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From left to right — Mr. Michael De Paoli, instructor in physical education, Fr. Raymond Smith, instructor in English and Latin, Fr. Walter Niebryzdowski, instructor in history, Fr. Oscar Lynch, instructor in English, and Mr. William Poli, instructor in mathematics.

CATHEDRAL WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

With the arrival of the new school year we of *The Cathedralite* wish to welcome the new members of the faculty, recently appointed by his Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman.

Before his graduation from Cathedral in 1949, Father Raymond A. Smith was a member of the Debating Team and the Chimes Staff. He was ordained in 1955, and sent to Our Savior's Parish in the same year. He then was stationed in Puerto Rico and Incarnation Parish in Manhattan before coming to Cathedral to teach English and Latin in first year.

Father Oscar Lynch was graduated from Cathedral in 1951 and continued his studies at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie. He was ordained in 1957 and assigned to Saint Patrick's Cathedral for three years. After having taught at Bishop Dubois High School for a year, he joined the faculty of Cathedral College. He is presently teaching third and fourth year English and moderating the Forensic League and *The Cathedralite*.

Father Walter J. Niebryzdowski, who teaches ancient and medieval history and Religion II, entered the College in 1952 after completing four years of study at Cardinal Hayes High School. He studied at Cathedral for two years and at St. Joseph's for two years and, pursuing his studies still further, he was graduated from the North American College in Rome in 1959. He then became a parochial assistant of Saint Stanislaus Parish in Manhattan before being assigned to the High School Department.

Mr. Michael De Paoli has been appointed to replace Mr. Cipolla in the teaching of Physical Education. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in Katonah, N. Y., after which he attended Manhattan College and Columbia post-graduate school. He is 27, married, and has one child.

Mr. William Poli, the new teacher of geometry and algebra for first and second year, was the winner of the fourth and sixth year oratorical contests while he was studying at Cathedral. He was voted president of the Glee Club, assistant editor of the Chimes, and was a member of the Dramatics Club, before his graduation in 1956. He left Dunwoodie in 1958 after having obtained his Bachelor's of Arts Degree. He was married on May 27, 1961 in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port Chester, and is presently attending the School of Education and the School of Arts and Sciences at Fordham University.

Our staff, along with the entire student body, wishes to extend a very warm welcome to these new members of the faculty of Cathedral College and we pray that we will all benefit from their years of study and preparation and that they will help us toward our greatest goal in life, the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

John Holbrook '63

ANCIENT HISTORY

Chapter IX:

The Coming of Fallout Shelters
A funny thing happened in the middle of the twentieth century, called "Operation Rabbit-Hole." The great white father of New York declared it the civil duty of all serious-minded braves to dig their own graves in back of their tepees. In keeping with ancient New York Indian tradition, he further declared it necessary to stock each tomb with material pro-

visions, to be used later in the Happy Radioactive Hunting Grounds. In doing so he alienated the conservative camp, who adopted as their motto, "Better redskin than deadskin." Despite the resistance of this tribe, and heedless of traditional Indian reserve, thousands of squealing squaws nevertheless submitted to the mass hysteria and began to dig.

An interesting point for con-
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THE FIRST DAY

As I stepped off the bus at Eighty-sixth Street, I suddenly noticed that I was being "looked over" by a rather dwarf-sized child. Slowly, he approached me and started to speak.

"W-would you please cross me?" he began. Before I had a chance to answer, he uttered, "You see I'm new here. I think they call me a freshman."

FR. LYNCH NAMED MSGR.

On October 9th the Very Reverend James J. Lynch, Dean of Studies of the College Department, offered a Mass of thanksgiving, attended by the whole house, for the honor given him of being raised to the rank of Papal Chamberlain by Pope John. After the mass Monsignor Kovach congratulated Monsignor Lynch on his own behalf and on that of the faculty and student body. He described Monsignor Lynch as a great teacher and a true priest, devoted to the formation of the young men of Cathedral College to the high calling which he has served so well.

Monsignor Lynch then delivered an address concerning his elevation. He pointed out that the honor which was bestowed on him was not so much a personal one as one given the College. He said it was an acknowledgement on the part of Cardinal Spellman of the truly great work done at the Minor Seminary of the Archdiocese. By asking the Holy Father to make Monsignor Lynch a prelate, Monsignor went on to say, the Cardinal showed the importance he attaches to the development of future priests.

