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## Halloween Talent Show a Success



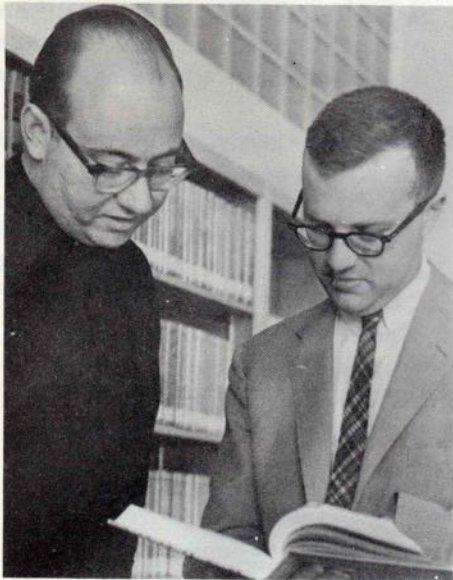
THE TRAVELLERS: Fritz Sabo, Al Waiters, Pat Houterman, Paul Fontaine, Ron Furlong.

The whispering has stopped, all the planning and secrecy has been left behind; the reason for whispering, planning, and secrecy has been revealed: Talent Night! Halloween at Bellefontaine wouldn't have been the same without Talent Night, and now that the show is over, it remains a night to remember.

This year's Talent Night was greater than ever. Al Waters and Paul Fontaine (a harmonica and guitar duet) were joined by three singing seniors to form the "Travel-

lers" and to start the show off right. Joe Rusnock and Jack Buckingham, amateur magicians, put on a terrific magic act, "The Spirit Cabinet." The "New Leechie Minstrels" were just what the doctor ordered for laughs galore, and the Glee Club reached into its varied repertoire for two numbers. Among the many skits and acts, the freshmen put on a hilarious hi-jinx called "Medical Madcap" which brought down the house for a fitting end to a night of fun. \*

## New Faculty + New Courses = New Year



Father Leo Krah, S.C.J., Mr. Gilbert French

Three new faculty members, a few new courses, and of course the new freshman class, were the star attractions as another school year got off to a flying start.

### NEW FACULTY, COURSES

Father Leo Krah of Pittsburgh comes to IHM in his first assignment after ordination. Father is teaching English and Religion, and his dynamic approach to both subjects is a great addition to the curriculum.

Mr. Gilbert French of nearby Pittsfield is another welcome addition. Mr. French has studied at Yale University, Providence and Boston Colleges, and at North Adams State College. He holds a Master's degree in Education and is presently teaching mathematics

at Pittsfield High as well as conducting junior algebra and trig classes here at IHM.

Mr. Dennis Chapdelaine has begun two elective courses in music: organ and harmony—certainly a great addition to our music program. Mr. Chapdelaine resides in Easthampton and is church organist in Amherst.

Another new course introduced this year is the Developmental Reading Program, a selective course under the direction of Father Walter Naby. Mr. George Darey of Lenox is advisor for the course.

### NEW STUDENTS

Thirty-six new freshmen from eight states have entered Bellefontaine's halls this year, bringing the student total to 113 from 18 states (Maine to South Carolina and Rhode Island to Iowa). There are also fourteen new upper classmen, some of them transfer students from our minor seminary in the Midwest.



Mr. Dennis Chapdelaine solves a harmony problem for freshman Mike Applebee.

## Faculty Changes Announced

### Fathers Casper & Bruder Get New Assignments

Very early in this school year, Father McGuire, the rector of the seminary, announced two important changes in faculty assignments. First, Father Paul Casper, prefect of discipline for the past three years, has been named to the new position of spiritual director for the students. Secondly, to fill the gap created by Father Casper's appointment, Father Anthony Bruder, the assistant prefect, was named head prefect of discipline.

The office of spiritual director is not easy, for it involves the most important part of the seminarian's training, the deepening of his spiritual life. All the members of the faculty and student body are very happy that Father Casper was given this appointment. We are sure that the enthusiasm with which Father has carried out his former office will be even more exemplified in his new duty.

