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## BISHOP TO HONOR SIX IHM SENIORS

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, D.D., Bishop of Springfield, will preside at the presentation of teaching certificates for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to residents of Berkshire County. The ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 23, at St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Six of Bellefontaine's seniors—Terry Brady, Jim Brune, Alex

Cudzewicz, Steve Henner, Gary McInnis, and Tim Revers—will be among the graduates.

Requirements for such a certificate include a thirty-hour course of study. Classes for our local area were held once a week for the past few months at St. Mary's school in Lee. Sister Patricia James and Sister M. Josephine, Sisters of St. Joseph, presented the first few classes on methods of teaching religion. The ten classes on doctrine were taught by Rev. Timothy J. Champoux, J.C.D.



Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon

## Catholic U. Renews Seminary Affiliation

Reverend Roy J. Deferrari, Director of the Program of Affiliation at The Catholic University of America, Washington, has informed Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary of the results of a November evaluation. Because of the very favorable tenor of the report, the Committee has not only confirmed the seminary's initial period of affiliation, but has also renewed its affiliation for a full five-year period.

This renewal can certainly be looked upon as a confirmation of the great advances made at IHM in its two and a half years, through the cooperation of the administration, faculty, and student body.

## Lectures Given On Meaning Of Novitiate

"The Novitiate." How often, during a student's four years in the minor seminary, he hears this term! Many times during the freshman, sophomore, and junior years he comes upon it, but he usually regards it as a period in his training somewhere in the distant future. Things, however, are different in the senior year; the Novitiate which has always seemed so far off is just a few short months away.

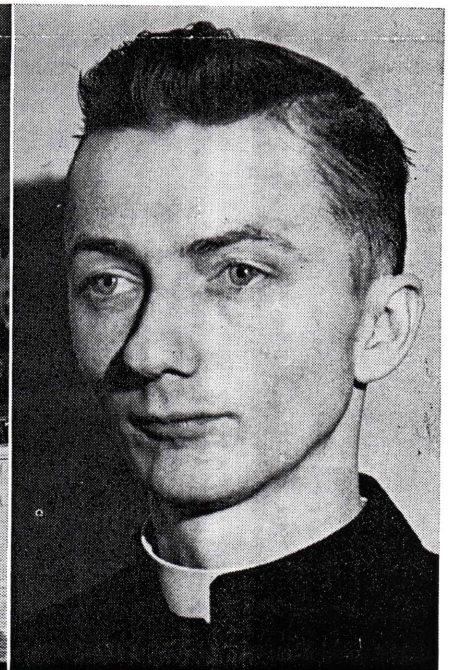
Actually the Novitiate year is a period of probation for the seminarian with the object of testing one's fitness for the profession of vows in a religious community.

As the senior year speeds quickly on, the seniors begin to realize how much more important this year can really be to them—both now and for their future priestly life. With this realization comes a number of questions, such as: what will life be like as a novice? will I be able to live up to my responsibilities? and others.

With these questions have also come the answers, for the seniors have begun to attend lectures on the Novitiate. These lectures are being presented once a week at Dehon Seminary, our nearby seminary for adult vocations. They are given by Dehon's rector, Father James A. Cunniffe, S.C.J., and are attended by that seminary's graduating class as well.

## First Mass Celebrated Here

Sunday, January 25, was no ordinary Sunday at Bellefontaine; it was a special occasion for not only the students and faculty, but also for the newly ordained Father Michael A. Burke, S.C.J. The occasion was that of a First Mass, a Solemn High Mass celebrated by Father Burke. Father Richard and Father Hudson were the other ministers.



Father Michael A. Burke, S.C.J., as he offered his First Mass together with Bellefontaine's students and faculty in the seminary chapel.

Mass was scheduled for 11:00 A.M., the center of the day, to symbolize its central importance as the axis around which our day revolves. Several of Father Burke's relatives were present, as well as friends and neighbors of the seminary.

The solemn and beautiful ceremony came to a climax when Father, using his newly acquired priestly powers, pronounced the words of consecration: "This is My Body" and "This is My Blood." The Mass was concluded with a closing hymn especially written for the occasion by the choir director, Frater Murphy.

