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DATE SET FOR IHM DEDICATION

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Weldon, Bishop of Springfield, will officiate at the dedication of the Seminary's new wing on Monday, June fifteenth, 1964. Bishop Weldon will be joined by the community and by the clergy of the area in offering a Solemn Pontifical Mass. The actual dedication will follow.

The new wing, in use for much of this school year, contains the large student chapel, class and recreational facilities, a kitchen, and dining rooms.

Mission Report : Congo



Brother Isaac, S.C.J.

In what condition was the Church in the Congo when you first arrived there five years ago?

The Church was in a wonderful expansion. There were many churches dating back 30 and 40 years in our area of the Congo. It was an unhampered mission aided by the Belgian Congo.

Are the missionaries accepted?

Yes, missionaries are more appreci-

Seminary to Hold First Graduation



THE MIKADO, the popular Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, was presented to a packed house here on May third by the scholastics of Kilroe Seminary in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, house of college and philosophy for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

Over 600 people, including the faculty and student body, heard such familiar melodies as "A Wand'ring Minstrel," "Tit-Willow," and "Three Little Maids" ring out through the auditorium.

The lead role of Nanki-Poo fell to Frater James Wake, whose fine tenor voice was complemented by the bass of Frater John Hennessy (Ko-Ko, the Lord High Executioner) and by the baritone of Frater Jerome Wiess (Poo-Bah, Lord High Everything Else). To the delight of all, the hilarious part of Katisha was sung by Frater Kevin McGuire, the brother of our Rector.

The striking sets and costumes gave proof of many hours of work behind the scenes, while the on-stage results did credit to the direction of Frater John Madden and to the musical direction of Father Michael Orzechowski. Accompanist for the evening was Father John Dalbec.

On June fourth, the first commencement exercises in the history of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary will open with a banquet in honor of our seniors. Faculty and students will be joined by the relatives and friends of the graduates for the dinner and for the ceremonies afterwards.

Father McGuire, Rector and Prefect of Studies, will begin these by awarding various academic honors to those students who have earned them in the past year. Following this the Salutatorian of the senior class, Stephen Henner, will address the present junior class. Alexander Cudzewicz, as Valedictorian, will then speak both on the past accomplishments and on the future goals of his class. Father Casper, Prefect of Discipline, will conclude the evening with his talk.

The actual graduation on the morning of June fifth, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, will begin with a Solemn High Mass celebrated for the intentions of the graduates and for the intentions of our benefactors. The student choir will sing "The Mass of the Blessed" by Henri Neale. Following Mass, the diplomas will be presented by Father McGuire.

Father McGuire Reappointed

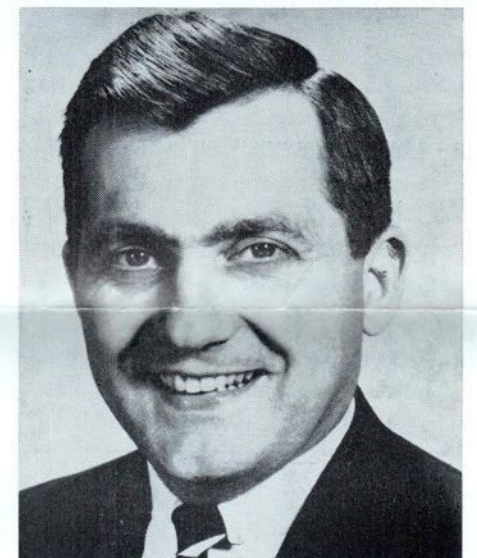
Bellefontaine is proud to report that Father Robert P. McGuire has been reappointed Rector of Immaculate Heart Seminary for a second three-year term. In addition, the terms of Father's two consultants, Father Francis Hudson and Father Paul Casper, have been extended for a like period.

District Congressman Presents Award

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte, Member of Congress from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was the principal speaker at a dinner here on the evening of May sixteenth. The occasion was the awarding of the Charles Palmer Davis medal for good citizenship.

Representative Conte has been a member of the House for three terms now and is looking forward to a fourth term in this next Congressional session.

After being introduced by Father David Laphier, Mr. Conte gave a brief but powerful speech on citizenship and on the implications arising from such a privilege. He pointed out the importance of the roles played in society by Church and State and the differences of these roles. His allusion to the fallen Roman empire to show the importance of active citizenry was particularly effective. "For," he stated, "as long as Americans take an interest in that state, that state will survive..." He mentioned some of the problems that presently face this nation, and how it will take action on the part of each citizen to meet the problems. He ended on a complimentary note, saying, "I hope you'll continue to ex-



Congressman Silvio O. Conte

ert the force for good you represent in this nation."

