and many more we want to thank you for your generosity in making our Seminary one of your favorite charities.

The Christmas Novena of Masses will be for your intentions as I have already expressed in a letter to you. All of us hope that it will be a very Blessed and Joyous Christmas for you and your loved ones.

God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Father McGuire*

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Father Walter Naby, S.C.J. was introduced to our readers last month as one of the new members of our faculty. This month we are happy to go into a little more detail.

Father is a native of Nebraska and was ordained to the priesthood in 1956. Since that time he has much experience with youth, first among the youngsters at St. Joseph's Indian school in Chamberlain, South Dakota; and then with the men at Dehon Seminary in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. For the past four years Father was on the faculty of Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, Pennsylvania. During this time he was also State Prior for the Pennsylvania State Circle of the Columbian Squires.

This year Father Naby is engaged in teaching English and Religion to the junior class and Speech to all four classes. His excellent work with the drama club was proven in the success of the recent play. Father also finds time to be the director of the Hobby Club, which has been quite active under his supervision.

## Seniors Journey To Major Seminary

This year, Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day were three vacation days for the senior class. For during this time, they went to the Congregation's major seminary (for college and philosophy) in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

What really made the visit enjoyable was that half of the faces at Kilroe were familiar to the visiting seniors. For the men in their first two years of study at Honesdale were high school juniors and seniors at Divine Heart Seminary, Donaldson, Indiana, when the present Lenox seniors were freshmen there (before the opening of Bellefontaine). It was good to see these men again, this time wearing the habit of the Congregation as religious and scholastics.

The nine members of the class were given a thorough tour of the building and grounds and received quite an impressive picture of life in the major seminary. On the last night of their stay, they were guests at a preview performance of Kilroe's Fall play: T. S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral," which turned out to be a tremendously professional piece of drama.

## Senior Of The Month



Senior, sportsman, student, John Brilla takes possession of this corner for the present issue. John is one of our Midwestern commuters for sum-

mer and Christmas vacations, living as he does in Royal Oak, Michigan. Two and one-half years ago, he transferred allegiance to the East when I.H.M. was founded. Since the Congregation's novitiate is in Illinois and its college is in Pennsylvania, John may be doing a bit more travelling in the future.

John tells us that his favorite subject is history, but we also know that he would probably rank that subject one notch below sports. Basketball, baseball, football, hockey—you name it and John will be in there with his tremendous ability and drive. He has sparked more than one team to a varsity crown.

A place where John spends much of his time this year is the book-keeping office where he handles student accounts for Father Hudson.

## CHRISTMAS EVE OF YORE

*The sensuous smell of fresh-bursting popcorn  
Roasting on an open fire,  
Mixing in with the sweet-smelling scent of evergreen,  
Is the gay and lively smell of Christmas Eve of yore.  
All gathered in the largest room, the children  
Joyously hang strings of beads and strings of popcorn,  
Home-made decorations, candy canes and all,  
On the Christmas tree so gay. Grandpa gently  
Plays his fiddle—carols of the joyous season,  
While mother, cozy and contented, softly hums along.  
Grandma, wrapped in shawl and slightly swaying  
In her rocking chair so old, softly reads stories of the Babe  
To sleepy-eyed children gathered around her feet.  
Father, pipe in his mouth and eyes closed tight,  
Listens, thinks; listens to the noises, joyous  
As they are; thinks of family, friend and foe,  
Of the season, of the snow—but all the while,  
Thinking of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Savior of the world.  
This was the Holy Eve of yore. This happy, joyous  
Family gathering, a long-lost type of celebration of the Eve,  
Was the type, so long ago, the people young and old enjoyed.  
This was Christmas Eve.*