Monsignor Lynch also had words of praise specifically for the present student body. He said that never, since he came here in 1941, has he seen such a spirit of devotion and generosity. He exhorted the students to continue on with their work toward the priesthood with great perseverance and sacrifice. "Even though you say only one mass," Monsignor said, "all the years of preparation and sacrifice would be worth it." The students were told that once the goal is reached, past hardship is as nothing.

But to give all the praise and honor connected with Monsignor's elevation to the College would not be correct. Ever since Monsignor Lynch came to the College in September, 1941, a year after his ordination, his stay had been marked by generosity, selflessness and devotion, the major reasons for him being honored. His wit and friendliness endear him to the heart of all who have known him. We congratulate Monsignor Lynch on his elevation and ask God's blessing on his future priestly work.

THEATRE UPTOWN

Nothing pleases a drama critic more than to drop in on one of those small off-Broadway shows and be surprised by an excellent theatrical performance. Such was the case last Sunday afternoon when your reviewer was strolling through the arty section of town in Central Bronx. The production,

I took him by the hand and we walked to the corner. Swoosh! A dusty, black Ford sped through the red light. Shaking like a leaf on a windy day, he asked me if this happened every morning. I calmly replied, "Only on mornings when Father Browne has to teach the first period."

Once again, we attempted to cross the street. This time we succeeded. By now, he seemed a little more confident.

Suddenly there came flying through the air, a long, narrow sheet of paper, fashioned by a sage in third year, into an airplane . . . Now caught in a wind current, the missile twisted three times, glided past the windshield of a passing auto, and finally came to rest—right in Father Murphy's hatband. Our young freshman was amazed at Father's self-restraint. The man in black merely dislodged the airplane from his hatband and deposited it in the wastebasket on the corner. Not wishing to have the youngster misled by this exhibition, I quickly counsel him: "Never get Father Murphy mad!"

"Oh, are all the teachers strict here?" he asked.

"No," I replied. "As a matter of fact, they all have very big hearts, especially the English teachers."

Let's take Father Gartland for example. He was so kind and loving. Why, he even gave us five-page compositions. We looked forward to them much more than Father Browne's measly five hundred worders.

By this time we were in the building, and the young stranger, being very observant, proceeded to press the elevator button. Luckily, Father Griffin, who was in his office eating an apple at the time, did not see him. When I told him he could not use the elevator, he replied, "That's funny! One of the fellows in my parish sold me an elevator pass at half price."

As we trudged up the first flight of stairs, I started giving him some helpful advice. This advice ranged from the elevator pass to Riverside Drive. Included in it were such topics as civics' notebooks and board erasers.

When we reached the third floor, he thanked me for all the helpful advice, and then said, "What happens if I don't heed your advice?"

"Well," I replied, "I guess you just won't be enrolled in the Morgan Fraternity."

I continued on my journey up the stairs, and when I looked back, all I saw was a small boy standing open-mouthed.

Patrick Dunne
Fourth Year

Little Red Riding Hood, was staged in a makeshift theatre in an off-beat grammar school gymnasium. The curtain rose to disclose six year old actress Linda Furd, cast in the title role, being pushed out onto the stage by a few of her classmates. Stagestruck and speechless, she stared blankly at
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Editorial

The Class of '62 is indeed privileged to present the first issue of this year's Cathedral College High School paper. **The Cathedralite** was inaugurated in 1924 and continued on a monthly basis until June, 1941, when it was discontinued. In December, 1960, the paper was revived. It is our hope to publish six issues of **The Cathedralite** this year for the reading pleasure of the student body.

As you have probably already noticed, we have eliminated a few of last year's features and introduced some new ones. The Staff of **The Cathedralite** welcomes any "Letters to the Editor" which may express your views regarding the paper.

In this our lead editorial, the staff takes great pleasure in extending heartfelt congratulations to the Very Reverend James J. Lynch upon his elevation to the rank of Papal Chamberlain. Monsignor Lynch was ordained on May 18, 1940, and was assigned to the Cathedral College faculty in September of that same year. In April of 1960, he was appointed Dean of Studies of the College Department. We wish him our best regards in his new endeavors.

