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Needless to say, the hijackings and terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon came as a shock to all of us. We made holy hours and prayed for the intentions pointed out by Father in the two sermons he gave on the subject: the repose of the souls of those killed, for their families and loved ones, for those injured, for divine guidance for this country's leaders in the decisions they make, and that all Americans will learn from this tragedy to think of eternity and to amend their lives.

Father pointed out that God allows evil in order that He may bring good out of the evil. We have prayed that much good will come from this terrible disaster. It certainly has been a reminder of how blessed we are to have our faith and our freedom, and to be able to attend this seminary.

As we begin a new year we welcome our new readers and thank all those who have supported us in the past. This new year brings two new faces, but we have also lost a few of our members that were here last year. So we ask your prayers for the success of this new school year, which has already had a great beginning.

Getting back into the groove

Kevin Cox, gr. 12

As we begin a new year here at St. Joseph Seminary, an adjustment must be made by each of us in order to get back into the swing of things. For instance, this summer I had my own job and was able to sleep in most of the time, but now I go to bed at a regular time and also get up at one set time. A

few others also did some work this summer and again, they too must get back to the schedule as well.

But the summer wasn't all work and no play for us all. The Dunphys were on the road visiting relatives and friends for a good part of the summer. Charlie went down to Nevada to visit some relatives. I also enjoyed visiting my relatives.

We had a good time this summer but now it is time to get back to work and fulfill the daily duty that we, as students, are given to do. There will no doubt be some difficulties, but we are ready and willing to conquer all of the hardships that come about. Please pray that this year goes well.

Daily Mass

by Lonnie Baumann, gr. 9

Mass is offered here every day, which means that we have the great privilege of daily attending this holy sacrifice. Mass usually is offered before school starts except on Wednesdays, when it starts a little later in the day.

October calendar

- 4 — Mid-quarter
- 11 — Feast of the Divine Maternity; no homework
- 12 — Attend Fatima conference lectures
- 16 — Open house at the seminary for Fatima conference guests
- 23 — School pictures
- 28 — Feast of Christ the King — Enthronement of the seminary

I think daily Mass is the best way to start our day. Sometimes, however, it's hard to get up and go in the morning, but after Mass you feel much better. You have received Our Lord at Mass and that is much better than sleeping in. By going to Mass every day, you start to appreciate more and more what the Mass is really all about.



The seminarians join in the public Rosary procession at a park in Spokane on September 13.

New additions to the seminary

by Charles Rodriguez, gr. 11

You remember scholarly Kevin, comical Charlie and Matthew, and, of course, athletic Phil, but, to add to this year's cast of seminarians is deep-thinking Lonnie Baumann and outdoorsman Michael LeStage. They add a new spice and flavor to the seminary with their unique talents and spiritual ideas.

Lonnie is a freshman who loves football and is a deep thinker. He comes to us from Puyallup, Washington, and is a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Tacoma. He will be a great asset to the spiritual life of the seminary by his seriousness about the spiritual life. Lonnie is a character. He adds to the comical part of the seminary by his funny actions and his hysterical facial expressions. He also is a great friend.

Michael LeStage, the other new face here, may not be a sports star, but he certainly qualifies as a fun-loving, caring, outdoorsman. As a freshman, Michael enjoys learning, but he also has his comical side. He is a polite, hard-working young man. Since he lives just a stone's throw from the seminary, Michael helped Fr. Benedict during the last month of the summer on projects here at the seminary.

All in all, there is a different kind of group here this year. The two new freshmen will be great assets to the seminary, and hopefully, even though our numbers are small, there will be new vocations coming from St. Joseph's.

Our refreshing lake

by Michael LeStage, gr. 9

Fortunately, this past summer has been a great season for summer fun. We've been lucky to have a lot of hot days to warm our nearby lakes. The heat this year lasted well into September, making possible some after-school trips to nearby Lake Coeur d'Alene. We have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to go to the lake several times and have enjoyed it each time.

Our destination at Lake Coeur d'Alene has been Tubbs Hill, where there are high rocks for jumping and an excellent rope swing. On a recent trip in mid-September we first stopped to pray with an elderly parishioner who is dying. We then went to the lake, and Phil was the first one in. He said the water was awesome and then Kevin went in and had the same comment. Soon everyone was enjoying the lake.

One nice thing about this time of year is that it brings cleaner water, which is more pleasant to swim in. Also, we found the water to be unseasonably warm. This only furthered our anticipation for going back again. Cooler autumn weather has now settled in, but we sure enjoyed those trips to the lake after hot afternoons in the classroom.