Fritz Sabo

## BELLEFONTAINE

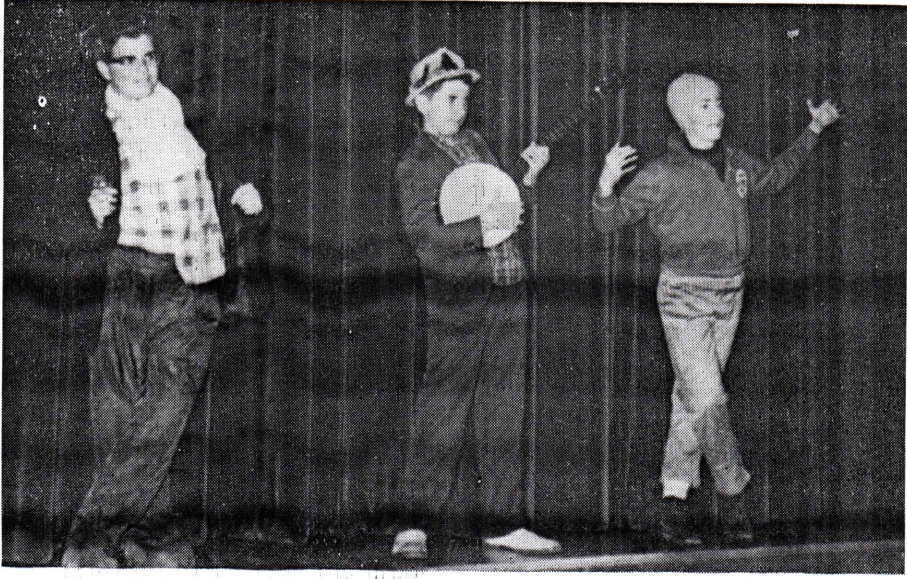


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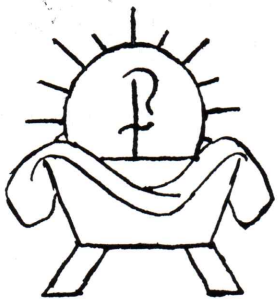
Father Naby helps junior Ron Furlong in the new language laboratory.



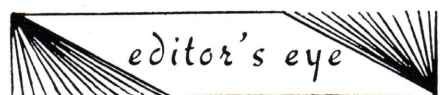
TALENT SHOW highlight on Halloween was this appearance of the "Bellefontaine Hillbillies" (Andy Anselmo, Dennis Madigan, George Lister).

### POETRY CONTEST

In the few weeks before editorial deadline, *Bellefontaine* sponsored a poetry contest among the entire student body on a Christmas theme. The poems were limited to thirty lines with no limit on number of entries. In this issue we are publishing the winning poem: "Christmas Eve of Yore" by Fritz Sabo, a junior.



Second place was awarded to Chuck Dymmer for his poem "The Search." Honorable mention was given to Alex Cudzewicz' "No Room," and to Fritz Sabo's "Christmas Spirit." Another contest is scheduled for the near future.



To a peace-loving man, prejudice is a stumbling block. The Merriam-Webster dictionary gives the meaning of *prejudice* as: "preconceived judgment or opinion; unreasonable predilection or objection."

In the past months the United States has seen a great wave of internal racial strife, not to say that this strife didn't previously exist. But never before has it been so publicized and demonstrated. Has the cause and the following publicity been justified? I think it has, for the root of the problem has been prejudice.

Has it been correctly timed? This is a foolish question. As far as timing goes, it would not matter if it happened last year, this year, or ten years from now. It was inevitable, given the principles upon which this country stands.

Yet there is a solution to the problem—perhaps tolerance and catholicity (with either a small or a capital "c"). But better still, the answer to the problem can only be found in love. Prejudice is not just one point, it is a direction. It can direct and enslave a man's whole life. Such a man is like a horse with blinders, seeing in only one direction. It is only when he removes these blinders to see that "all men are created equal" no matter of

## Father Richard Writes

Hi Fellows,

"And so my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." These are the words of President John F. Kennedy, who spent his short months in office living the challenge contained in them.

He himself set the goal for his zeal in this same address: "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it—and the glow from that fire can truly light



the world." In life he worked unsparingly for the good of the nation. In death he made the supreme sacrifice, giving his life for this nation, for the people he loved.