At this time, **The Cathedralite** also extends its welcome to its new faculty members; to Father Raymond Smith, instructor in English and Latin; to Father Oscar Lynch, instructor in English; to Father Walter Niebryzdowski, instructor in history; to Mr. William Poli, instructor in mathematics; and to Mr. Michael DiPaoli, instructor in physical education. Cathedral is proud to have such men among its numbers and wishes them the best of luck throughout the coming year.

But the arrival of new instructors must necessarily entail the departure of those whose places they have taken. With some nostalgia, we bid adieu to Right Reverend John Con-sidine, instructor in history and Dean of Studies; to Father Thomas Darby, instructor in history; and to Father David Rea, instructor in English. We owe much to each of these priests for our formative years. We wish to assure them of our deep gratitude for their labors in our behalf. To Father Rea we would like to express a special word of thanks, since it was he who resurrected **The Cathedralite** last year. He laid the foundations of our work this year and set an enviable example for us to follow.

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All the students at Cathedral, especially those who must travel any considerable distance to school each day, are excited that plans for the construction of the new seminary at Hartsdale are now underway. Its peaceful location in the country will be conducive to prayer and study, providing an atmosphere that will contribute to shaping seminarians into other Christs. Furthermore, it will relieve the crowding of our facilities here at Cathedral. Most important of all, we believe that a boarding seminary for the college years will bring about a considerable increase in the number of vocations, attracting many high school graduates from upstate.

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In conclusion, we wish to thank Father Oscar Lynch, Edward O'Hanlon and Vincent McGee, Class of '61 and to all those who have contributed to this publication. At the same time, we promise to follow in the best tradition of Cathedral and make future issues worthy of the preparatory seminary of New York.

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

By J. DENNIS NORMAN

THE QUESTION

What do you think of a yearbook for Cathedral College High School?

WHERE ASKED

The halls of Cathedral College High School.

THE ANSWERS

Peter Bosch 1-A:



"This is a wonderful notion. It gives the students, as well as the parents, an idea of what is gained in the social, athletic, and intellectual fields, as well as the religious. If everyone supports the boys

behind the yearbook, it will be a great success."

William Butler 3-B:

"The yearbook would appeal to me simply because in it, I would be able to find a precise coverage of events of the school year and the names of those who participated in them."



Michael Steiniger 2-B:



"Who needs it?"

Ancient History

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sideration, it may be here interpolated, is that the average middle aged squaw, what with her papoose and all, took at least eight seconds to run from tepee to tomb; whereas the time between the great white flash and the great total destruction was closer to three. That left an interesting five seconds that was not talked about much, and about which little has been written. Of course, this history is deliberately passing over the case of the poor brave who shelled out the fifteen thou to have the tomb built, only to find himself thirty miles away in downtown Manhattan when the great white fuse blew. But such is the irony of fate.

In intellectual circles, the crisis brought about by Chief Fallen-rocker's demands offered a new field for applying the rules of moral behavior. Brilliant blackrobes put their Thomistic principles into a cauldron and soon after published their findings. They sanctioned shooting any would-be aggressor, provided he was contaminated, over twelve, and was wearing a Chief John Birchtree pin. Finer points continued to be disputed, such as whether it was one's bounden duty to ask the aggressor if he were in a salvable spiritual state before shooting him. Further details may be found in N. Khrushchev's famous work, *How We Won the War*.

Chief Black Cloud McGrath

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By THOMAS P. TURLEY

CLASS OFFICERS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

4th Year:

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S. Frank Ath. Mgr.
Fr. Browne Mod.

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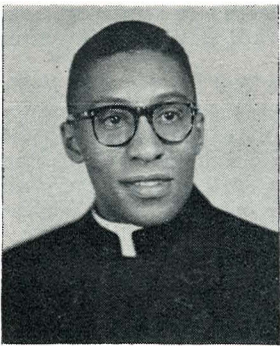
The Dramatic Society, headed by Fr. Carroll, is looking for new members, especially from 4th Year.

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The members of the High School are strongly urged to attend the basketball games in the oncoming season.