Mr. Conte then awarded the Charles Palmer Davis medal to Glenn Klipp, a junior, for his outstanding knowledge in world affairs, and for his active participation in school activities. The medal was contributed by the Davis Foundation of Hartford.

ated by the people, largely because they have shared the lot of misery and suffering with the people. Now it is also a question of depending more on the lay people to help in the lay apostolate...to build a stronger faith

What is the attitude of the people toward religion?

The people won't go out of their
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AN ORGAN RECITAL was presented on May 17 by the members of the organ class here at the school. Included were works by Bach, Flor Peeters, and Everett Titcomb. Instructor Mr. Dennis Chappelaine here points out a passage to Glenn Klipp, Steve Henner (seated), John Button, and Bob Derrico.

The Rector's Corner



My Dear Friends,

With this issue of *Bellefontaine* we conclude another school year. To the many friends of Immaculate Heart of Mary we want to express again our thanks for your thoughtfulness to our seminarians during the past year. We have often expressed this thanks to you by letter in answer to your offerings for the various Novenas.

As we look back over the past school year we can see the many in-

stances of charity that have made this year such a blessed one. It was all made possible because you have adopted the Seminary as one of your charities. We are sure you have sensed the fruitfulness of this school term through the many articles in the *Bellefontaine*. It is the seminarians' way of keeping in contact with you and of showing you their development towards the priesthood.

In a few days we will all share in the highlight of our school year: the first graduation. As usual, the "firsts" are always occasions for happiness; ours is a happiness of thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother who has guided us through the foundation years to this graduation.

On June 5th, the feast of the Sacred Heart, our seniors will complete the first step in their studies towards the priesthood. The Mass will be for their intentions and also for yours for helping us to make this day possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McGuire

Congo Report (cont.)

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way to accept an organized religion because of indifferentism, polygamy, and other various pagan customs which are in direct opposition to the teachings of the Catholic faith. As yet, to be a Catholic is a real sacrifice.

What solutions are there to the problems the Church faces in the Congo?

Buying of wives and polygamy must be suppressed by the government. The people need a stronger government, a higher economic status, and an educational system aimed to encourage agricultural work.

Has the Ecumenical Council affected the Church in the Congo?

Definitely; it has already. First, it has affected the liturgy. It also gives each individual bishop more freedom to make concessions as he sees fit in his particular diocese.

Briefly, what is the Congolese liturgy like?

We use the Roman rite with the vernacular, Swahili. Our big aim in the liturgy is Mass participation. We achieve this through use of a few well-known hymns, common appropriate prayers, and a simply arranged High Mass.

How strong is the native Catholic population and clergy?

There are over 125 Congolese priests and a dozen Congolese

bishops. About one-third of the Congo's 14 million are Catholic.

What are the present aims of missionaries in the Congo?

Presently the missionaries are aiming at making as much contact with the people as possible, reorganizing and consolidating the works started before civil trouble began, and encouraging the work of the lay apostolate.

What is the outlook for the Church in the future?

The Church will develop in proportion to the advancement of the culture and civilization. It is encouraging to see her growth in the last eighty years from nothing to a thriving organization. Catholicism in the Congo might be compared to the dark ages, still awaiting the light of a renaissance. It is now a matter of time.

We publish BELLEFONTAINE for those who are interested in the Sacred Heart and the students of the priesthood who devote their lives to Him.

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Pat Houterman Appointed Senior

Perhaps one of the greatest honors a student can receive is being appointed "house senior," the representative of the entire student body. This honor for the coming year was recently given to Patrick Houterman,



House Senior Pat Houterman

the new house senior, and to Ronald Furlong, his assistant. It is these two juniors who next year, as seniors, will lead the school through their example and ability. The very fact that they have been chosen attests to their character and success as SCJ seminarians. All of us are confident that they shall follow in the fine example given them by Jim Brune and Alex Cudzewicz, our former senior and assistant.

Congratulations, Pat and Ron!

NEWS NOTES

• Junior Fritz Sabo earned honorable mention in the national contest sponsored by *Literary Cavalcade* for his short story "A Placque, a Banquet, and Mr. Brockton."

• Results of a mock presidential election among the student body: Johnson-66; Lodge-5; Goldwater-4; Nixon-2; Scranton-2; R. Kennedy 2; Wallace-1; Rockefeller, Smith, Stassen-0.

