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September has been a busy month as the seminarians have settled into the seminary routine. All six of our high school seminarians from last year have returned, and their number is augmented by four new seminarians from various locations.

Some changes greeted the seminarians, but most noticeable were the dishwasher and Ping-Pong table. We all want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter for donating the Ping-Pong table, which has been well used already. In the first few days we went through all four balls and had to buy some more. It is amazing to see how quickly everyone has taken to the game, even those who had never played before.

We also want to thank Mr. Abernathy for donating the dishwasher, and Mr. Strain for installing it. That will certainly help us to get dishes done more rapidly, leaving more time for study and, of course, Ping-Pong! We also want to thank Bro. Sebastian for spending some time here this summer, fixing things up, building shelves, and painting the classroom.

## Things new and old

by Philip Dunphy, gr. 10

Last year — the inaugural year for St. Joseph Seminary — was a great first year, but this year brings many improvements, including some work done on the building during the summer, four new students and a new teacher added to the staff who will teach about half of the classes.

Some of the physical improvements accomplished over the

summer were the painting of the classroom and stairwell, the organization of our books and library, new library shelves for the books, a new bookshelf for students' books in the classroom, a dishwasher and a Ping-Pong table, not to mention all the work done in the garden.

Our additional students also add a new flavor to this year. A favorite game of this year's new group is Ping-Pong. Father announced that there will be a Ping-Pong tournament later on in the year to settle the competitive spirit our new group has.

We also have a new teacher, Mr. Glenn, who teaches Italian, history, Latin I, English literature and P.E. The

various changes this year make for a better environment and the new students and teacher make for the potential of another great year.

## October calendar

- 4 — Francis' birthday
- 5 — Isaac's birthday
- 6 — Mid-quarter
- 10 — Tour of seminary by Conference guests
- 13 — Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (no homework)
- 20 — School pictures
- 29 — Feast of Christ the King (seminarians' breakfast)



Seminarians (from left to right) are Bob Bogensberger, Mark West, Francis Abernathy, Isaac Martin, Louis Picard, Kevin Cox, Philip Dunphy, Matthew Dunphy, Fulton Abernathy, and Charlie Rodriguez.

## New faces

by *Fulton Abernathy, gr. 10*

Well, school has started again, and every new year there have got to be new students. It is my job in this issue of *The Guardian* to introduce them to you.

Since I don't know quite where to start I will first tell you about Louis Picard. Louis, a 14-year-old freshman, is the first student to come here who is not from the United States. He lives in London, Ontario, in Canada. Louis is very talented at Ping-Pong and has beaten everyone except for Fr. Benedict.

Mark West is a sophomore at age 15. To describe Mark I would tell you that he is tall, good-natured and easy to get along with. Mark is from Yucca Valley, California, which is in the southern end of the state. Mark enjoys playing baseball, basketball and Ping-Pong.

What about Bob? Bob Bogensberger is a freshman. He's 14, tall, and has a very bubbly personality. He lives in Lynnwood, Washington, which is very close to Seattle. Although Bob doesn't enjoy basketball, he will usually join us when we play.

And last but not least we have Matt. Although you may not have heard of him before, Matt Dunphy was very much a part of the seminary last year. He would come to the early Mass every morning with his older brother Philip, after which he would join us for breakfast before walking over to the church building for his classes at the grade school. Matt was also on our basketball team last year and traveled with us to every game.

Well, that is about all that I can tell you about the new faces around the seminary. So until I write again, *Arrivederci!*

## No man's land

by *Isaac Martin, gr. 10*

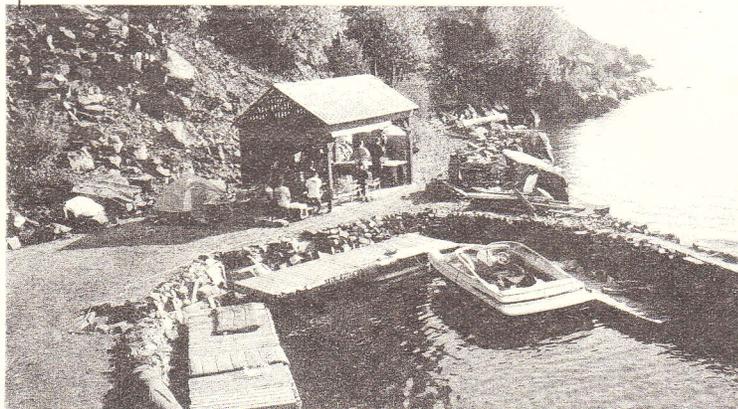
Our camping trip, originally scheduled for the 8th, was delayed a week, which worked out just fine, as the weather was much better the following weekend. Our campsite was on the grounds of an isolated cabin on the shore of Lake Pend Oreille that is accessible only by boat. Mr. Petzinger was nice enough to take us in his boat to this campsite.