Later in the day, a dinner was held in Father Burke's honor, at which time he announced that the following Monday would be a free day. That evening the student body concluded its day with a movie.

## LITURGICAL RENEWAL

Sunday High Mass here at the seminary has taken on added significance as the central liturgical act of our week. Until the present semester, there have always been two Masses on Sundays: a low Mass (followed by breakfast) and then a High Mass. Now, however, to place the High Mass in a more proper setting, it is the only Mass of the day and during it Holy Communion is distributed.

Each member of the congregation, on entering the chapel, places a host into a ciborium, symbolizing his offering for the sacrifice. At the Offertory, one student, representing all, carries a tray containing the ciborium, the paten and large host, and the wine and water, up to the celebrant at the altar. Thus we can more truly say: "We offer . . ."

## Native Of Chicago

Father Michael A. Burke, S.C.J., was born on October 14, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois. During his grammar school years he decided to become a priest and so entered Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Indiana. Entering the Novitiate on September 8, 1956, the then Austin Burke was received into religion with the name of Frater Michael Burke.

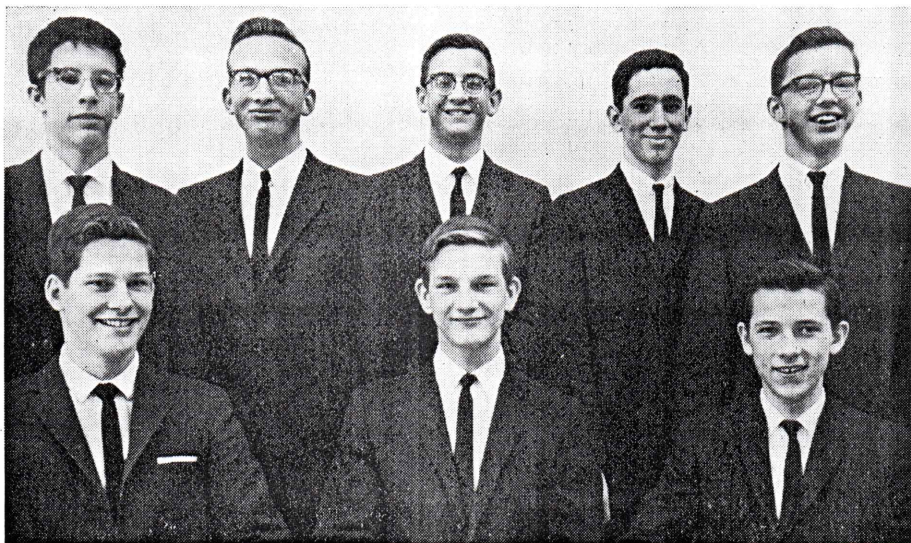
In addition to his regular studies in philosophy and theology, Frater completed the courses required for a Master's Degree in Medieval History during summer sessions at The Catholic University of America.

After completing twelve years of study for the priesthood, he was ordained at Alverno College, Milwaukee, on December 22, 1963, thus becoming a Priest of the Sacred-Heart, Father Michael Burke, S.C.J.

Another of the students reads a commentary on the Proper of the Day at the beginning and before the most important actions of the Mass.

The entire student body joins in singing the Gregorian Chant in two-choir, antiphonal style.

In addition, Father David Laphier, S.C.J., has been giving conferences to the students on the meaning of the liturgy in general and of these changes in particular. We have changed not just for the sake of change, but because these differences will help us to better understand the personal involvement in the Mass, in the life of Christ, which should be ours.



First Semester Honor Roll: seated—Alan Waters, Bob Markunas, Dennis Myc; standing—Mike Hess, Alex Cudzewicz, John Wierzbicki, Jim O'Brien, Glenn Klipp; missing—Richard Jacob.



# The Rector's Corner



My Dear Friends,

Some time or other you have been or will be faced with the growing problem of educating your children. With the present skyrocketing statistics on the school crisis—overcrowding, the need for academic excellence, the teacher shortage,—every mother and father is becoming concerned. Seeing, as we have, an increase of 129 per cent in school enrollment over the past seventeen years, this concern is certainly justified. Every parent wants his child to receive a Catholic education and the disciplines resulting from such a training: he will go to all extremes to make such a thing possible. It is his way of planning for and helping with the future of his youngster.