• In their last few busy weeks of high school, the seniors somehow managed to find the time for a one-day hop to the World's Fair on May 20.

• Winners of a recent hobby contest: Art: Kevin Lockwood; Models: Joe Rusnock; Design: Jim Murphy.

A REQUEST

To help with Bellefontaine's program for regional accreditation, the school library is in need of many more volumes. Any books you are able to send will be appreciated. Drop us a note if you have such books on hand but are unable to pack and send them. Thank you.

Sodality Consecration

On the feast of the Queenship of Mary, May 31, the junior and senior members of the Sodality of Mary made their final consecration to Mary as their "Queen, Advocate, and Mother." Through the consecration they have promised to cultivate an ardent love for Mary and her divine Son by faithful and lifelong performance of various spiritual exercises and practices. As their motto they have taken "To Jesus through Mary."

The chaplain of the group, Father Paul Casper, officiated at the ceremonies and gave a brief talk following them.

Serra Club Visits

The Serra Club of Pittsfield held one of their May meetings here at the Seminary in the presence of the students and faculty. The occasion gave both of us an opportunity to learn about one another.

The group's chaplain, Monsignor E. F. Marshall, opened the meeting with a short spiritual talk, drawing much of his material from the life of Father Leo John Dehon, the founder of the Sacred Heart Fathers. Father Timothy Champoux, J.C.D., was the main speaker of the evening with his talk on the action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. In addition we were given a short history of Serra's work for vocations throughout the world.

★ Debate Doings ★

The close of this school year brings an end to the first year in the history of IHM's debating society. To review the accomplishments of this first year of debating would only be fitting.

September was the month when the society, composed of juniors and seniors, took root. It elected a president and a secretary who were to



work with the two faculty moderators. Over the months the society grew in numbers, in knowledge of debating, and in spirit.

By February the members of the "Dehon Debating Society" were willing to try their competitive skill against other high schools in the area. All told, the group engaged in seven such debates.

In April the freshmen and sophomores were given an opportunity to join, thus giving the society a large number of new and anxious debaters. Before the season closes, two jobs remain: the adoption of a constitution and the election of officers for the coming year.

Next year's plans include a great deal of intermural debate, especially since we will be in the Diocesan Debate League. The general area of debate will be disarmament and international control.



EXHIBITS for this year's Mission Day, such as these two on the Ecumenical Council and on Communism, were set up in the gymnasium by the various CSMC discussion groups. The booth of the Latin American group was awarded first prize.



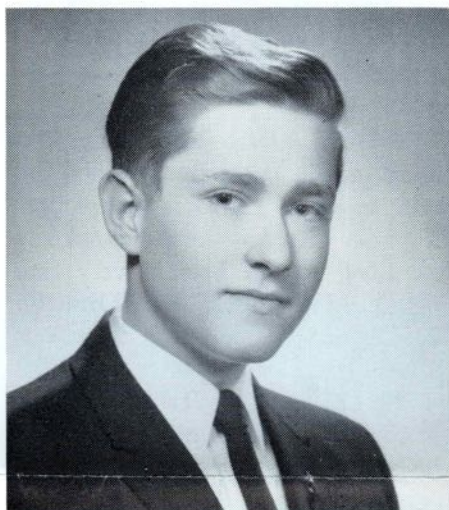
Bellefontaine: Class Of 1964

The first of our graduates is Terry Brady of Chicago. Terry, as did his fellow classmates, volunteered to transfer from Donaldson, Indiana, to Bellefontaine after his freshman year.

Terry will be greatly missed in the school office, where he has worked daily as its manager.

Among other things, Terry takes part in the debating society, the school choir, and the glee club.

We know that through these experiences, Terry will become a successful major seminarian of the Sacred Heart.

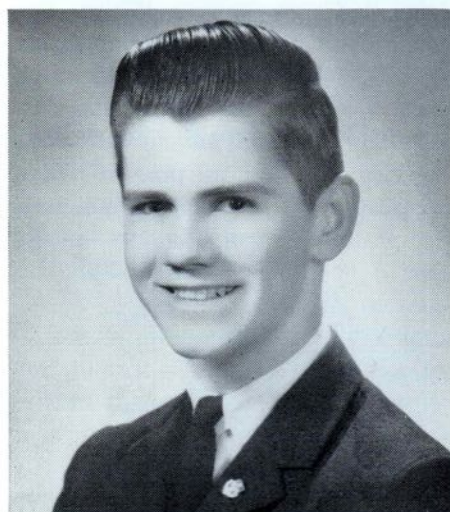


Terrence Brady

Royal Oak, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, is home to John Brilla. Coming from such a great distance, he, as well as most of his classmates, has made great sacrifices to be a seminarian at IHM.