On Friday the 15th we woke up as usual, but for us it was anything but normal, because in less than seven hours we would be on our way to no man's land, at least that is what I called it. After all of us got there, we put on our swim suits and got into the water, and Wow! was it cold. But we didn't care because it was a blast. Next we attempted to climb the mountains. Those mountains were huge but that didn't stop anyone from climbing. Thirty scrapes, fourteen cuts and eight bruises later we finished, all wanting to do it again.

Later on, some of us went for a walk down the beach. That is when I found a huge piece of driftwood which resembled the back of a tortoise. It took three of us to get it in the water and one stupid mistake to lose it. After deciding who was going to get it (or should I say who lost the "paper-scissors-rock" contest), I ended up getting it. It took me one hour to get back to camp on this one-person piece of driftwood. Four hours later the other three came back on a raft they had built out of scraps they found.

Of course that night we stayed up late talking and telling stories until Father finally came over and told us to get to bed. Eventually, we finished fighting over who got to sleep in the boat and went to bed.

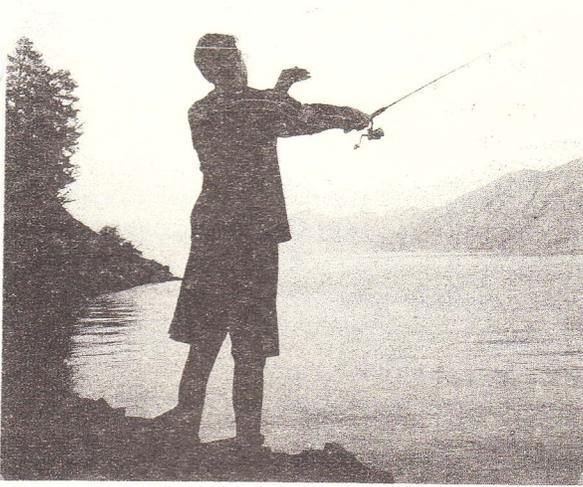
On Saturday we got up around 9:00. After morning prayers and Mass, we had a delicious breakfast of sausage, eggs, and cinnamon rolls, and then went back into the water. Some of our group went water-skiing, while the rest of us went hiking along the cliffs or fishing. Unfortunately, Philip's foot slipped and his leg got caught in a crevice. When he got his leg out, it had a scrape on one side and a deep puncture wound (which required 22 stitches) on the other side. Because of this mishap we ended our trip a whole two hours earlier than we had planned. But Philip is fine now, and we are all looking forward to the next camping trip.



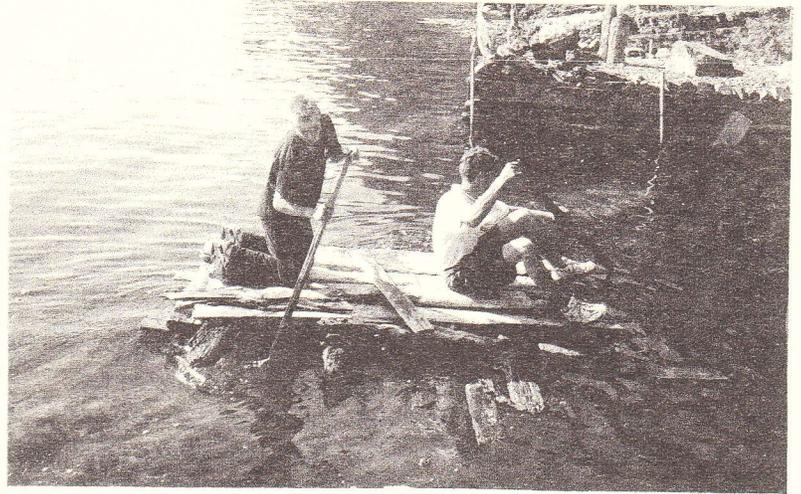
*View of our campsite from a vantage point.*



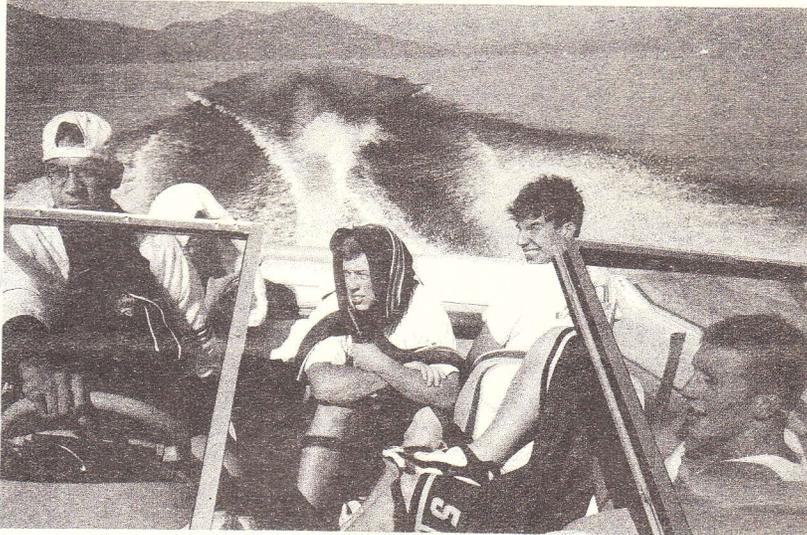
*Father offers Mass in the shelter at our campsite.*