Of course spiritual training, important as it is, is not the only facet of training for the priesthood. To be able to serve and obey willingly one must have good disciplinary training. We therefore feel that another wise choice has been made

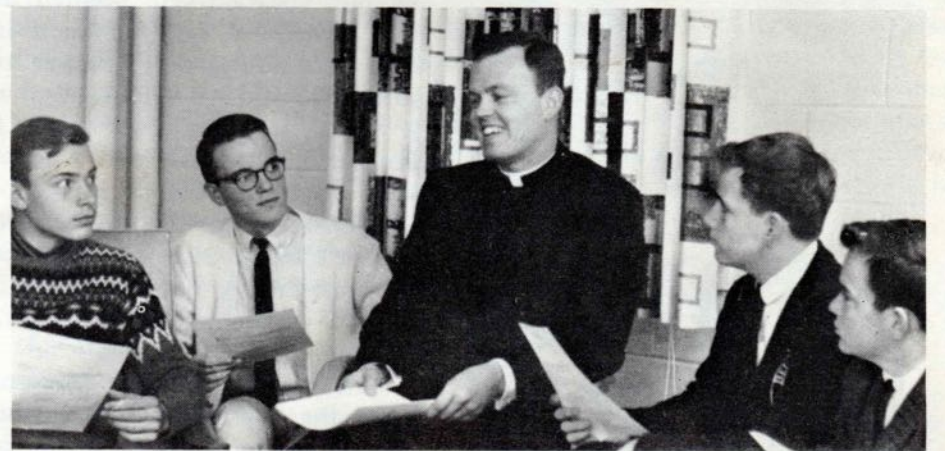


Father Paul Casper (seated) going over one of the many Prefect's jobs with the new Prefect, Father Anthony Bruder.

in the appointment of Father Bruder as head prefect of discipline. Father's former experience as assistant has made him very capable for this job. He is very efficient and has an inspiring way of making the students see the importance of discipline in the minor seminary.

We congratulate these two Fathers on their new assignments and wish them all God's graces in administering their duties. \*

## Three Day Retreat Highlights First Quarter



Father Shea in an informal discussion with sophomores Mike Borzanski, Mark Haggerty, Bart Sorenson, and Bob Clymer.

The year didn't really begin for us until the evening of October 21, the opening of our annual closed retreat. That evening the retreat master, Father David Shea, curate from Pittsfield's St. Mark's parish, opened a series of thirteen conferences on biblical and sacramental themes. His purpose was to deflate some popular misconceptions about God and his way with man while portraying a correct and positive approach to the spiritual life. Father used passages from the Bible and ideas contained in the sacraments themselves as means to illustrate and explain his topic.

Friday afternoon, Father Dion, another curate from St. Mark's,

officiated at a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word (Bible Service) on "The Power of the Word of God."

With all these thoughts to think about, we seminarians spent a good deal of retreat time in silent prayer, and in the end formed each our own personal resolution to be in some way a better seminarian of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

## News Notes

\*For the first time, on October 20, the juniors and seniors had the good fortune of participating in the national PSAT exams.

# The Rector's Corner



men. It is not just the thought of enjoyment in doing; rather it is something they want to do to help them become a better seminarian. I'm sure you will be able to sense this attitude in the articles written by the boys.

One of the most important activities of the seminarians is their gratitude to the many people interested in them as seminarians. Every day you and your intentions are remembered in their prayers. It is a wonderful way to say "thank you" for your helping them to reach their goal. I also want to add my appreciation for your help; without it, I know we could not do our work effectively.

May you and your loved ones have a Blessed Christmas and may the New Year be one of many blessings. As a personal friend of the Seminary, we will be very happy to remember you in the Christmas Novena beginning on Christmas Day.

God Bless you.  
Sincerely in Christ,

*Father McGuire*

Dear Friend,

Once again Bellefontaine has been blessed with a wonderful group of freshmen who are taking the initial step of their studies towards the priesthood. To the many new friends of the Seminary, let us say that we hope you enjoy reading the school paper which is edited by the boys. Aside from study they have a full program of activities and projects which will someday be very beneficial for their future work.

You would be amazed to see the spirit of generosity in these young

## Senior of the Month

Ron Furlong, assistant house senior here at Bellefontaine, is what is known as an all-around seminarian. In addition to his duties as assistant senior, he is our head garage man, in charge of the care and maintenance of the seminary vehicles, and also takes an active interest in sodality and in the various singing groups.



Senior Ron Furlong with a few of his 4-H awards.

Ron is a product of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and during his vacations is an outstanding 4-H Club member in that area. He belongs to the Roger's 4-H Club and has proved himself a most valuable member, especially now as a junior leader in the club. Ron's interests in 4-H vary quite a bit. He has taken eighteen projects in all, some of which are: electricity, photography, automotives, hog raising, gardening, and entomology (more commonly known as "bug study").