It has not only become a crisis for the parents but for the Church as well. The Church realizes that something has to be done; measures which might be quite revolutionary to our Catholic school system are now being taken and will be taken with increasing frequency in the near future. One of the great sources that the Church will continue to call upon in its program for educational progress is the network of convents and seminaries now engaged in the training of future teachers. For we see, at least on the high-school level, that not only are our faculties made up of many sisters, brothers, and lay teachers; there is also a substantial number of priests

involved in such teaching. Therefore, just as parents now ask the question, where are more schools going to come from, we also must ask them, where are more sisters, brothers, and priests going to come from? The answer to both questions lies in their own homes, in their own families.

So to mothers and fathers we return the challenge arising from our school crisis and ask that they examine themselves to see what they can do for vocations, to promote, encourage, and nurture them. For the education about which we are speaking is not to be just Catholic in name; Catholicism must also animate all those behind it—the administration, the faculty, and the family.

It will take ten years before the young men going through Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary will be able to go out to help in the education of children, but it is in such a long-range program that we have great confidence. It is because of their sacrifice and love for the priesthood that they are dedicating their

lives to aid other people in this crisis. They are happy in their choice of vocation and very thankful that their parents have allowed them to make it. We know that you, as a reader of *Bellefontaine*, have helped in this program for future Catholic education. It is through your kindness, generosity, and financial help that we have been able to continue the program of training these young men. You are to be especially commended for your spirit of generosity. We do hope that, when the opportunity avails itself, you will be able to show it in an even more immediate way by informing a young boy or young girl about the happiness of seminary or convent life. To you as a friend of our seminary we say thank-you again, and also want to reassure you that your intentions are continually remembered in the prayers of our seminarians. God bless you.

Sincerely,

*Father McGuire*

## THE GREATEST DAY



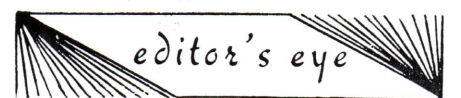
During each year of our life, there is a day which we can term "the greatest day of the year." Whether it be a wedding, the signing of an important document, an ordination, the receiving of an honor, or whatever circumstances make that "greatest day of the year" the greatest, there is always an extensive and intense preparation for that day.

And so too with regard to the greatest day of the Liturgical Year, Easter. There is a definite

preparation set aside by the Church, and that definite preparation is known as the season of Lent.

Since Lent, then, is a time of preparation, there are certain things which we must do in order to make "the greatest day" truly our greatest. These preparations can be looked at from both the positive and negative viewpoints. There are things that we can do for Lent, and there are things that we can stop doing, or give up, for Lent. Both are important: not only to give things up (such as candy, cigarettes, ice cream), but also to do positive things (such as forming good habits to replace old ones, or trying to assist at daily Mass during Lent).

And in this way, striving not only to give up something, but also to do something positive, we will have a much more fruitful and blessed Lent. And when Easter morning arrives, it will truly be "the greatest day."



Most Americans are proud of being a part of their country. Why shouldn't they be? It's reasonable. Just on the material side, we're the richest country in the world, we have the highest standard of living, and we're the leader in numerous other fields. But I wonder how many of those in our country who go to bed hungry almost every night feel this same pride in their country's achievements. In his State of the Union Message, President Johnson showed that

## Senior Of The Month

The senior in the public eye this month is Frank Brauer, the head student sacristan. Frank has faithfully and efficiently served this post for three years now. This year, his work has been multiplied with the opening of the new chapel and with the retention of the old one as a faculty chapel. Nevertheless, everything always seems to be in the right place at the right time, and the cleanliness of both chapels is always remarked on by visitors.

Frank hails from Baltimore and is one of the seminary's few southerners. He is a product of Our Lady of Good Counsel grammar school in Baltimore and is a fine tribute to the elementary training he received there.



Frank Brauer setting up vestments for the morning's Masses.

Frank also contributes to the sports program at the seminary, especially in football, his favorite sport, in which he is a letterman, and in hockey, which holds a close second place in his preference.