Alumni Corner

By STEPHEN KOLNIK



Athlete, student, teacher, priest — all four of these careers belong to the same man, Father Harry Salmon.

Born in Manhattan, a non-Catholic, Father Salmon was converted to Catholicism and entered the fifth grade at Saint Anthony of Padua School in the Bronx. There he was taught by the Sisters of Christian Charity until he graduated in the summer of 1943. In the fall of that year, he entered Cathedral College to take his first steps on the long journey to the priesthood.

It was at Cathedral, with the "prep", that he first displayed his basketball talents. In five years of play, he amassed a total of well over one thousand points. Remember, this occurred ten years ago, when basketball scores were not so high as they are today. In his final year on the team, he was the top collegiate scorer in the metropolitan area.

After much hard work, he was graduated from Cathedral College in 1950 with Fr. Maurice Carroll, currently a member of the faculty here.

In the autumn of 1950 we find him continuing still in quest of the priesthood. At this point, he is beginning his studies at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The years hurry by and in May of 1956 in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, he was ordained.

Following his ordination, he was sent to Washington, D. C. with twenty-nine other young priests, to study Spanish for three months. This was the first group of its kind. With the completion of his studies there, he was then assigned to Mount Loreto, a home for neglected and underprivileged children in Staten Island. After a short but eventful stay there, he was transferred to Cardinal Hayes High School where he is currently teaching Religion and English. As an extra-curricular activity, Father moderates the newly organized tennis team.

Father has a full schedule every day of the week. He not only teaches five classes a day, which is more than enough to keep him busy, but also holds tennis practice four times a week. Although he is so occupied, he is always willing to devote his time to the teaching of basketball to those boys playing on the Cardinal Hayes court.

On weekends, he assists at Saint Charles Borromeo in Manhattan, there performing his priestly duties; witnessing weddings, hearing confessions, offering Mass, and distributing Holy Communion.

At the present, in his "spare" time, Father is studying at Saint John's University for his master's degree in education. Such is the busy life of this energetic priest!

Looking back over the life of Father Salmon, we see that he is a fine athlete, a teacher dedicated to his students, a student in pursuit of a master's degree; and, above all, we see that he is a priest following faithfully in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. He has indeed answered Christ's bidding, "Come, follow me!"

Faculty Spotlight

By WILLIAM BISHOP



The Reverend Henry J. Browne was born on July 15, 1919, in the West 30's between Ninth and Tenth Avenue. He entered Cathedral College in 1932. In 1936 he was a columnist on *The Cathedralite* during the editorship of Robert Wilde, who was later to teach Greek at the College. Upon graduation from Cathedral in 1938, Fr. Browne entered the hallowed halls of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie. He was ordained in 1944 and after a short summer residence in a parish, he entered the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. where he received his doctorate in American History. He studied under Monsignor John Tracy Ellis, the author of *American Catholicism*. After receiving his Ph.D., he stayed on as archivist and member of the History department. In 1956 he returned to Cathedral College in the capacity of professor of Civics and American History. In his first year as professor, he was chosen to be moderator of the High School senior class, an honor bestowed upon very few new faculty members. From 1957 to the fall of 1958 he was in Italy under the Fulbright Professors Research Grant for the purpose of studying Italian Immigration in New York City. He returned once more to Cathedral in 1958. Since the spring of 1959 he has been in residence at St. Gregory's Parish in West Manhattan. In his years at Cathedral, Fr. Browne has taught First Year Civics, Third and Fourth Year History, and Second Year Religion. He is now teaching Church History in Second Philosophy at St. Joseph's.

When he is not teaching, his hours are taken up with the local labor and housing problems. At St. Gregory's he is moderator of the young adult club, the Gregorians, the purpose of which is to stimulate the intellectual activities of young men and women between the ages of eighteen and thirty. He is president of the Stryckers Bay Neighborhood Council, a local organization interested in the West Side Urban Renewal Plan. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Catholic Metropolitan Conference on the History of Political Science. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, the American Catholic Historical Association, and numerous other outstanding historical organizations.

