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An unusually early snowfall of four inches on October 12 reminded us that winter is not far distant. As cooler temperatures bring in November, we are reminded of the Poor Souls and how much they need our help. Especially during this month we visit the cemetery to pray for the suffering souls, particularly our deceased relatives and those who have no one to pray for them.

In early October Fr. Benedict announced that the upper classmen would be going on a field trip. One of the parishioners of St. Mary's in Tacoma, who lives in Port Angeles, had sent Father an invitation, asking him to bring the seminarians for a visit to Olympic National Park. This park has three different eco-systems, with the majestic peaks of the Olympics, to the unearthly beauty of the rain forests, to the stark beauty of the Washington Coast. We found this region fascinating and enjoyed this educational adventure. We especially want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kish for their hospitality.

The autumn weather also makes us think of football. We have enjoyed our games of flag football, a type of football that we had not played before. With a couple of games left we are 2-2. After football we will turn our thoughts to the basketball season — our favorite time of year. Now it's back to study, to get ready for those quarterly tests coming up next week.

Ave Maria!

by Charles Rodriguez gr. 11

As a slave of Our Lady, the devotion of the rosary has a very special meaning for me and, most likely, for

anyone who is a slave of the Blessed Mother. The Holy Rosary should mean everything to Catholics. This is our weapon against the enemies of our faith, and a very powerful weapon at that. Each bead is like a bullet ripping through the devil and the spirits of the world and the flesh. Each Our Father is a petition to Almighty God. Each Hail Mary crowns Our Lady, and each rosary well said leads to her triumph. "We should never let a day go by," to quote Fr. Benedict, "without praying our daily rosary."

The daily public rosary during October was an opportunity for the seminarians to join the parishioners in the recitation of the rosary to the Queen of heaven and earth. Our Lord told His apostles that group prayer is the best type of prayer. The public rosary was said in unison with, "... modesty, attention, and devotion." With hearts and minds lifted to God, each seminarian prayed for our benefactors, for the

November calendar

1 — All Saints' Day, holyday of obligation; no classes
2 — All Souls' Day; end of First Quarter
12 — Practice begins for basketball season
21 — Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Solemn High Mass; chanted Vespers; no homework
22 — Thanksgiving vacation
27 — Feast of the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary; chanted Vespers

triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart, and for the conversion of poor sinners.

Let us all remember to pray daily our rosary for our intentions and especially for those of the Church.



Our cemetery inspires the seminarians to pray for the faithful departed.

A "Second Eden"

by Kevin Cox, gr. 12

With the new school year come new adventures and new places to discover. This year, since we have only a few students, we are able to make more educational excursions; and this time it was to the wonderful world of Olympic National Park in western Washington. This trip was only for the upper classmen — or the students in the 11th and 12th grades. We started out on the morning of October 8 and returned on the 10th.

After the first day of driving, we stopped at the Kishes' home in Port Angeles where we would be staying for the next two nights. Their hospitality was phenomenal and we were welcomed with open arms. The next day began with our attendance at daily Mass, followed by breakfast. After that we were on our way to the first destination of the day — Hurricane Ridge. After a brief visit here we were on the road again to go see the temperate rain forest, about two hours away.

As we arrived we toured the visitors' center for this part of the park, where we learned that this rain forest averages 142 inches of rain per year. As we walked through this unique area, we took pictures of the extraordinary beauty of the enormous trees with hanging moss, ferns, vines and flowers. Soon, however, it was again time to move on. Our final destination for the day was the Pacific Ocean. We walked along the beach and soon forced ourselves to go wading into the cold, crashing waves. Finally, we headed back to the Kish residence, after a day of fascinating discoveries.

The third day started, as usual, with Mass and then breakfast with the parishioners of the Port Angeles area. We would like to thank all those who made this trip possible. We enjoyed our outing and, hopefully, will be able again to accept the invitation to journey to this "Second Eden."

Touchdown!

by Philip Dunphy, gr. 11

Our flag football season is nearly at its close and our record stands at 2-2. (With two games left we have a chance to pull above .500.) The last two games we played were in a four team tournament in which we went 1-1.

