

GRADUATION SET FOR MAY 30

Seniors Will Receive Diplomas at Mass

On May 30th, the Class of 1965 will take a great step on their road to the holy priesthood with their graduation from Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary. This graduation will be a first in the short annals of Bellefontaine: the Class of 1965 is the first class to have attended all four years here at IHM.

Many events are scheduled for the weekend, including an organ recital and a glee club concert. The commencement exercises themselves will begin with a banquet on Saturday night for the graduates and their families. Class salutatorian Patrick Houterman will do the welcoming honors and address the present junior class.

Following the dinner, the valedictorian of the Class of 1965, Charles Dymmer, will speak, reflecting on the past four years and, more importantly, looking into the years ahead to that ultimate goal, the altar. Father McGuire, as Rector

and Dean of Studies, will then bestow academic awards in the following fields: science and mathematics, English literature, foreign languages, and oratory. Trophies will be awarded for citizenship and for sportsmanship. To close out the evening, Father Anthony Bruder will speak in his capacity as Dear of Boys.

The actual graduation ceremonies will take place on Sunday morning after a Solemn High Mass celebrated for the intentions of the graduating seniors. At the Mass, the choir and congregation will join together in "The Mass for Christian Unity" of Jan Vermulst. And finally, at the close of the liturgical celebration, Father McGuire will present each senior with two certificates: the school diploma and the diploma from the Catholic University of America. The Class of 1965 will have passed into history. *

FORWARD

During the next few weeks, seniors in high schools throughout the country will be taking the first really big step in their lives: graduation. Some will go on to college; some will enter the service; still others will marry and begin to raise a family. At the commencement exercises there will be tears and sad good-byes, but still the graduates will be relieved and glad it's finally over.

Our seniors here at IHM are really not much different. After a one-year break for Novitiate, they will be going to college, preparing their minds for the future. With the reception of vows after their year at the Novitiate, these graduates will be giving more of themselves to God's service—what one might call a "promotion" in God's army. They are freely giving up their chance to marry so that they may better show their love for God. But at the same time they are gaining a family by becoming members of the family of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Although our seniors will at first be sad about leaving IHM, their home for the past four years, they should at the same time be glad that their stay here has ended. For they are now one step closer to their ultimate goal: the priesthood.

On behalf of the entire student body, the staff of Bellefontaine wishes the Class of 1965 the best of luck and an abundance of God's blessings in the years to come.



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Graduation, 1965

Lecture Program Continues With Talk On Berkshire Literary History



Miss Elizabeth Daly

Local Librarian Presents Talk

Miss Elizabeth Daly, Librarian of the Lenox Library, was the speaker at a student assembly on the evening of May twentieth. Her topic was "Literary Figures of the Berkshires."

The talk concerned only the better-known poets and other authors although, as Miss Daly said, there is a large number of other persons who are interesting but of lesser importance. Miss Daly combined biography and anecdote with just the right touch of each individual's literary contribution.

First on the list was Fannie Kemble, author of the recently repub-

lished "Journals of a Southern Plantation." The Kemble home stood just opposite the present seminary grounds on what is now "Kemble Street." Nathaniel Hawthorne came to Lenox seeking rest from a nervous fever and wrote "The House of the Seven Gables" and finished "The Wonder Book" within five weeks after his arrival. He lived at "Tanglewood" — now the home of the Berkshire Symphonic Festival. The famous novelist Edith Wharton also had her home down the road from IHM at what is now Foxhollow School.

The students also found out that nearby Pittsfield was the home or frequent residence of Herman Melville, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Henry W. Longfellow; that Lanesborough was the birthplace and "stamping grounds" of the nineteenth century humorist "Josh Billings" (Henry W. Shaw); and that the Nobel prize-winning novelist, Sinclair Lewis, made Williamstown

his home in his later years.

The Berkshire area south of Lenox sheltered such literary greats as the poet William Cullen Bryant (although he was born and brought up north of here); the fundamentalist divine Jonathan Edwards, poet, religious author, and grandfather of the third vice-president of the United States, Aaron Burr; and the modern poet Edna St. Vincent Millay of Austerlitz, New York.

Miss Daly ended her talk with a look at three famous families of the area: the Wards, the Beechers, and the Sedgwicks. Some of the more interesting figures from these families are Henry Ward Beecher, who spoke before Lincoln at Gettysburg that day; Harriet Beecher Stowe, of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* fame; and the novelist Catherine Maria Sedgwick.