Fr. Browne has written over fifty articles for the *American Archivist*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, and the *Dictionary of American Biography*. In addition, he has written the histories of St. Ann's and St. Michael's parishes. In the history of the latter, he includes the unsurpassed figure of eighty-five priests ordained from that parish during the last century. Included in this number, in addition to Fr. Browne, are Fr. Murphy and Monsignor McMahon. In 1949, Fr. Browne wrote *The Catholic Church and the Knights of Labor*, a book mentioned in the bibliography of John Hicks and George Mowry's *A Short History of American Democracy*. Because of his outstanding achievements on behalf of both labor and Catholicism, Fr. Browne has been listed in the *Catholic Who's Who*. In addition, he is one of the three people in the entire United States best qualified to teach American Church History.

In so outstanding a faculty as that which we, the students of Cathedral College possess, it would be very hard to pick a more learned and more dedicated man than Fr. Browne.

DEAR BIDDY

Dear BIDDY,

I have a difficult time controlling my students. Just because five out of my last six chemistry experiments have failed, my pupils have begun to lose faith in me. Some boys have mentioned that they can't hear me when I assign homework. How can I raise my stature among them? PERPLEXED

DEAR PERPLEXED,

Have faith in yourself. And each day smoke one carton of "Cavaliers." They make you grow big and tall and help you to speak clearly and distinctly (like a man!).

DEAR BIDDY,

I have a distinct feeling that my students don't like me. I tell them stories every day; I give them easy quizzes (strictly marked); I even leave a little space on the quiz papers for their answers. How can I convince them I'm REALLY a nice man. CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED

Have faith in yourself. And ask the bookstore to stop selling voodoo dolls of you.

DEAR BIDDY,

I am new here this year, and already some students are touting me as the successor of another faculty member of the same name. Even though I am a good singer, muscular, blond, strong, handsome, witty and humble, I do not want to imitate anyone or cause any ill will. How can I do this? DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE,

Have faith in yourself. Part your hair in the middle. And don't come to Field Day.

DEAR BIDDY,

I have a problem. It is this. How can I hold basketball practice, have jug, watch "The Three Stooges", and still get to bed by 8 o'clock? HOPEFUL

DEAR HOPEFUL,

Have faith in yourself. (Isn't that what all the advice columnists say?)

Theatre Uptown

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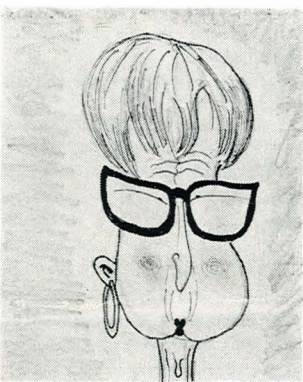
the audience a full sixty seconds, thus superbly setting the suspenseful tone which this tight, psychological play demands. To project further the aloof, naive Red Riding Hood, Linda disregarded the frantic efforts of the prompter, Sister Mary Mayonaise, to get her to say something.

Much of the original suspense was lost in the second act when the Wolf, poorly portrayed by second-grade student Billy Waffle, glibly made his appearance. Over confident, brash, and remembering all his lines, he made sad contrast to the apt portrayal of insecurity by Miss Furd, who was now hiding behind a prop in the rear of the stage, evoking heartfelt compassion with her sniffing and an occasional wail of terror. But Billy Waffle deserved to be upstaged.

Stark realism, vaguely hinting of Tennessee Williams, was brought to the audience by Billy Waffle's actual consummation of Grandma, well played by a ginger bread doll baked by the Ladies' Auxiliary. At the finale, Grandma made an uncalled for encore, again indicative of Billy Waffle's brashness.

This reviewer waits expectantly for further productions by this group during the season.

THOMAS F. McGRATH '62



M. L. M. M. M.!!

On October 12 and 13, members of second year enjoyed a two-day holiday by celebrating "Monsignor Lynch's Memorial Marathon to Maryknoll": a bike hike to that seminary that will long be remembered by Richard Colt of 3B, Harry Barret and Richard Detko of 2A, John Connors, Michael Falci, and Thomas McGriel of 2C.

Father Niebrzydowski who organized and led the trip made it rigorous for his fellow cyclists by setting a six mile per hour pace over the scenic hills of Westchester County. With this pace we covered the 35 mile round trip in approximately 6 hours.