In his off-study hours, when he is not busy working on sacristy, Frank finds time to belong to the school choir, the glee club, and the debating society.

he wished them to share in this pride by sharing in these accomplishments:

"This Administration, today, here and now, declares unconditional war on poverty in America... The richest nation on earth can afford to win it... our chief weapons are better schools, better health, better homes, better training and job opportunities... our aim is not only to relieve the symptom of poverty, but to cure it, and above all to prevent it." (January 8, 1964)

This is a big step, but one which may have been missed by many listeners who were not only concerned about where the tax dollar will be going in the next year. Others may have missed the point, thinking that this was entirely a political "stunt". The justice of other wars is certainly debatable and has certainly been debated. But there can be no doubt about the justice of this war; the debate can only center on the means for waging—and for winning—it.

Is it merely a dream—to relieve, cure, and prevent poverty? At present, yes. But it can become a reality. It will take not only governmental help but also individual involvement. The war can be won. When it is, it will be an accomplishment in which the entire United States can take pride, and its fruits will be immeasurable.

## EASTER

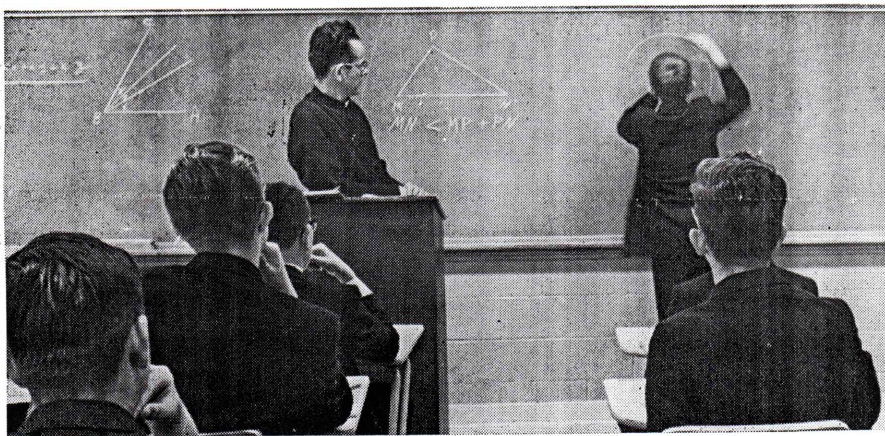
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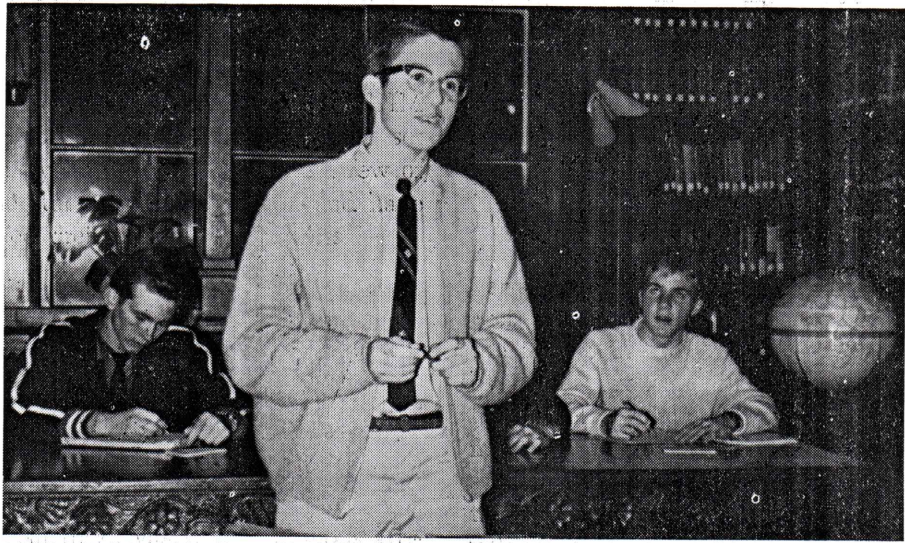


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## The Dehon Debating Society



President Chuck Dyer delivers the opening speech at Debate Society's weekly meeting. Jim Brune and Fritz Sabo prepare notes in the background.

A priest must be able to communicate the true love of Christ through the spoken word. He cannot do this unless he is able to speak in a simple, interesting, and effective manner. The Dehon Debating Society was formed here last year to give us practice in public speaking, which will be of such importance in our future lives as priests.