Camping trip 2001

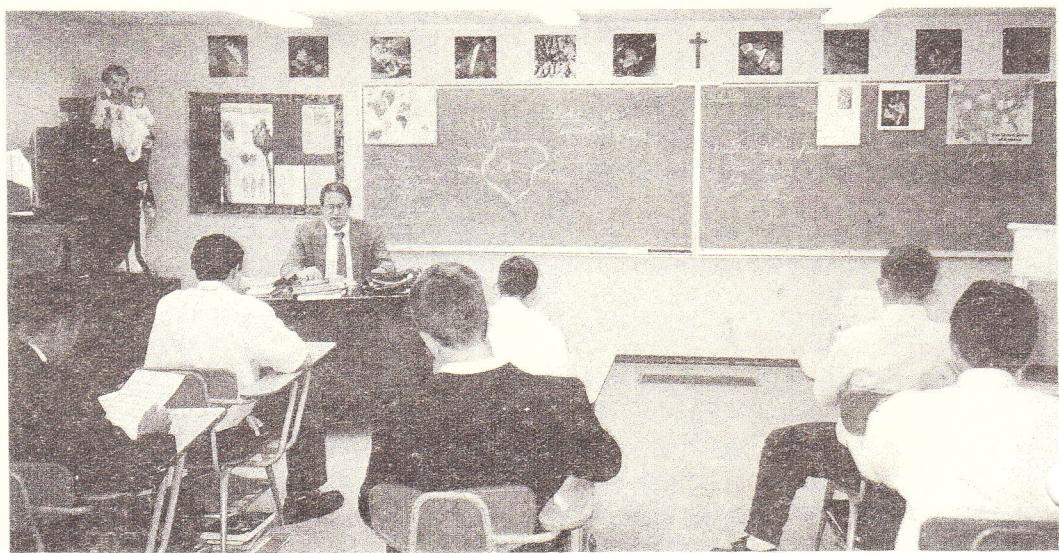
by Philip Dunphy, gr. 11

The annual Seminary camping trip held at the beginning of the school year is a good end to a rough first week of school and a nice getaway for us. This year, as with the past two years, we went to Farragut State Park on Lake Pend Oreille.

After morning classes on Friday we headed for our camping destination. As soon as we got there we set up our tents and other camping gear before we commenced our football game. We then went to the lakeshore for hiking and, for those brave enough, to test the cold water with a quick dip in the lake. On getting back from our hikes and swimming, we had our fish dinner.

After dinner some decided to go fishing while others played cards at the camp. Soon, when those who went fishing returned, we realized that we had forgotten to bring marshmallows and that is an essential ingredient for a good camping trip. So we decided we'd ask the neighboring campers and, after many attempts, one seminarian succeeded and we all had roasted marshmallows.

The next day after breakfast we packed our tents and other gear and then went fishing. We caught about seven decent-sized bass to bring home. Eventually, Mr. Petzinger came along in his boat and took us out for "tubing" and water skiing. We all appreciate him taking us out in his boat and making our camping trip that much better. We all enjoyed ourselves and look forward to other school outings.



The seminarians listen intently as the new school year unfolds in Mr. Duff's classroom.



Our two freshmen (left to right) are Lonnie Baumann and Michael LeStage.



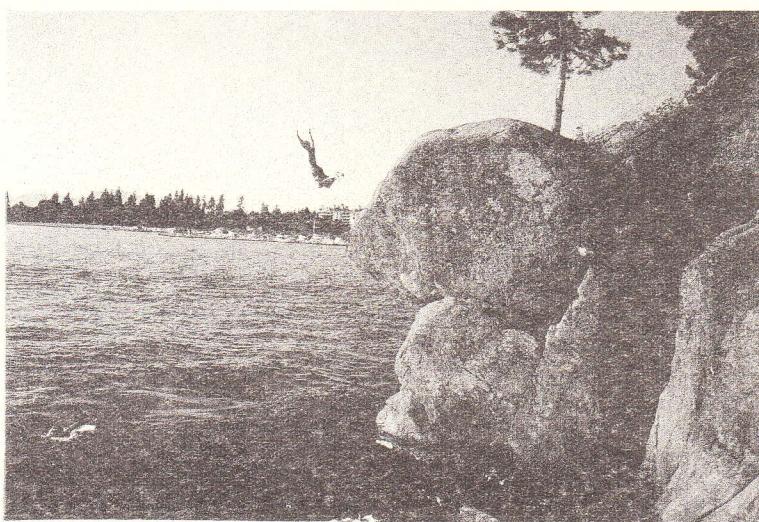
Mr. Petzinger takes Matt "tubing" on Lake Pend Oreille.



Charlie makes one of his outstanding catches.



A few of the seminarians try their luck at fishing on Lake Pend Oreille.



Another favorite local sport is jumping off the rocks into Lake Coeur d'Alene.



Lonnie prepares to let go of the rope swing.

Flag football

by Matthew Dunphy, gr. 10

This year we will have a flag football team that will compete with other schools around the area. Mr. Duff, our coach, has taught us a few plays such as: 90° out, fly pattern, 90° in, and 45° in, which are all pass plays. Our running plays are also simple plays, such as a sweep left, sweep right, counter left or right, or a run up the middle.

Obviously, we had to practice these plays to get them right, and in some cases we still need more practice to get them down. We will get to see if we practiced enough because we will soon have our first game. One problem is that we have a small team — just the right amount to be able to play — but we should do all right. We think that we're good enough to compete with other teams, and we will find out soon.

A new beginning

The beginning of a new year gives us the opportunity for a fresh start. There is nothing quite like the enthusiasm of September and October on the part of cooperative students. I am very positive about the prospects for a great year here at the seminary, even though we have been disappointed with the loss of several students from last year.

With this mailing we are sending you a card for the names of departed souls to be remembered. These cards are placed on the altar throughout the month of November, and the names are remembered in every Mass. There are also special prayers and Masses for these faithful departed during the month, so we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill a spiritual work of mercy.

Several months ago I mentioned having computer problems. Part of the solution included obtaining a new labels program, but some of the information from the previous labels was lost. If you have any requests for changes to your address label, please let us know, as we wish to be accurate.

Finally, I want to once again thank you for your generous support of our seminary. I wish that I had the time to write a personal thank you to each of you for the financial and spiritual support you give us. We are very much in need of your

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Nothing beats a game of football on a sunny day!

continued support. Over the past year we have experienced a falling-off of income, to the point that during several months we had to operate "in the red," using up our meager reserves. If you are one of our readers who has not supported us in the past, could you not send even \$5 per month? Every little bit helps.

May St. Joseph bless and reward each of you.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

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