Thanks to Miss Daly, American literature and history classes should be even more interesting from now on.



Longfellow

Hawthorne

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Organ Class Presents Spring Concert

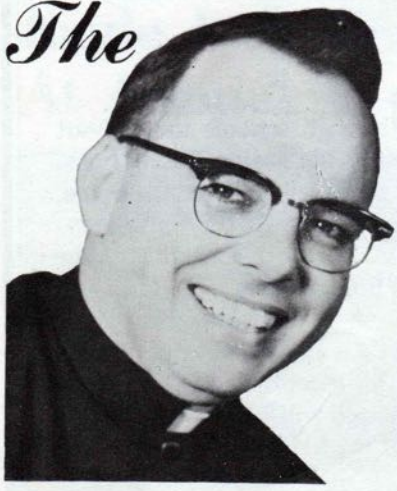
As a feature of graduation weekend, the student organists will present an organ concert for the student body and the families of the graduates. This concert will be the climax of a nine-month study of organ technique and style under Mr. Dennis Chapdelaine of Easthampton.

Those students participating, Glenn Klipp, John Button, and Robert Derrico, will combine with Mr. Chapdelaine and with Frater Murphy to present a wide-ranging program. Works of the following composers will be featured: Bach, Handel, Guilmant, Titcomb, and Peeters. Bach will be represented by the Little Preludes and Fugues in F major, B-flat major, D minor, and A minor, and by his "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." *

TALKS PRESENTED ON INSURANCE, BANKING

During the month of May, the Political Science class was addressed by two local businessmen on matters of interest: Mr. William Roche and Mr. Leo Mahoney, both of Lenox. Mr. Mahoney gave a very interesting talk on insurance policies and procedures, explaining terms and filling in a bit of necessary historical background. Mr. Roche spoke about the science and art of banking, helping the class to somewhat of an understanding of a complex field. Both sessions ended with a question-answer period.

The Rector's Corner



My dear Friends,

The month of May is usually a very busy time in the home with First Communion, Wedding, and Graduation preparations. They are all happy events and the anxiety takes on a spirit of joy. It is this same spirit that is going through the halls of the seminary. Our thirteen seniors are awaiting the day for which they have worked so hard for the past four years. It is a wonderful reward for all their unsacrificing efforts. Their Graduation climaxes one of the big steps to the priesthood; they will leave us and continue their program in our novitiate.

If I may speak on their behalf to you as a friend of the seminary, I'm sure they want to say "thank you" as we have so often done for your help in the past. It has often been material help, but what has been most gratifying has been your personal interest in the seminarians through your prayers and sacrifices to help them reach their goal. The priesthood might seem a long way off, but just as we have Graduation exercises every year, so also do we have Ordinations. With each big event we are placed in gratitude to you; your thoughtfulness makes my position as Rector much easier. May we continue to work together towards this great work of the Church.

As we close this school year, I hope you have a pleasant summer. Our thanks to you will be a special remembrance of your intentions in our Sacred Heart Novena beginning on June 25th.

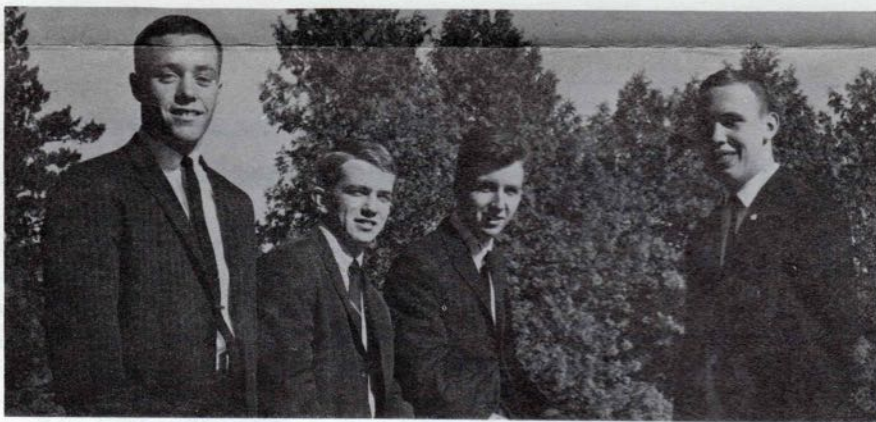
God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father McQuire



WHITNEY, MARCHESSAULT TO SERVE AS SCHOOL PRESIDENT, VICE PRES.



The old and the new regimes: Pat Houterman, Larry Whitney, Claude Marchessault, Ron Furlong.