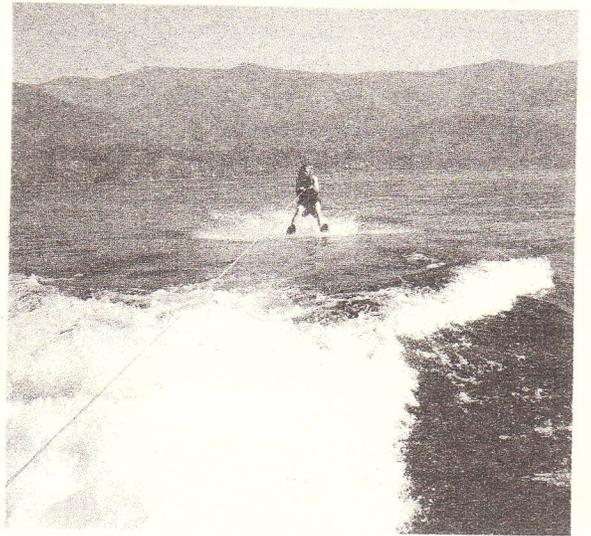
*A seminarian casts a line into a calm Lake Pend Oreille.*



*Louis and Isaac paddle their improvised raft into the inlet at our campsite.*



*Charlie takes the wheel out on the open water.*



*Kevin got up on skis on his fourth attempt.*



*The seminarians get plenty of use out of the new Ping-Pong table.*



*Philip and Kevin relax on the boat during their trip home.*

## Vacation's over

by Kevin Cox, gr. 11

As the last day of school approached in June, many of the seminarians, including myself, thought of lounging in the sun, drinking lemonade. But oh, how things changed quickly as soon as the six of us left. Little did we know that our parents had enough lined up for us to do to last the whole summer, and if not, that person went and found a job. So after a long, hard summer of manual labor, we all returned with a bit more money in our pockets and already thinking about next summer.

Now, I am not saying that the seminarians didn't have fun this summer. For instance, I went to Cedar Point (an amusement park) and had a great time. And others, like Charlie, went out of state to visit with relatives. So what is Summer 2001 going to be like? Stay tuned.

## Our Lady's feasts

September is always such a beautiful month that one hates to see it go. One inspiring aspect of this month is the number of feasts of Our Lady with which the September calendar is adorned. Here at the seminary we honor Our Lady on each of her feasts with special devotions, such as a sermon, a high Mass, prayers, or Vespers of Our Lady. On September 13, the anniversary of Our Lady's fifth appearance at Fatima, most of the seminarians volunteered to join me in the public outdoor Rosary procession in Spokane. I am sure Our Lady was pleased, as was I, with their willingness to recite the 15 decades in this way.

October is almost here, and that means November is just around the corner. We have included in this mailing a card for you to use for names of your beloved departed. Be sure to fill it out and return it to us if you wish to have their names placed on the altar during November.

October is also an opportunity for guests of the Fatima Conference to visit our seminary. We look forward to seeing many of you then. In the meantime, please be assured of our daily prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless and reward you for your support of our seminary.

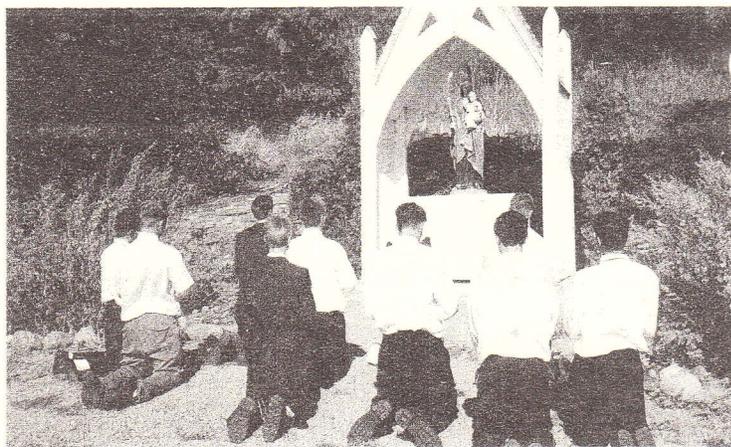
Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

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If you are a young man of high school age who has a vocation, then St. Joseph Seminary may be the place for you. Our four-year course of studies offers the regular high school curriculum, with an emphasis on Theology, Latin, choir and foreign language. A well-rounded program of daily Mass, prayer and sports complements our academic schedule. For more information, write to the rector of St. Joseph Seminary at the address below.

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*The seminarians recite devotions before Our Lady's shrine on one of her feastdays.*

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