During his stay at Bellefontaine, John, an average student, was especially known for his sports enthusiasm. One could ask what his favorite subject was, and he would always answer, "Baseball!"

Yes, John had three good years here at Bellefontaine, and the S.C.J.'s have a lot of hope for John's future.



John Brilla

Al Cudzewicz is one of our outstanding students, both academically and athletically.

Athletically, Al rates baseball and football on top; in the latter, his sportsmanship and ability won him a letter this past season.

Academically, he is an excellent student, his favorites being French and physics. And yet, on the extra-curricular scene, Al participates in the CSMC, the Sodality, the debate society, the civics club, and glee club, and choir.



Alexander Cudzewicz

From "Philly" we have Steve Henner, our golden-voiced tenor. Steve, another of our lively, active seniors, participates in the CSMC, the Sodality, the French Club, the glee club, and the choir—and still manages to be a regular on the honor roll.

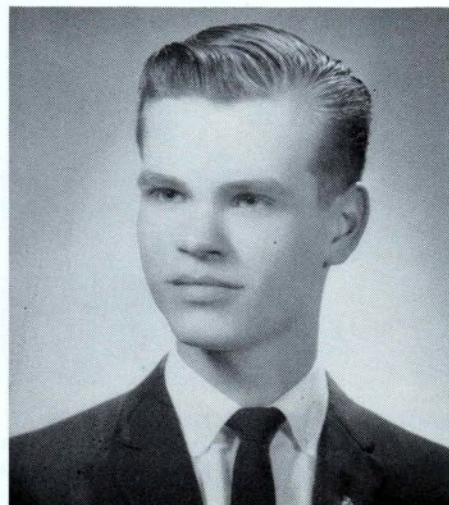
Steve, being a natural linguist, delights in Latin, French, and Greek. Evidence of his talent on the organ was presented at the recent concert.



Stephen Henner

If there's a group and there's laughter, there's Tim. Tim Revers of Braddock, Pennsylvania, is one of the live wires of the senior class. But not so live that he isn't an excellent seminarian.

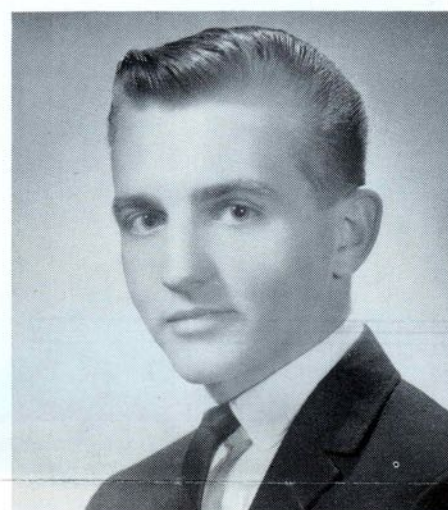
In the classroom, Tim is an above-average student. His favorite study is English, in which he is an old pro. Tim is also an average athlete with lots of potential and plenty of enthusiasm. With that, he certainly can't go wrong.



Timothy Revers

Frank Brauer, one of our Southern seniors, hails from Baltimore, Maryland. For the past three years, Frank, as head sacristan, has been the main cog in the wheel, keeping the chapels and sacristies in tip-top shape.

Frank is by far the most avid soccer fan in the school. But he isn't a one-sport-only athlete. In football he is a letterman, and he also enjoys a fast-moving game of hockey. In many ways, Frank is an asset to any team.

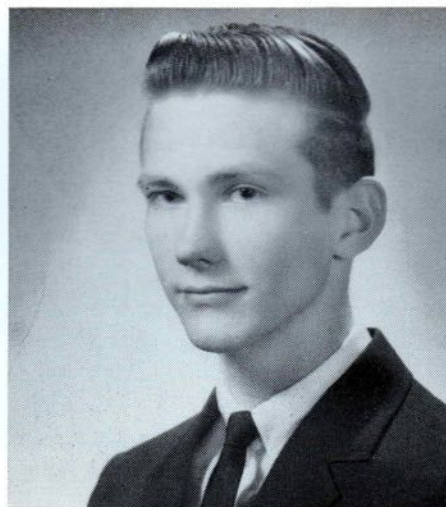


Frank Bauer

Jim Brune, our senior from Missouri, has done much to help Bellefontaine grow in the past three years. Jim may be from the "show me" state, but when it comes to sports, he sets the pace.