## Asst. General Welcomed

On Thursday, October 8, Bellefontaine welcomed Father Nicholas Walzer, the assistant to our present Father General. For three days Father toured the buildings and grounds, talked with the faculty and students, and even made a surprise visit to the Explorers, who were on an overnight camping trip on October Mountain. Throughout all, Father's friendliness and obvious interest impressed us greatly.

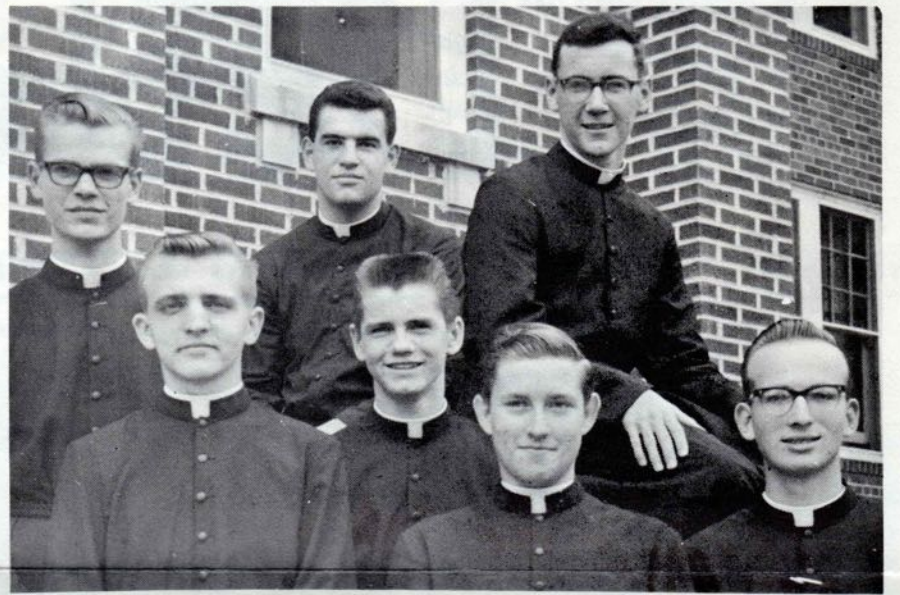
The highlight of Father's visit was the talk he gave to us concerning our vocation. He pointed out two aspects of our founder's life that were outstanding: prayer and study. He said we must study hard if we are to prepare our minds for the service of God, and we must pray even harder if we are to prepare ourselves for the duty of praying for others. Father closed his talk by encouraging us to imitate our founder, Father Leo John Dehon, in his priestly life.

Father then made an announcement that was a little off the subject: a freeday in honor of his visit! But to our disappointment Father could not be here to enjoy the day with us, for he had to return to Rome and his work for the Sacred Heart throughout the world.

Twice Ron has placed second with his projects in Pennsylvania state competition. In 1963 he was chosen outstanding boy in Cambria County in 4-H work, and this year he was chosen 4-H king in his district. Everything considered, Ron's record in 4-H work is quite admirable.

Ron is known to all of us for his smiling, pleasant ways, and for his good sportsmanship on the playing field. Last year he was awarded IHM's annual trophy as "Sportsman of the Year." Good luck to you, Ron, on your way to the priesthood.

## THE GRADUATES OF 1964



Last year's seniors become this year's novices: 1st row: Fraters Vincent Brauer, John Brilla, Patrick Brady, Aloysius Cudzewicz; 2nd row: Fraters Christopher Revers, Martin McInnis, Louis Henner.

## LITURGICAL RENEWAL

In line with the approaching introduction of English into the Mass, the community here at Lenox has made quite a few preparations. The bishop has kindly given us permission to have Mass facing the congregation, and—with the help of Mr. Dave Tierney of Pittsfield who constructed the portable altar—we have been quick to take him up on the permission.

English dialogue Masses and sung low Masses (a preparation for later English High Masses) have also come into practice. All these new forms of greater participation are being well explained through the Sunday sermon and through weekly conferences and practices. ✱

### Christmas Novena

December 25—January 2

We will be happy to include your intentions.

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## On the IHM Campaign Trail

"L.B.J.'s my man," "Let's win with Barry"—posters parading, buttons flashing, speeches and heated debates going on here and there: the 1964 Presidential Campaign is sweeping through Bellefontaine.