This tournament was played in Spangle, Washington, about 15 miles south of Spokane. The four teams that participated were from Spangle, Wenatchee, Coeur d'Alene, and, of course, the seminary. We first had a short scrimmage with Coeur d'Alene before taking on Wenatchee. Against Wenatchee we made some turnovers and a few bad plays that gave the game away early. We did make a slight comeback, however, with a touchdown and two-point conversion at the end.

The game against Spangle was our best game yet. We involved all players for a come-from-behind victory. In the first half they took the early lead 14-6. In the first drive of the

second half we scored but were still down 14-12. Our defense started to come through, however, and they only scored on one more drive. We scored again on some spectacular running plays and a beautiful fade pattern to the corner of the end zone. Late in the game we were still down 22-18, with just a few minutes remaining. After we forced a turnover we began our comeback drive.

After five plays we were within striking distance, but with "4th and goal" it was do or die. We called a "z-out" in the left corner of the end zone; the pass was perfect and we all went crazy. There was only a minute and 40 seconds left. We stopped them three plays in a row, followed by an interception which allowed us to run out the clock with some running plays. The final score was 26-22.

With only two games left we hope to pull over the even mark, but we all realize now that when we work together we are a really awesome team.

The chores

by Michael LeStage, gr. 9

During the school week we spend part of two afternoons performing chores at the seminary after classes. The seminarians are assigned their particular chores for Tuesday and Thursday. Some of the common things that must be kept up with are: taking out the trash, vacuuming the floors, cleaning the classroom, cleaning the erasers and chalkboards, cleaning the bathrooms, and — the wood pile.

We have been trying to get the wood shed under control since the beginning of the school year. At first we asked ourselves — where do we start? Much time was spent in organizing the wood shed and basement, and eventually, the shed and basement became neat and tidy.

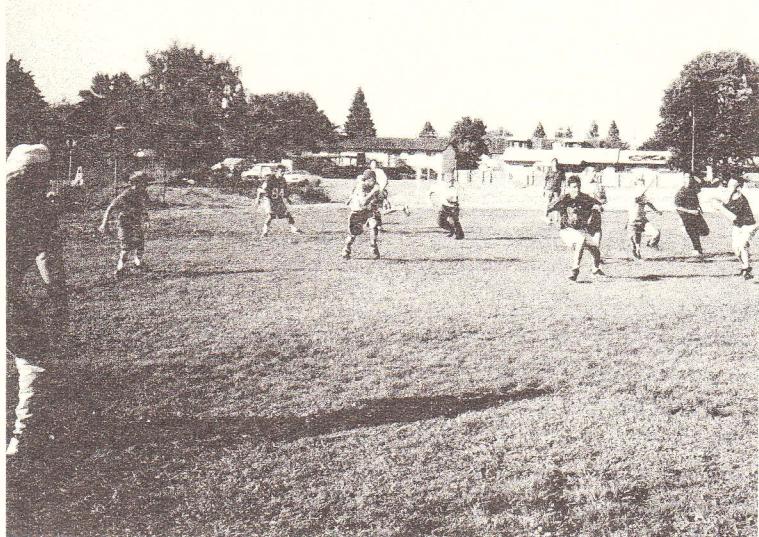
The basement had become a collect-all place with wood such as trim, plywood, old doors, frames, small pieces for kindling — you name it. There was hardly room to walk. Although the basement was filled with wood and other objects, it is now restored to its original condition. Now Mrs. Carpenter will have adequate space to store things, and the seminary will be warm and cozy this winter.



Charlie prepares to kick the ball after a touchdown in our win against LCJA.



Rosalinda Salgado, our new secretary, helps keep things organized at the seminary.



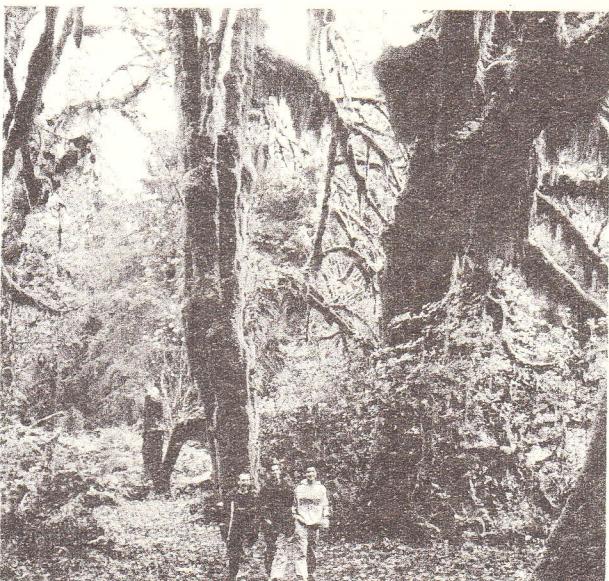
Kevin, our leading rusher, prepares for a sweep around the left side.