Fine leadership, an outstanding personality, and a mind for organization are some of the many qualities which go into making a president of the senior class—who also serves as school president.

For the coming year, this important post will be filled by Larry Whitney; Claude Marchessault will assist him in the capacity of vice-president. Their predecessors, Pat Houterman and Ron Furlong, have set quite a pace and set a fine example for the new school officers.

The new president, Larry Whitney, recently moved his home-town allegiance to Dayton, Ohio, but is still a "Pittsburgian" at heart. He enjoys mechanical work of all sorts, especially auto mechanics; as immediate past president of the explorer post, Larry has really shown his leadership and executive ability.

Our new veep, Claude Marchessault, makes his home in Auburn, Maine. Claude speaks French rather well and accredits this to his eight years at Sacred Heart School. Being from up north, Claude is a man of

many talents when it comes to a hockey game. He also takes part in debating and exploring and is a member of the sodality.



Junior Class Visits County Court House

The junior political science class added another "first" to its course on May 15th, when Frater Grob organized the long-awaited field trip to the Berkshire County Court House in Pittsfield, the county seat. They remained for the entire morning, listening to the various hearings in the small claims court. When the proceedings of the morning were completed, the entire class gathered together with Judge Cimini who had presided at the hearings. Judge Cimini provided a fuller explanation of the proceedings, including terms, and also answered the questions that came up.

Results of Debate Tournament Announced



WINNING DEBATERS are pictured at the IHM novice tournament after the results were announced. Left to right are the Misses Virginia Phelps, Louise Danylowitz, Maureen Smith, and Wayne Lesage, members of St. Joseph's of North Adams' winning team; Edward Rielly, of St. Joseph's of Pittsfield, top individual negative speaker; and Llewellyn Hannigan, captain of Pittsfield High team, which finished second. Miss Phelps was also the top individual affirmative speaker.

Debate Roundup

Now at the end of the second year of the Dehon Debating Society, it is time for a review of the year's activities.

This year has witnessed the incorporation of novice debaters (freshmen and sophomores) into the club. It has seen the society plunge into interscholastic novice debating and step up debating on the varsity and intermediate levels. Whereas last year the society engaged in

seven debates outside, this year the varsity alone can count fifty-four. The varsity and novice teams also participated in the Debate League of the Diocese of Springfield; it was one of the high points of the year when one varsity two-man team finished fourth in the standings.

The club engaged in many independent tournaments and also participated in the State festival, qualifying for the semi-finals in the varsity division of the latter. The climax of the season came when the society sponsored a debating tournament here at the seminary for nine schools.



Miss Conklin Speaks on Bellefontaine History



This was Bellefontaine at the turn of the century, soon after the building was completed.

On Monday, May third, Miss Judith Conklin of Lenox presented an informal talk to the students of IHM on the history of Bellefontaine, the former estate of Giraud Foster which is now Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

She took the students on a guided tour of the estate through a collection of colored slides which showed the great beauty of the house and grounds when it was still owned by

the Foster family in the 1930's.

She is a real authority on this subject, since her father lived and worked on the estate as caretaker in the winter and night watchman during the summer.

In addition to describing the house, Miss Conklin also extended her guided tour to the grounds surrounding it and the various other small buildings which were a part of the estate.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Here it is, my last letter from Bellefontaine. It's hard to believe, isn't it? Four years have passed since that first day in September, '61. I'll never forget that day—how scared I was. Now I'll be leaving IHM for heaven knows how long, and I think I'm going to miss it. Not that I don't want to continue my studies elsewhere, but because it's become my home. I've had a lot of wonderful times in those four years.

This last month has gone past so quickly that it seems like I just got back from Easter vacation. We sure had enough tests this month, especially the Catholic University finals; also enough plays and other books to read to keep us busy.

One thing about Spring in New England, it's not conducive to study. It is nice for free days, though, and this month has more free days than any other month, which is fine. The best one is always the day at Eastover for Father McGuire's Feastday. We're sure glad the feast of St. Robert comes during the Spring.

We had a group of boys here the other day who were interested in learning more about our Congregation. It was fun showing them around and I hope one or the other will decide to come.

I've been playing a lot of handball lately, although you wouldn't know it. Oh well, practice makes perfect—most of the time. Maybe I should have stayed with softball.

Hope you bring up a moving van when you come because I have collected so much stuff over the years and don't know where to pack it all. I'm looking forward to showing Helen the building and the grounds; it'll be the first time she's seen them. Next week then—it's sure to be a great graduation.