The junior political science class, under the direction of Frater Grob, is promoting a mock campaign and election, with Charles Yuhascik as Democratic chairman and Dennis Madigan Republican chairman. Both party organizations are striving to alert the student body to the candidates' qualities and principles and to inform them about policies and records.

A weekly paper was "published" during the campaign season; a rather detailed poll was taken; and two political rallies were scheduled for the week-end preceding the election.

As this is written, these rallies are still to come, along with student registration and voting: the voting to determine (here as well as in the rest of the country) whether it's "L.B.J. for the U.S.A." or "A Choice Not an Echo." ✱

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### BELLEFONTAINE

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**BOOK SURVEY**

Bellefontaine, in its news-making capacity, conducted a recent book survey among the student body, and came up with the following statistics and observations:

The senior class (then juniors) read an average of 3.4 unassigned books during the 1963-64 school year. The juniors had a higher average of 8.7, while the sophomores read an average of 10.1 unassigned books. Thus the lower classmen have an average much higher than that of the upperclassmen. Perhaps this may be attributed to the fact that the curriculum places a progressive demand upon the students of Immaculate Heart. Since there seems to be more time given to reading in the two lower classes, perhaps—for the furtherance of scholastic development—a method whereby the reading habits of the freshmen and sophomores could be regulated would prove beneficial, for example, a bibliography of recommended works including a brief statement about each book and its value for the high school student.



In the same survey, it was learned that *Black Like Me* by John Howard Griffin was the one book which made the greatest impression upon the largest number of students, while Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* was second in this category.

The third and last bit of information uncovered by the survey shows which three current magazines are most read by the student body. They are, in the order of their popularity: *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U. S. News*. It is interesting to note that all three of these are news magazines.

**Forward**

Ours is an era of energy, activity, and progress; ours a world led by on-the-go, decision-making, up-on-the-times men. Because this is such an era and such a world, we might aptly term it the "Dynamic Era."

Political, social, religious change is in the air everywhere. The Khrushchev "resignation," Red China's nuclear development, the Laborite victory in Britain, the Cairo conference—all events of the past month—are ample evidence of the political dynamism in today's world.

Social dynamism is evident in its closest aspect in the 1963-64 Civil Rights movement, which has so recently been recognized with the award of the Nobel Prize for Peace to Martin Luther King.

Religious movement is signified by the very word "ecumenical," which—applied to Council and informal get-together is changing our world.

Just where, then, do we fit into this "Dynamic Era"—we the youth of America? Will the era of our future be as dynamic for peace and

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

In the last issue of *Bellefontaine* (May-June, 1964), it was announced that Father McGuire had been re-appointed as Rector of the seminary, along with Father Hudson as Procurator (Treasurer). Father McGuire we have met before in the pages of this paper, but Father Hudson only rarely. However, let us now do so in full.



Father Francis Hudson, S.C.J.

Father Francis Hudson comes originally from a large family in Pueblo, Colorado; two of his brothers are Benedictine priests. Father himself was ordained on May 31, 1952 by Archbishop Moses Kiley at St. John's Cathedral, Milwaukee. For two and a half years after his ordination Father was secretary to Father Provincial, and in 1955 he was assigned to the minor seminary at Donaldson, Indiana, as a professor. In 1960 he was granted a sabbatical year for graduate work at Marquette University, and then in 1961 Father was assigned to the pioneer faculty at IHM as procurator, Father Sacristan, and mathematics professor.

As a teacher Father ranks with the best. He has taught algebra and geometry to the freshmen and sophomores since his appointment, and last year had the junior class for advanced algebra and trigonometry as well.

This and the fact that, as procurator, Father goes out of his way to keep the wheels running smoothly and to—at times—run into town for some supplies that a student is in "dire need of," have made for him a lasting place in the history of IHM and in the memories of all its seminarians.

for toleration, or will it fail? It is up to us.

And it is up to us now, in every action, especially in every social action, of our lives. Am I dynamic in my contact and relationship with others? with the student next to me in class? with the fellow on the team with me? with my neighbor next door? The answer to these questions could determine the forward motion of tomorrow: dynamism or dynamite. ✱

*Dear Mom and Dad,*

If you had to wait this long for a real letter from me, I know you would have the Bureau of Missing Persons looking for me. Aside from this special letter, I will try to keep my weekly letter going your way. I shall be taking advantage of it as next year I will be in the novitiate and will not have the opportunity to write as often.