His ideals, the goals he had set for himself and for this country, and the personal sacrifices he made to reach these ideals should be an inspiration for all of you, because you also are thinking of an important ideal—the priesthood—and of the sacrifices necessary to attain it. A vocation to the priesthood is a special gift from God. To arrive at this goal demands sacrifices: prayer, study, the leaving of friends and parents. In answering the call of Christ, you cannot think of the personal cost and sacrifice, but of the goal alone—the service of God for His honor and glory.

In the Sacred Heart,

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

what color, race, or creed, and to recognize every individual person as a human being, as a brother under God our Father, that this racial strife shall dissolve, that this crisis shall pass. Until then there will be no peace. "A house divided against itself shall not stand."

## Dear Mom and Dad,

This letter to all of you will precede my Christmas vacation by a few weeks. So whatever I forget to mention now, I can give you all the dope on when I arrive home. It was very interesting to receive Jack's letter with all the inquiries as to just what a retreat is all about. This year the retreat was conducted a little differently—we had the usual three days but during the afternoon work period and the evening recreation we were allowed to talk. It was a wonderful break in the retreat and I am sure it did not hurt my retreat at all. We had four conferences a day and I did a lot of reading and then too took a lot of notes on the conferences. Even though Jack's class does not make retreat I think he should try to go away for some weekend and make one. If he makes one he'll think so much of it he'll make one every year.

We had a lot of fun on Halloween night. We did not have any hijinks. It was strictly a talent night and all the boys had a lot of fun. I couldn't think up any skit and my singing voice is not in demand so I did not participate.

As usual, with the Christmas vacation just a few weeks away, I'm quite anxious to see all of you and hope that we will have a wonderful Christmas together. As far as things that I need this year, Mom, I really have everything at the present time. So think of the rest of the kids and I know I will enjoy the Christmas just being with you.

The quarterly exams came and went as usual and I still have quite a ways to go to bring my French mark up to where it belongs. However, I was talking to Father Corcoran and he has been giving me a few hints on how to study and get the most out of it. The use of the language lab has helped my pronunciation and understanding of the French very much. So tell Mrs. Gauthier that I will not be able to say too much to her in French when I come home.

The Junior-Senior play was a real treat for all of us and with the facilities of the new stage we are looking forward to many more fine plays. Father Nabity says that we will probably put on another play in February and one in April. If my studies keep up I am going to try out for one of them.

With the new gym we have a lot of new things happening—school vs. faculty in basketball. It was a lot of fun and even though the faculty beat the students by a few points we know that in a few more weeks we will be able to beat them. However we know how they will trounce us in ice hockey.

Well Mom and Dad, this will be all for now but I certainly want to thank you for the Thanksgiving Day package. We had a lot of candy and things around so everybody shared the packages received. So remembering you and all the family in prayers, I am

Your loving son,

*Joe*

## Glee Club Prepares Christmas Tour

From the Heavenly Choir's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" up to the present time, men have expressed their Christmas joy through hymns and carols. In like fashion the I.H.M. Glee Club will show its joy this season by once again touring hospitals and various other places in the area.

Under the leadership of Frater Murphy, the club hopes to bring holiday entertainment and the true

meaning of Christmas to the hearts of many. To do this, another Christmas schedule is in order. Last year, the group entertained a score of elderly ladies who reside at Meadow Brook Home in Lenox. And of course the younger set, who were unfortunate enough to be ill for this festive season, were given a little cheering-up by the songs of Christmas.

But perhaps, as happened last year also, the club itself will benefit the most from the "tour" by rediscovering that charity lies in giving.

## HELP!



Thanks for yours! In response to the ad in our last issue, we have received enough library books to keep us librarians busy for a while. But we can still use more. So if you have delayed your Fall cleaning till now, why not send us those books you have read and probably won't read again. If you haven't delayed, perhaps you could start your Spring cleaning early. Any book suitable for a high school library would do. Thanks again.

# FOOTBALL AND THANKSGIVING



Varsity QB Jim Brune with Dennis Myc and Pat Houterman in the backfield. (Back courtesy of Jim Murphy.)