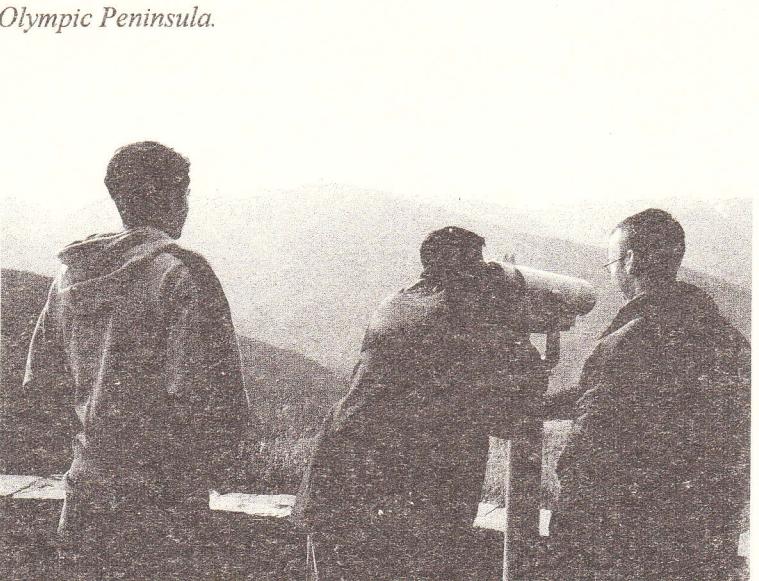
Mr. Duff goes over the game plan with our team during a time out.



The upper classmen enjoy their first ride on a ferry en route to the Olympic Peninsula.



The seminarians stroll along a path in Olympic Park which averages 142 inches of rainfall per year.



Charlie peers through an observation telescope at the mighty Olympic Mountains.

The month of November

by Matthew Dunphy, gr. 10

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This means that it is the month in which all Catholics should pray especially for them. On All Souls' Day we are given a special opportunity to help them. For each visit before the Blessed Sacrament in which we pray six Our Father's, six Hail Mary's, and six Glory Be's, we can release a soul from purgatory.

Throughout this month everyone should try to help the Holy Souls in Purgatory through prayers and sacrifices, because if we don't, they might have to suffer for many years.

A good reason why you should help them is because they will, in return, help you. Many people that have helped the Holy Souls have received favors back. If you help one soul get released, he or she will be in debt to you and will help you as much as possible. This is one good reason why we should help them.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine

How beautiful is the liturgy of Holy Mother Church. Our need for change is satisfied by the variety of the various feasts and monthly themes. Soon we shall celebrate the feast of All Saints, and the seminarians will sing a Requiem High Mass on All Souls' Day. November seems particularly appropriate for remembering the Poor Souls, for our weather in that month is often dreary — a stark reminder of the suffering of the Poor Souls. We will have daily prayers throughout the month and will particularly remember your deceased loved ones.

As in the past we enjoyed the visit of the guests from the Fatima Conference, held annually in October at Mount Saint Michael. The seminarians attended some of the lectures and enjoyed the opportunity to visit with those of you who attended. If you have never attended a Fatima Conference, we encourage you to plan now for next year.

During the visit of our guests to the seminary, I mentioned my intention to sponsor a retreat for men next summer here at the seminary. More information will be forthcoming in our next issue.

I must again thank you for your support, without which this work could not continue. Over the past year, donations have

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The seminarians test the cold water of the north Pacific along the Washington Coast.

dropped off from what they once were, so we need your financial support now more than ever. Please help us if you can. You and your intentions are remembered in our daily prayers. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Benedict Hughes, CMRI

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