The debating society meets this year every Wednesday evening under the direction of two faculty members: Father Thomas Corcoran and

Frater Paul Murphy. Chuck Dyer has been elected president and Fritz Sabo, secretary. At present, membership is open to the junior and senior classes, and the senior class is proud to be represented by all of its members.

The debating team bears the name of our venerable founder, Father Leo John Dehon, who used his many oratorical gifts in the promotion of social justice in France and throughout Europe at the close of the last century.

### NEWS NOTES

\* This year for the first time, the students' Easter vacation will be spent at home. This change has been made in order to give the seminarians more time with their own families and to provide a break between the third and fourth quarters of the school year.

\* The sophomore play, "Billion Dollar Saint," is now in preparation under Father Nabity's direction. Target date is March 19.

\* Another first: a student literary magazine will be put out toward the end of this semester. Included will be stories, essays, and poetry. A title has not yet been chosen.

\* In connection with National Engineers' Week, the senior physics class under Brother John Thomas, S.C.J., will attend a lecture in nearby Pittsfield. Colonel John A. Powers will speak on "An American Man on the Moon."

### Ceramics

The newest hobby interest at IHM has been the ceramics workshop set up by Father Nabity. Quite a few of the students are interested and have tried their hand at the process.

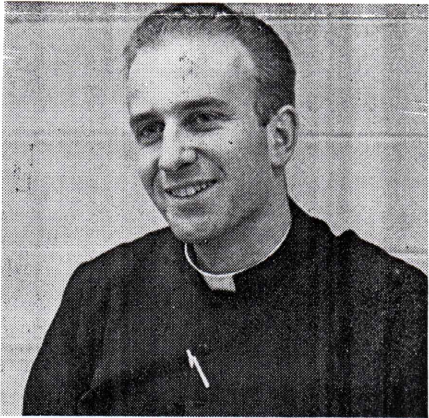


Ash trays, vases, and religious articles are molded, glazed, and fired in the workshop. The most ambitious project so far has been (and it is still in the process) a chess set made entirely of ceramics.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caudette, of the Berkshire Ceramics Studio in Pittsfield, have very graciously given of their time and effort to make this possible.

### FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

The spotlight this month centers on one of the most active members of our faculty, Father Anthony Bruder, S.C.J. Father Bruder is head of our Classics Department and teaches both



Father Anthony Bruder, S.C.J.

freshman and sophomore Latin and senior Greek. The sophomores, under his guidance, have recently turned to the production of a daily Latin newspaper. Father has also pioneered the use of the language lab for Latin in both years.

One of Father's most time-consuming jobs is that of Assistant Prefect of Discipline. In addition, as Director of Athletics, he has set up a large and varied program for recreation and exercise—from hockey and basketball to the 5BX plan (see page 4). Assisted by Frater Grob and Brother Norbert, he has set up clinics for the improvement of sports ability among the students, but the main emphasis in this program has always been the development of sportsmanship.

Explorer Post 101 here at the seminary owes a great deal to Father Bruder. As its Institutional Representative this year, he has begun many new programs.

Father comes originally from Brooklyn, and was ordained in 1961; this is now his second year on the IHM faculty.

## Dear Mom and Dad,

I can well understand why you didn't make the trip up for visiting Sunday. It was one of those days that probably looked very nice down home, but up here we had a good fifteen to eighteen inches of snow on the ground. So I'll be looking forward to seeing you on next visiting Sunday.

Since you couldn't come I'll have to fill you in on the latest happenings. The past six weeks have been wonderful—especially because mid-term exams are over. As you probably saw from my report card, I did much better in French than I did in English. Still, I wish I could speak my French as well as I do English. I guess the fact that I have been using my night-owl (nine o'clock to ten o'clock at night when the juniors are allowed to stay up to study or read) is the reason why my marks did come up for the first semester. I hope I can do as well next semester.

We had a first Mass here the end of January. It was celebrated by a newly ordained priest by the name of Father Burke and it was quite a thrill for all of us at the seminary. We had one here two years ago and with the new chapel facilities in the new wing, this one was even more wonderful. Father Burke stayed with us a few days and so we all had a chance to say a few words to him. Speaking of the first Mass, we have also begun to participate more in the liturgy of the Mass. I think one of the boys is writing an article on it so you can read more about that in the school paper. On Sundays now, we have a buffet dinner in the afternoon with the faculty eating with the students. It makes for a very fine family atmosphere.