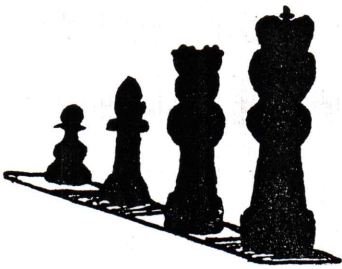
This tradition did not start with the Pilgrim Fathers, but it seems to be a rather ancient folkway with the American people that Thanksgiving and New Year's Days should be, in part, set aside for football bowls. Our bowl here is not filled with rice, cotton, or roses, but rather with turkey, and we call it the Turkey Bowl.

This year's game was a hard-fought contest between two all-star teams. Both were made up of outstanding players chosen from both the varsity and junior varsity. Twenty-two varsity players took the field for the first and third quarters, while the J.V.

## the thinking man's game

One of the newest organizations "on campus" is the Chess Team, formed in response to a tournament challenge from neighboring Cranwell Academy. Our acceptance meant building up a team from scratch.

Almost immediately chess boards and chessmen were at a premium



during recreation periods. A school tournament was begun by Frater Grob to provide a further incentive, and succeeded so well that the Quiet Recreation Rooms almost lived up to their names.

Part way through the tournament, Frater Grob chose a seven-man team to bear the Bellefontaine colors into the medieval battle for castles, knights, and kings. Chosen were Terry Brady, Alex Cudzewicz, Dan Sowinski, Mike Hess, Chuck Yuhascik, Tom Chambers, and Steve Richters.

But to make a long story short, the battles were not too successful from our viewpoint. Chuck Yuhascik won his game and Dan Sowinski managed a stalemate, but in the rest the colors drooped somewhat.

But they will be raised again!—a rematch is scheduled for early December. Meanwhile, the school tournament is still in progress, for chess is a thinking man's game and thinking, together with most hard work, takes time.

fielded their teams in the second and fourth quarters. Thus when the J.V. came in for the second quarter, they took up the ball (and the score) where the varsity teams had left off.

Jim Brune captained one team, assisted by Kevin Murray. Captain for the other squad was Pat Houterman with his co-captain Paul Cunningham.

There is another (Pilgrim) tradition associated with this day, and after the morning game the students were quite ready to tackle the turkey in a slightly different way.

## Christmas Spirit

In the seminary the beginning of the Christmas season becomes a time of preparation.

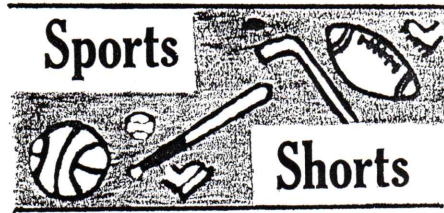
It is a time when the seminary buildings are glittering with the traditional holiday beauty. The decorating crews have ornamented the doorways and walls; the pine trees are hung with colored lights in the auditorium, refectory, and recreation rooms.

Other preparations are in order as well: packing suitcases for the vacation at home, preparing carols and other entertainments for the big Christmas party on the last night, watching all the activity in the kitchen and bakery (and helping with some of it).

But the true spirit of Christmas is not material. Through the Church's spirit of Advent every seminarian prepares his soul for the celebration of the feast day. And then on the day itself, the climax of all this preparation will come when each one attends Mass and receives Communion with his family at home.



Freshman Steve Richters is getting "all spruced up" for the holidays. Decorators are Jack Buckingham, George Purdy, and Bob Simmons.



### FOOTBALL:

For the past two months football has been the big sport at I.H.M. Although this great sport will soon be replaced by winter sports, we will all look forward to next year's season. Here's hoping that it will be as good as this year's. Highlights of the season included the eye-catching pass catching of end Bill Chambers, the long runs of freshman QB Kevin Murray, Tom Toplisek's amazing recovery of his own kick-off, the crunching (or is it "crunched?") record of George Nestler's *Crunchers*, and of course the Junior-Sophomore game (Juniors won, 42-6).