Your loving son,

Joe

Father Richard Writes



during the summer months.

And by the way, I'll be remembering those really tough exams in my prayers too. Till September, then.

God bless you!

Fr. Richard, S.C.J.

THE FRESHMEN

PRESENT:

The freshman class presented a duet of one-acters on May 8th, their dramatic debut on the Bellefontaine stage. The first and more comic of the two was the play "Hold Back the Redskins," which roared across the stage in a quick series of events. Greg Blanchfield and Marty Torrey star as cavalry officers, George Lopuch as the Indian chief, and Ed Lach as the suave gambler.

The second offering was a "modern version — modern dress" adaptation of the Romeo and Juliet story, created by the freshmen themselves. Ten members of the class took part.

"Redskins" was directed by Father Krah, "Romeo" by freshman Ray Merola.



News Notes

• Along with the appointment of school president came a few more appointments, including Dennis Madigan as head sacristan, John Button as managing editor of *Bellefontaine*, and Gene Gozdecki as infirmarian.

• The Pittsfield Serra Club sponsored a day's outing at the seminary for grammar school boys from local parishes. Basketball, softball, question periods, and a movie were on the schedule.

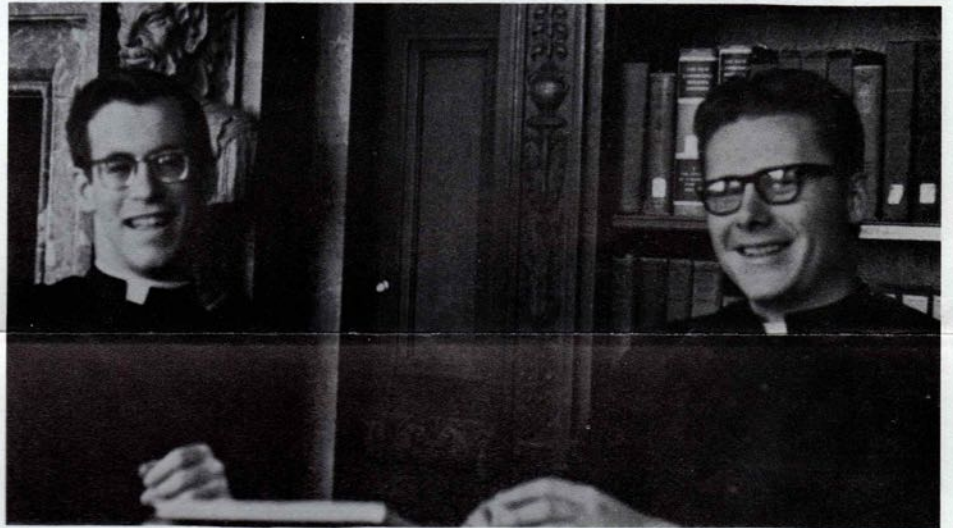
Hi fellows!

June is already upon us, and the year is fast rushing to a close. Perhaps we should stop for just a few thoughts about the Sacred Heart, whose month this is. We very often see an image of the Sacred Heart but do we stop to think what that image means. It is the symbol of Christ's love for us, both his human love as man and his divine love as God. And when he asks us to give him our hearts in return for his great love for us, he means our love as well.

How can we do this during the coming months? By hitting the books just a little harder before those final exams, even when the other fellows are getting up a baseball game. And, when all that is over, by doing our best at whatever we decide to tackle this summer, whether it be the local baseball league, scout camp, or a trip to the World's Fair. Whatever it is, enjoy the vacation time, and don't forget frequent Mass and Communion

Faculty Spotlight:

Fraters Grob and Murphy To Leave Faculty This Spring



Fraters Paul Murphy and Francis Grob take a brief pause from their many activities to pose for Bellefontaine's cameras.

In this issue of *Bellefontaine*, we would like to introduce, and at the same time say farewell to, the two Fraters on the seminary faculty. They are Frater Francis Grob, S.C.J., and Frater Paul Murphy, S.C.J. Both came to IHM in September, 1963, from Kilroe College of the Sacred Heart, where they completed a two year liberal arts course and two years of philosophy.

Frater Grob teaches World History to the freshmen, American History to the sophomores, and Civics to the juniors. He has a rough schedule of thirteen classes per week, but his smiling face in the corridors between classes is a frequent sight. He enjoys teaching history and is working toward a master's degree in that subject.