In his studies, Jim rates math first. Along with sports and studies, Jim finds time to be on the school debating team and in the choir.

In his senior year, Jim was appointed house senior, and as such has set a good example for all the lower classmen. May this spirit follow him all through his life.



James Brune

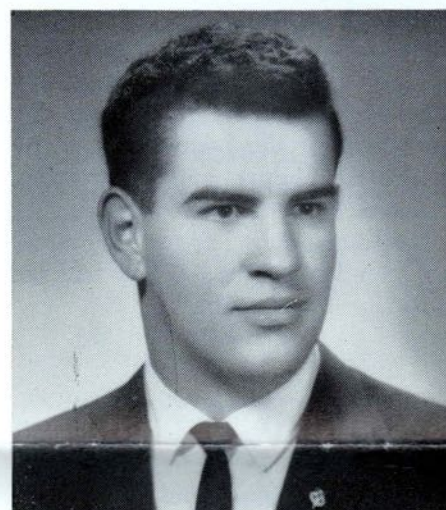
Leaders And Pioneers

The school year of 1961-62 was the first year of existence for Bellefontaine as an S.C.J. seminary. And the boys who made up the upper class in that first year are now graduating—the only class that will ever receive the title of "The First Graduates of Bellefontaine."

Presently, Bellefontaine has all four years of high school, but in that first year these young men, only sophomores at the time, were the leaders and pioneers. The job which confronted them in that first year was successfully completed by their good example, by their active participation in school activities, and in general by being true S.C.J. seminarians. Their class motto, "Work, Sacrifice, Pray" (reproduced at the top of this page), gives a clue to their class spirit and to their school spirit.

Our second and final Great Lakes man is Gary McInnis of Flint, Michigan. Gary is one of the most outstanding, all-around students here at Bellefontaine.

His ability in sports has won for him a letter in almost every sport there is here at IHM. And if there were such a thing as an academic letter, surely Gary would have one. And last, but certainly not least, Gary's winning personality puts a "special something" on everything he does.



Gary McInnis

Last on our list, but certainly not last or least in our consideration, is Stan Schmidt of Milwaukee. Stan will be missed in our school library, where he has worked diligently the past three years.

Bellefontaine readers may have noticed that Stan's name appears rather frequently on our sports page.

In the academic line, Stan favors English and History and is an avid reader.



Stanley Schmidt

FACULTY BOWS IN SOFTBALL



Father Richard set for the 3-2 pitch. Umpire Jim Murphy and catcher Nick Pastor brace themselves. The result? — a clean single.

For the first time in three annual attempts, the faculty has somehow managed to lose a softball game to the student team. In fact, on the evening of May 15, it managed quite well, losing by the overwhelming tally of 25 to 6.

The students set the pace for the game by scoring two runs in the first inning, and in every inning following they added to that score. The faculty, led by Father McGuire (who did an excellent job at shortstop), failed to score in the first inning and in fact proved to be quite adept at non-scoring throughout the entire game. The contest seemed quite uneventful from their point of view until Brother Camillus, a faculty recruit from our house in Ste. Marie, Illinois, sank a three-run homer in deep right field. This display of power from Brother seemed to raise the spirits of the faculty—but their effort proved fruitless.

The faculty seemed to take the defeat in good spirits though. A spot check the next morning showed that no class reported an unscheduled test.

Father Richard Writes



Hi Fellows,

A few days ago one of our missionaries returned from Africa to spend three months in the States for a rest. In a talk to the faculty and the students here at the seminary he told us of the great need for more missionaries to spread the Kingdom of Christ's Love in foreign lands. However, even though none of us can leave for the foreign missions immediately, we can spiritually go there

Court Of Honor Held

Explorer Post 101 held its first recognition banquet and Court of Honor on Saturday evening, May 16, with most of the Post committeemen and their wives in attendance—over thirty guests in all.

The members of the Post were completely in charge of the ceremonies, which rolled along smoothly under the direction of President Dennis Myc.

The highlights of the evening were: the presentation of the new Post charter by Mr. Leroy Bond, an executive of the Boy Scout Council; the awarding of the rank of Life Scout to Alan Waters and Jack Reneau; and the induction of nine new members into the Post. In addition, merit badge achievements were recognized, and the events of the past year were reviewed.

by sending some of our daily prayers and sacrifices overseas for the Mystical body of Christ.