### SOCCER:

Soccer season opened on the twenty-ninth of November. This is a game that all the students have been waiting for: As the season has just begun, it is hard to tell which team will pull out in front.

### BASKETBALL:

Our basketball season has not as yet opened but we have had a few practice games. Among them was the student-faculty game. On the students' team were seniors John Brilla, Jim Brune, and Stan Schmidt; juniors Pat Houterman, Chuck Brophy, Greg Speck, and Fritz Sabo; Larry Whitney, a sophomore; and Kevin Murray, a freshman. The low-scoring game (30-25) was won

by the faculty team, captained by Father Bruder. Latest word from the student camp: captain Stan Schmidt already has his men in training for the next such encounter.

### HOCKEY:

This year the hockey season promises to be a very interesting one. Father Richard has been busy for the past few weeks with the construction of two new hockey rinks. The water for the rinks will be supplied by a natural spring nearby.

### EXPLORER ACTIVITIES

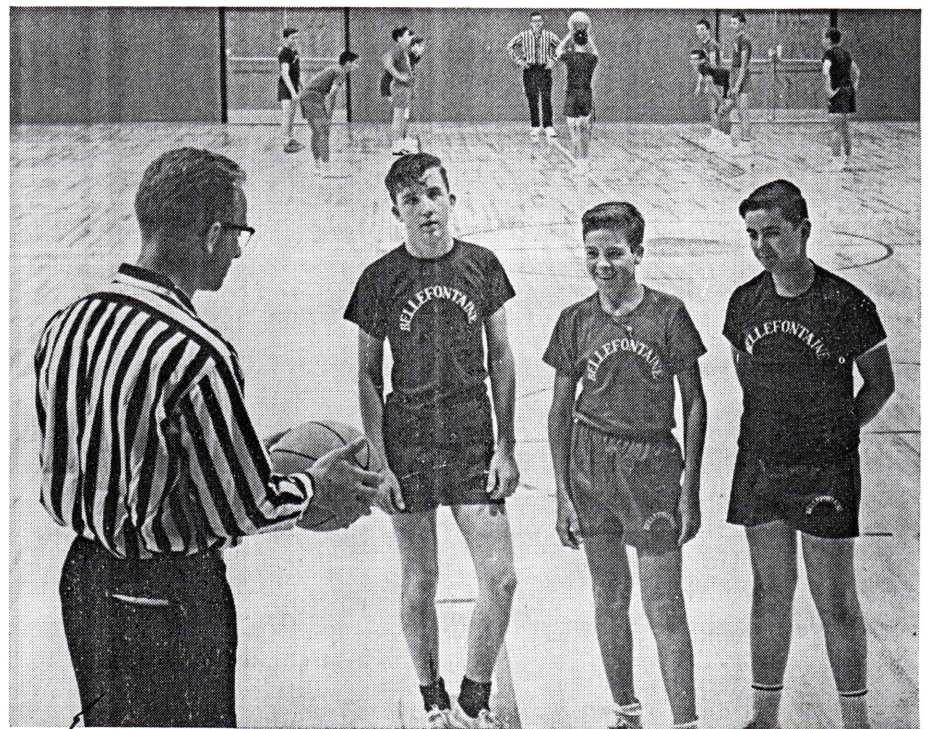
This Fall, Explorer Post 101 of I.H.M. went on its first official camp-out since its founding last February. The week-end hike was held at the Berkshire District Camp, Camp Eagle, about six miles east of the Seminary. Advisors Charles Mindle



and Paul Yerrick planned the expedition and accompanied the explorers.

On November 14, a district council meeting was held at Bellefontaine. Scout leaders in the area met to coordinate policies and plans for the immediate future.

The Post has plans for two more slightly less-rustic outings, the first to the E. D. Jones Machinery plant, and the second to Westover Air Force Base.



Sports director, Father Bruder, gives some pre-season basketball tips to sophomore stars Claude Marchessault, Kevin Kelly, and Dennis Madigan.

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