Besides teaching, Frater is assistant prefect of discipline. He aids Father Bruder in teaching the students to understand and observe the rules, and of course sometimes he must teach them the hard way. However, his friendly personality makes him easy to get along with, prefect or not.

As assistant athletic director he has helped to co-ordinate the seminary's sports system and often gave clinics in every sport for the newcomers. Frater is a good athlete, not only in one sport, but in every sport played here. He was very influential as a member of the faculty's hockey and basketball teams, especially in games against the students.

Frater Murphy is the teacher of Latin for the juniors and seniors and also tries his best to teach the freshmen and sophomores the basics of music. He has turned the usually dry Latin course into a fascinating subject by introducing the students to Latin poetry and to the history of ancient Rome. His pleasant personality and wit adds to his success both inside and outside the classroom.

Frater is also the faculty advisor for *Bellefontaine*, a job which he enjoys greatly, since he is earning his master's degree in English. With his knowledge of music and "golden voice," he directs the choir and glee club, keeping up with the liturgy and at the same time helping others to have fun with music. The experience he gained as a college debater was an invaluable assistance to him in organizing the seminary's debating society and also in training the various teams.

Frater also goes out for the popular seminary sports and was a hard-working contributor to the faculty's hockey and basketball teams. Handball ranks as his number one sport.

We students are sorry that these two men will be leaving us next year. But at the same time we are very happy that they will again resume their studies and soon be ordained Priests of the Sacred Heart. The efforts and sacrifices they made for the benefit of other seminarians will never be forgotten by the students or faculty of IHM.



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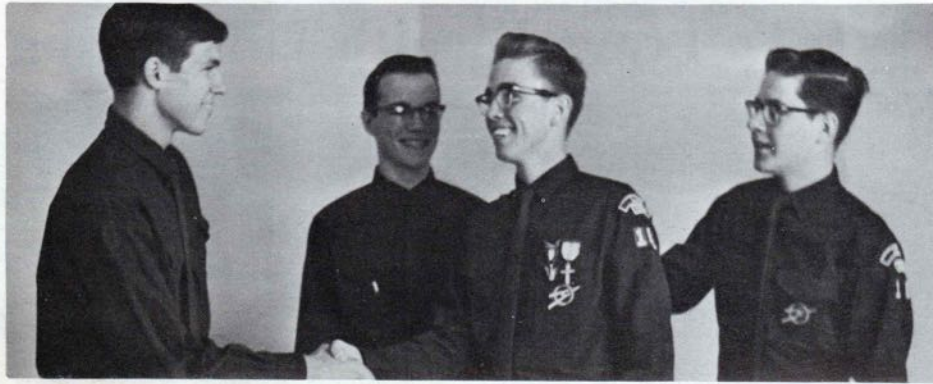
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Eagle Jack Reneau Honored At Annual Explorer Banquet



Post president Dick Jacob congratulates Jack Reneau on his Eagle award. Eagle Mark Haggerty and vice-president Bob Simmons look on.

On May 15th, the Explorers held their second annual Court of Honor. Present for the dinner and ceremonies were Father Francis M. Kennedy of Lee, Scout Chaplain for the Southern District of Berkshire Council; Mr. William Dyer, Scout Executive for Berkshire Council; and Mr. Leroy Bond, a member of the Council. Here from our own Post were advisor Charles Mindle, the various committeemen and specialty advisors, and their wives.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Eagle award to senior Jack Reneau; Jack had passed the Eagle Board of Review in March. The Post also formally recognized Mark Haggerty, who had achieved the same distinction from his home troop over the Christmas holidays.

Father Kennedy then presented the Pius XII awards to eight members of the Post: Eugene Philipp, Robert Simmons, Larry Whitney, Richard Jacob, John and Richard Scheiber, Michael Conlon, and Al Stark. This is an explorer religious award presented to those who have fulfilled a special three-month course of study and activities. Father Krahe was in charge of the program for Post 101.

Other awards made included merit badges, Red Cross swimming and life-saving certificates, and service pins. Mr. Ward presented Father McGuire with the Post charter for the new year, and in a final ceremony, vice-president Bob Simmons led a formal induction of new members into the Post.