Just mentioning the word "novitiate" doesn't seem possible—four years of study at Bellefontaine coming to a close. Being a Senior is something I looked forward to since my freshman year and here it is. It is wonderful! I've been so busy with my studies and extra-curricular activities that I've not had much time to think about it.

I've been teaching Catechism to the sixth grade C.C.D. every Saturday morning. It is one thing knowing the material and another thing trying to put it across to youngsters. It has been a wonderful experience. Next semester some of the other fellows in my class will get a chance to teach.

I guess I mentioned in my letter that Father Casper has been appointed Spiritual Director of the Seminary. The boys all liked him very much as Prefect and I'm sure they will like him all the more as their Spiritual Director. One thing for sure, he knows all of us very well. Father Bruder is following in Father Casper's footsteps and doing a fine job.

Remember last summer when I mentioned the Summer School of Catholic Action Convention in New York City. I'm sorry now I did not attend it. The Sodalists who represented our group said it was the best week of their vacation. I never enjoyed the meeting so much as I have this year.

Everyone is getting ready for the mock election on November 2nd. There has been a lot of enthusiasm. The speeches in the dining hall have been very well done. The Goldwater fans have been working very hard and it will be interesting to see the results.

I could go on and on with more news but Frater Murphy has limited my column space so I'll have to cut it short. Going on retreat tonight and will be praying for all of you. Wish Birthday Greetings to Eddie.

God Bless you.

Your loving Son,

*Joe*

**DEBATE DOINGS**

The beginning of the second year for the Dehon Debating Society finds it in preparation for several diocesan and state tournaments. The society is now a member of the National Catholic Forensic League, the Springfield Catholic Forensic League, and the American Forensic Association, and has applied for membership in both the Massachusetts Secondary School Speech League and the National Forensic League. Some of the tournaments for which the debators are preparing are the Debate Tournament at the University of Massachusetts early this month, and the two Diocesan meets, one on November 25, the other on December 8.

The topic for this year's debate so far has been: "Resolved: that nuclear weapons should be controlled by an international organization." Preparation for the topic has been varied, consisting of intensive reading or even symposia, such as the ones held throughout Massachusetts during the months of October, November, and December. One thing is certain—by the end of this school year all forty members of the Dehon Debating Society will be "experts" on the topic.



**NEW FRESHMEN: THE CLASS OF 1968**



First row: Ray Merola, Yvon Sheehy, Larry Frenette, Gerry McMullen, Ron Pferdehirt, Louis Sanabria, Bill Taylor, Mike Applebee; Second row: Kurt Weiss, Tim McInerney, Pete Naber, Jim Walters, Peter Suhajda, John Evans, John Traina; Third row: Tom Christie, Bob Trahan, Terry Langley, Bill Burrows, Chris Devine, Sam Roma, Steve Steinfeld; Fourth row: Peter Ciborowski, Marty Torrey, Ed Lach, Rich Urda, Bruce Fischer, Tom Scehovic, Rich Brissette; Fifth row: Roger LaFleur, George Taylor, Greg Blanchfield, Hugh Winarski, George Lopuch, Rich Harcar.

# SPORTLIGHT: FOOTBALL



## EXPLORER ACTIVITIES

The plans for the first overnight hike of the year for the members of Post 101 were drawn up immediately upon the students' return from summer vacation. October tenth was the day chosen.



Thirty explorers made the seven-mile hike to Boy Scout Camp Eagle despite the overcast sky and near freezing temperatures. The ground was wet (like snow!), but their spirits were not dampened. This was exploring!

The cause of greatest enthusiasm was the fact that the Explorers did their own cooking over outdoor campfires. The charcoal flavoring was a real treat.

In September, a new specialty group was formed: Camping. This is the Post's fifth specialty, an addition to Auto Mechanics, Forestry, Photography, and Radio.

### THE FIELD:

Father Richard, assisted by Frater Jerome Shaad, did a tremendous job this summer of moving forward on our field-leveling project. With the bulldozer going fourteen hours a day at times, they managed to complete two football fields and to level two more. Although the entire project will not be completed for a few years, the progress made this summer certainly improves the Fall Football season this year.