A number of you are receiving the seminary paper for the first time, and I am happy that you will have an opportunity every two months or so of joining our family here through the *Bellefontaine*.

My sincere wish is that it will give you a deeper appreciation and knowledge of the seminary, a deeper appreciation for the boundless love of the Sacred Heart and a growing prayerful concern for the missions.

The seminarians left for their summer vacation on June 5 and will be home until September 6; the next issue of the paper, therefore, will not be sent to you until October. Until then have a wonderful summer vacation and stay close to the Sacred Heart by receiving the Sacraments regularly. God bless you.

In the Sacred Heart,

Dr. Richard, S.C.J.

MOVING THIS SUMMER ? ? ? ? IS THE ADDRESS ON THIS PAPER INEXACT ? ? ?

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Sports



Shorts

HOCKEY:

Our IHM hockey season came to a sliding halt in mid-January when the heavy snows of the Berkshire winter stifled our efforts to keep our hockey rink alive. It had been a very fine season, anyway, despite its brevity. The "Stanley Cup" game here was a student-faculty game which ended in a 3-3 tie. The hero for the students was sophomore Claude Marchessault, who scored all three goals.

BASKETBALL:

Ice skates were traded in for gym shoes and our gym began to hum with the excitement of basketball. Leagues and teams were quickly formed and showed a marked improvement in ball handling and team play over the pre-season games.

The highlights of the season came at the end. The fine shooting of Pat Houterman and the skillful ball-handling of John Brilla led the varsity team of Jim Brune, Greg Speck, Fritz Sabo, Chuck Brophy, Larry Whitney, and Bill Chambers to a double triumph. The team first downed the faculty 36 to 19, and then followed it up with a 54 to 19 win over Dehon Seminary. In the latter game, Pat Houterman was high scorer with 26 points.

SOFTBALL:



April brought showers but luckily enough it also brought just enough sunshine to get the softball season off the ground (or onto it, if you prefer). Because of other school activities,

EXPLORER ACTIVITIES

During the months of April and May the Explorer Activities spotlight fell on the two greatest events of the year. Both of them were hikes.

Our first hike, nicknamed "Shakedown I," took place on Friday, May first. After a month of planning and hoping, the hike was a tremendous success. The fifty Explorers of Post 101 took the rugged, ten mile mountain trail with little difficulty. It made them even more anxious for



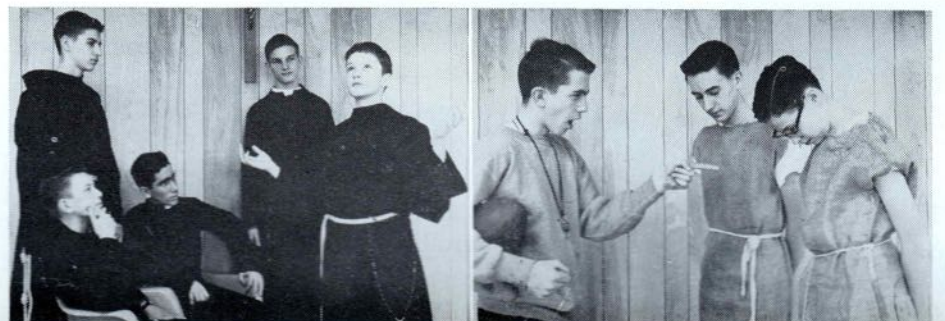
the overnight hike coming up on May ninth.

Just as the first hike was a tremendous success, so was the overnight at Camp Marion White. Because of the Saturday morning classes, we could not leave until after lunch. However, the rest of the day was truly fun and adventure filled. Our Explorers lost no time in pitching camp, and, as expected, no time was wasted in cooking the meals. After a good night's "sleep" it was down to the field chapel for Mass. Immediately following Mass, breakfast was cooked and the rest of the day was spent in exploring the mountainous area.

Now with two hikes behind them the members are looking forward to an obstacle course field day on May thirtieth. In charge of the events of the day are Greg Speck, Mike Jordan, and Kevin Kelly. With all the confidence possible the Explorers of Post 101 are sure of another outstanding success.

however, the number of games has been limited. Scores at times have soared to astronomical heights as hitting triumphs over fielding attempts. But there have been close games as well in our Sunday and Wednesday double-headers.

Sophomores Present "Billion Dollar Saint"



Two scenes from the Sophomore production. Left, St. Francis (Emmet Helrich) preaches to George Findlay, Louis Becker, Jim O'Brien, and Bob Markunas. Right, Coach Larry Whitney bowls out football-team members John Button and Paul Regan.

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