When we reached the seminary at Maryknoll, we were greeted by Deacons Edward Gerlock and Ronald Boccieri. We are grateful to them for the hospitality extended to us even though we were members of a rival seminary.

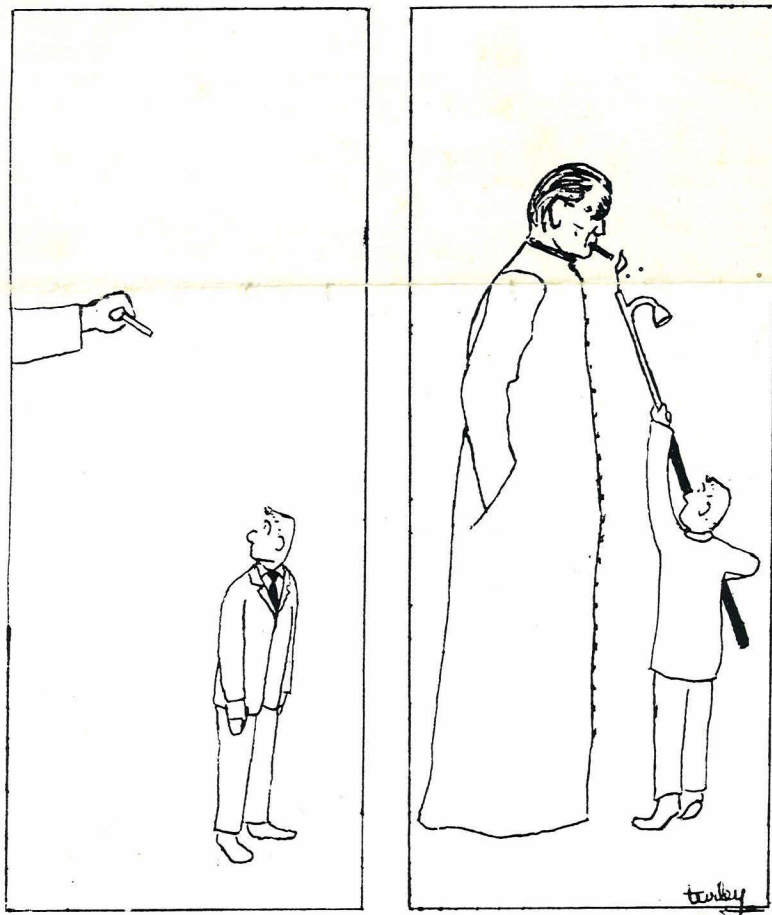
The Marathon was climaxed on the return trip when Father Niebrzydowski engaged in a conversation with a ragged old lady who had lived in the hills all her life. Upon seeing her and her state of appearance, we were all very anxious to return to our city homes and dear old Cathedral.

Michael Falci '64

FORENSIC LEAGUE BEGINS SEASON; CATHEDRAL SENIORS EXCEL IN MERIT TEST

The Catholic Forensic League began its season at Mother Butler High School on October 14, 1961. In a competition with thirty other high schools in the Archdiocese, Cathedral College (High School) was represented by Robert Smith of Fourth Year and Denis Brennan, William Butler, and Philip Hill of 3B. While we lost to Mother Butler, Mount St. Michael, and Cardinal Hayes, our speakers nevertheless gave fine performances. Students of second and first years who are interested in participating in these forensic contests are invited to attend the meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 2:10 in room 201.

Four of our seniors have commended for their high performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring. Edmund Guertin, Joseph Hester, Kevin Murphy, and Joseph Nisa were among the top two percent of nearly 25,000 students throughout the United States who took the test.



"HEY, BOY, GOT A LIGHT?"