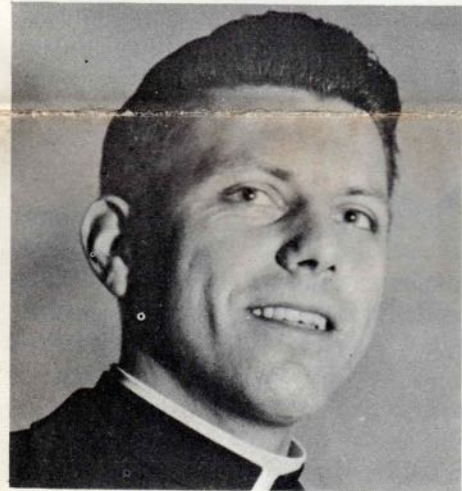
### THE GAME:

Softball and volleyball held brief sway at the beginning of the sports season, but they gave way as soon as possible to the major Fall sport: football. This year three leagues have been formed according to ability. Since we play flag football, the



## Father Richard Writes

### bellefontaine auxiliaries



Hi Fellows,

School has begun once again for the seminarians here and for you at home as well. Despite certain interruptions, such as the World Series and the Presidential Campaign, I am sure that everything is going along well as you try to make this your greatest year so far. It will be if you together with God make it so.

Interruptions or not, the Series and the Campaign have some valuable points to teach us. In their competition, each strives to bring out the best in a man, whether physically, mentally, or spiritually. It is this same competition and these same results that St. Paul mentioned when he spoke of having "fought the good fight" and of having "finished the course." For him there remained the crown of glory.

We too will have to work hard to attain the same crown, some of us by one means and others by another means. It is my hope that this paper will help you to think about the means you yourself will use in your life to attain this victor's crown.

God bless you,

*Fr. Richard, S.C.J.*

*Pittsburgh:* The Auxiliary in this Renaissance City held its annual card party for the benefit of IHM on October 30. The evening provided a chance for all of the parents and friends of our priests, brothers, scholastics, and minor seminarians to get together to renew old friendships and to strike up new ones. About 300 took advantage of the opportunity, including our own Father Hudson, who serves as chaplain of the group.

*New York:* A pilot group for a proposed Auxiliary held a luncheon on the afternoon of October 28 at the home of Mrs. Hannigan in Garden City. Plans for a dance later on in the year were discussed. Father Anthony Bruder represented Bellefontaine at the luncheon.—Similar groups have been projected for other cities as well; inquiries will be welcomed.

## Hobby Corner

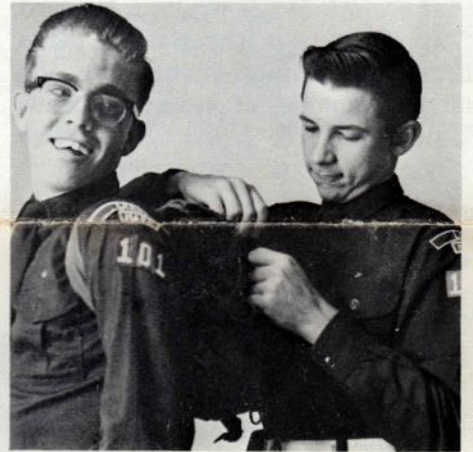


Junior Bob Markunas at work in the ceramics shop, where he is the chief assistant to Father Nabity.

monogram club had the task of organizing freshman clinics and explaining the rules and procedures of the game. "A" league captains this year are Pat Houterman, Ron Furlong, Dennis Myc, and Greg Speck, while Paul Regan, Louis Becker, Henry Hewitt, and Claude Marchessault pilot the "B" league squads. The Freshman league finds Marty Torrey, Greg Blanchfield, Dick Urda, and Roger La Fleur at the helm. League leading teams at the moment are captained by Houterman, Regan, and Urda.

### A REQUEST

Our school library can always use a few good books to help in its program for regional accreditation. If you are able to help in any way, please let us know.



Post 101 officers prepare for the overnight: President Dennis Myc (right) helps V.P. Jack Reneau with his pack.

## Monogram Club Formed

This year Bellefontaine adds something new to its long list of activities: the newly organized monogram club. Anyone who has obtained a school letter in any sport is eligible to join this club. The members so far have been busy with the organization of the various Fall sports, including league activity and special freshman clinics. The club is directed by its new officers, Pat Houterman, Ron Furlong, Larry Whitney, and Gene Gozdecki, and is under the supervision of Father Bruder as athletic director.

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