The reason I have not been skating for the past two weeks is because I sprained my ankle. Since it is Lent I can make a little sacrifice out of it. Do you realize that before Lent is over I will be home for a ten-day vacation with you? It's going to be very strange this year not participating in the Seminary Holy Week, but I hope that I will be able to serve for the Monsignor when I come home. Maybe you can call him up and ask him, Mom?

Well, Mom and Dad, this will have to be all for now but I will be certainly thinking of all of you in prayers and certainly hope that you will be feeling much better. We have not had too many colds or viruses up here this year but from what you've been telling me, it looks like everyone at home has been sick at some time or other. So I'll see all of you during Holy Week. With prayers and best wishes, I am

Your loving son,

Sincerely,

Joe

P.S. Don't send any candy in my birthday package as it will be the middle of Lent and I have given up candy for Lent.

### The School Letter

Our school letter (the "B" for Bellefontaine) is awarded to the seminarians in the four major sports: football, ice hockey, basketball, and baseball. It is awarded on the basis of the students' own voting. Since the sports program is entirely intramural, every student has a chance to play, to vote, and to receive a school letter.

This letter is a tribute to a young man. It marks his excellence in both ability and sportsmanship. It indicates to him the fact that he is doing a fine job in growing into a mature seminarian.

The prime requisite for obtaining a letter is charity, a charity which is patient and kind, which is not jealous, does not hurt others knowingly, does not show off, is not ambitious,

does not become angry, doesn't give up even when losing; endures the possible remarks and jibes of others, helps others, thinks kindly of other players and of the referees, trusts others, and can take the ups and downs of the game.

To this we must add that the letter represents interest, effort, enthusiasm, spirit, and the stuff out of which men, priestly men, are made—courage. The letter-man is the man who encourages, forgives, and cooperates. He respects his fellow players, he respects authority. He is rough and ready; he is confident; but always, he is the Christian gentleman.

The possibility of a letter is open to all. It is there for the taking, but to take it requires strength, determination, courage, and God's grace.



Winners of School Letters in Freshman football competition: Ray Krietschmar, Paul Cunningham, Hugh Carty, Mike Borzansky, Stan Polcinski, Jim Pezzulo, Richard Johnson.



**Sports**  
**Shorts**

**HOCKEY**

Between seasonal and unseasonal thaws, the hockey season has gone bravely on. Those who could hardly skate before Christmas are now zooming around for all to see; those who returned from Christmas vacation with brand new skates can now at



least stand up on them. The various teams have been seesawing for position in league standings from week to week. Interest is focused on the sports bulletin board where the results are posted soon after the games (something like the IBM results at Innsbruck, only a little slower). The A League teams: Alex Cudzewicz's "Olympians," Gary McInnis' "Loco-Motives," Glen Klipp's "Maple Leafs," and Louis Becker's "Cossacks." The B League: Chuck Dwyer's "Huns," Bob Markunas' "Americans," Chuck

Marotta's "Blue Wings," and Jim O'Brien's "Cardinals." The C League: Hugh Carty's "Petunias," Ray Kretschmar's "Rebels," John Somatican's "Majestics," and Jack Lockard's "Bruisers." —The annual student-faculty contest on the ice is yet to come.

**BASKETBALL**

During the various thaws, the focus on sports shifted from the ice to the gym. There are two full-size basketball courts, so there is plenty of room for league competition. Brother Norbert, a basketball star himself, has been coaching many of the interested students in their free time.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS**

The gym has been vibrating with activity of a different kind these past few weeks. The cause? Three mysterious letters—5BX. As anyone here can tell you, 5BX (5 Basic Exercises) is a graduated program of physical exercise, scientifically devised by experts and actively promoted by our athletic program. This promotion seems to have worked well, and forward bends, stationary runs, scissor jumps, and mile runs have become part of the nightly recreation. At last count, about fifty students were involved, excluding five or six at work on an explorer merit badge in physical fitness. Not to be outdone, quite a few members of the faculty are now confirmed 5BX'ers.