THE TRADING POST

I'd like to see:

- A senior who doesn't adore Vergil
- A history professor who tells less than 20 stories per period
- A religion quiz with a "Maybe" column
- More than 10 Cathedral rooters at a basketball game
- A freshman who can conjugate in the passive voice
- A fire drill that takes less than 20 minutes
- A senior who can conjugate in the passive voice
- A student who uses his library card
- More subscriptions to THE CATHEDRALITE
- "Just a few announcements" take less than 30 minutes
- A Spanish student who can pronounce French
- A basketball game to which Father Griffin doesn't bring 10 lbs. of apples
- A Spanish student who can pronounce Spanish
- Father Murphy saying "I don't know" in answer to a question
- A student who is afraid of Father Carroll
- A history professor who doesn't read THE TIMES
- A chemistry student who understands the mole concept
- A chemistry student who understands chemistry
- An English teacher with unkempt hair
- A quiet French senior
- A quiet senior

Varsity Sports

By PATRICK J. DUNNE

The opening of the 1961-62 basketball season is still a few weeks away, but the Prep is just about ready for it now. With six men returning from last year's team, Father Griffin is looking forward to a very successful season.

The "big gun" on this year's squad will be Ed Peters, last year's second highest scorer. He's the man we count on for at least twenty points a game (and we're pretty sure he'll do it!). Pulling down most of the rebounds and scoring, we hope, in double figures will be Kevin Murphy. The only question now is where Murphy will play (in the pivot or out in the corner). "Big Mike" Griffin, the only sophomore on the team, has much determination and is steadily improving. If he continues at the present rate, Mike will be the starting center on opening night; and at 6-5 he is most assuredly welcome. In the backcourt this year will be Joe McCarthy and myself. McCarthy has learned how to shoot and pass extremely accurately with either hand. I'll be just about the same as last year except that I'll probably shoot more (at last!). At the present time, this seems to be the "first string"; but don't be surprised if there are a few changes.

Two men who can very easily step into starting positions are Steve Kolnik and Dennis Keane. Both have shown increased scoring ability and rebounding strength. Eddie O'Connell may well surprise everyone with his fine all-around play. He's the man to watch! Ready to fill in in the forecourt at a moment's notice are Dave Pape, Tommy Kearse, John Calcagni, Aldo Viscovich (the J.V.'s leading scorer and rebounder last year), and Larry Paquette. The backcourt will get its assistance from Phil McGovern, Joe Stepanovsky, and Chris Thieke. The Prep manager this year will be "Honest" Bill Quinn who may figure more in the scoring than you think!

Once again this year, the Prep will be under the guidance of Father Griffin, one of the finest coaches in the C.H.S.A.A. You can be well assured that we of the Prep will do all we can to make this one of Father Griffin's most successful seasons.

Three new teams have been officially added to our league this year—Sacred Heart (of Yonkers), Iona Prep, and Cardinal Spellman High School. These additional teams, especially Sacred Heart, figure to make the league a bit tougher. Our big rivals this year, as in the past, will be Tolentine, Dubois, and Manhattan Prep. Last year, by the way, Tolentine's Junior Varsity won the city championship!

The two highlights of the season will be the Marist Invitational Tournament and the game in Madison Square Garden on January 26th. In each of the last two years the Prep has placed second in the Marist Tournament, and this year we hope to go at least that far. In the Garden, the Prep will meet St. Agnes High School as a preliminary to the Boston Celtic-New York Knick game. The Prep will play a total of eighteen games and a number of scrimmages; fourteen of the scheduled games will be played in league competition.

And now we must, of necessity, speak about attendance at the games. It is a well-known fact that Cathedral has played before very few "packed houses." Indeed, whenever we did play before one, it was not packed with Cathedralites! Actually, there is only one reason for this poor attendance record. It is not that there may have been an unsatisfactory team one year or another; it is not that there is a comparatively small enrollment at Cathedral; it is simply that there is AN ALMOST COMPLETE LACK OF SCHOOL SPIRIT in this high school. Anyone on the team will tell you that there are certain members of the faculty who attend more games than ninety per cent of the students do. Now, whether you realize it or not, it does mean a lot to a player to have his friends cheering for him and for his teammates; he seems to try a little harder.

Don't wait until the Garden game so you can see a professional game for only fifty cents. Come to all the games, not only the Prep games but the J.V. games too! The J.V., coached by Father Nebesky, should be one of the best in recent years. The opening games of the season for both teams will be played on our home court (Cardinal Hayes High School), against Rice High School on November 28th. There is no admission charge to any of our home games. Will you be there???

(A complete report on the Junior Varsity and the freshman team will follow in the next issue of The Cathedralite.)

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