EXPLORER ACTIVITIES

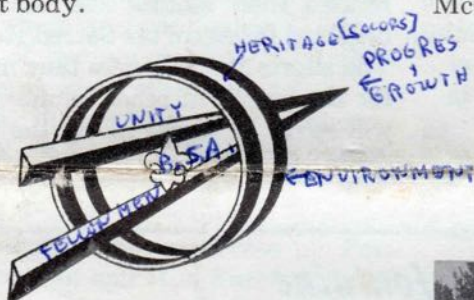
The past two months have certainly been crowded with activities of all types. The highlight was of course the recognition banquet and court of honor—but that is reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Post took part in a New England Explorer day at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology early in April. Talks and demonstrations in areas from physics to oceanography and from political science to biology were given by members of the MIT faculty and graduate student body.

for cleaning up the grounds and washing the school bus, and a combination field day-cookout on the obstacle course and athletic fields.

From May 30 to June 7 ten members of the Post will represent us as members of "The World's Fair Service Corps," a Boy Scouts of America program.

Results of the April Post elections were as follows: president, Richard Jacob; vice-president, Robert Simmons; Secretary, Eugene Philipp; Treasurer, Thomas Chambers; Quartermaster, Mark Haggerty; Cabinet Representatives, Steve McCaffrey and Sam Roma.



Hobby Corner

The May "Ice-go" campout in nearby Lee was a great success with 72 explorers from four posts taking part. Special events included a fire-fighting demonstration by the Lee fire department, a competitive obstacle course, and the Saturday night campfire—successful as usual.

The same explorers and their leaders had gathered at IHM before Easter for a day of get-acquainted sports and other activities.

During the latter half of May the Post scheduled a work day at the Seminary (the charter institution)



The school mascot, "Kelly," and his student trainers: Pat Houterman and Bob Trahan.



SOFTBALL

With a comparatively short season before the summer vacation, no formal leagues have been organized. The athletic fields are not yet ready for baseball diamonds, so this year the game is still softball. However with the active work of the students and faculty, especially Father Richard and Brother Lawrence, the fields are taking shape and baseball can be expected in the near future. But until then the students are practicing to repeat last year's smashing victory over the faculty.



HANDBALL

As reported last Fall, two new handball courts have been constructed on the property near the athletic fields. However, when they were completed, the first stages of winter had set in and they have lain dormant until recently. Now, however, they are active most of the time, especially with the senior class;

most of the students are just learning the fundamentals but some have become surprisingly proficient at the game already, especially Emile St. Andre and Pat Houterman. Among the faculty hopefuls, Father Corcoran and Brother Eugene seem to be in top form.

POOL

In the closing days of the winter months, a pool tournament was organized with about twenty-five students taking part in eliminations. Results: sophomores Steve Richters as champion and Mike Jordan as runner-up.



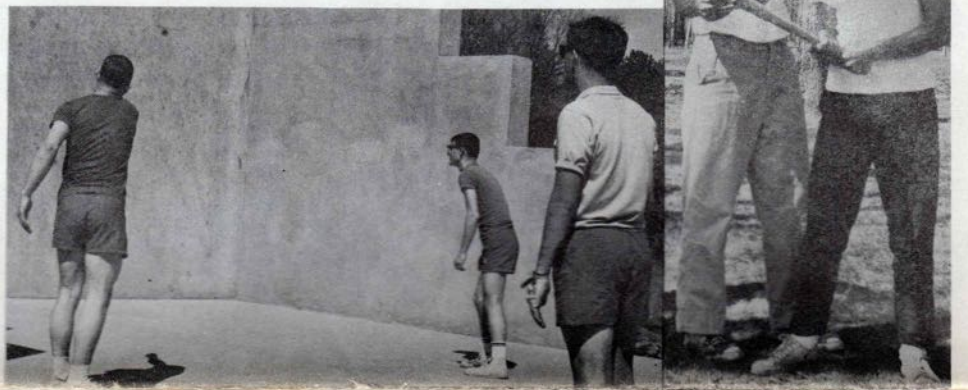
Father McGuire's Feastday Celebrated at Eastover

Once again this May, through the generosity of Mr. George Bisacca, Eastover Resort in Lenox was the site of our annual free day-celebration in honor of Father McGuire's nameday.

The recreational facilities were almost all open and available to the students, including the heated indoor pool, tennis courts, and sports fields. For the freshmen and the Civil War buffs among the upper classmen, there were visits to the Heritage Room and the collection of memorabilia from the War Between the States.

The day was of course over too soon but it provided just the right break before the last drive toward final examinations.

SPORTLIGHT: SOFTBALL, HANDBALL



Left: senior handball enthusiasts Ron Furlong, Emile St. Andre, and Chuck Dwyer; Right: Brother Norbert helps junior Chuck Marotta with a perennial Spring problem—a batting slump.

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