**SPORTLIGHT: HOCKEY**



"B" League star, Emile St. Andre, lines up a goal shot. Defenders include Jack Lockard, goalie Eddie Gunn, and Mark Forgette.

**Father Richard Writes**

Hi Fellows,

Last week I met an eighth grade boy in New Jersey who has been thinking of becoming a doctor of medicine. During the past two years he has been seriously thinking over the dedicated life necessary to be a good doctor and the need for doctors. After prudently weighing all the factors involved he is certain that this is what he wants to be.



Needless to say, his parents and relatives are thrilled over it. They are proud of him for aspiring to such a high calling. In fact, some of his relatives plan to help his parents finance him through one of the best college prep schools in the East in preparation for medical school.

After hearing of this, I congratulated the parents for giving their son the encouragement and help he needs to fulfill his desire. Without this help he probably wouldn't ever reach his goal.

Today, there are many eighth grade boys who have received the grace of a vocation to the Priesthood,

and are planning to enter a minor seminary next September. However, sad to say, instead of receiving encouragement from their parents and relatives, some are told to wait until after high school or even to forget all about it.

Instead of following the mind of the Church that seminaries are for all who have the grace of a vocation to the Priesthood, parents often give in to the well-meaning but false advice of relatives or friends to postpone the invitation and call of Christ, "Come, follow Me."

It is a mystery to me how parents can be so happy about a son wanting to be a doctor, a lawyer, or an engineer, but, as soon as a boy mentions the Priesthood, can attempt to postpone or destroy the workings of grace.

With Vocation month just a week or two away, please join with me and with all the faculty and seminarians here to ask the Sacred Heart to bless our country and families with many priestly vocations. God bless you and your families.

In the Sacred Heart,

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

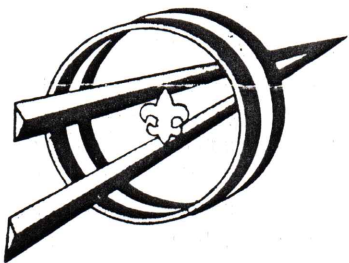


Hockey scenes captured on the seminary rinks: Left: Frater Grob, assistant athletic director, gives lessons on stick-handling to freshmen Bob Clymer and Brian Hannigan. Right: Three determined "A" league players—John Brilla, Stan Schmidt, and Fritz Sabo.

**EXPLORER ACTIVITIES**

In the past two months, Post 101 has come a long way. As we near the first anniversary of the formation of our post, we look back upon a difficult but fruitful year of organizing, and ahead to a bright future.

With the induction of our new freshmen members we have increased



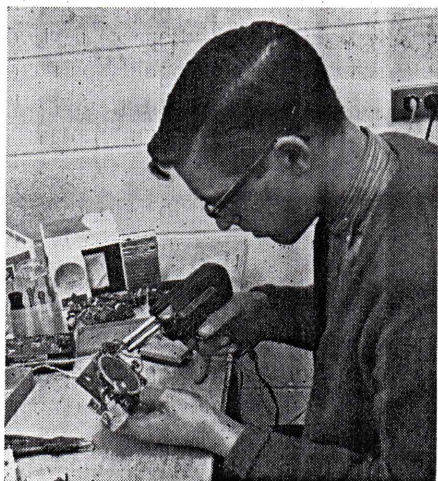
membership to forty-two, thus making Post 101 one of the largest posts in the nation.

With such a large number of boys in the post it was necessary to try to secure more committeemen to aid in our planning. Major Chapell, U.S.M.C. volunteered his services, and has been responsible, along with our Institutional Representative, Father Bruder, for moving the merit badge program into high gear. And to aid us in merit badge work he has "recruited" a number of Navy personnel to act as

counselors. He has also opened up the Reserve Training Rifle Range to our post; here our members learn the proper use of firearms, and become proficient marksmen as well.

With as large a membership as we have, it has been difficult to choose one specific post specialty. To solve the problem, four specialties were chosen: Science, Auto Mechanics, Forestry, and Photography. Each of these groups is advised by a professional in the field.

**Hobby Corner**



Sophomore Richard Jacob at work on his spare-time occupation: the repair of transistor radios.

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