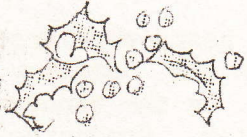


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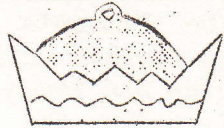
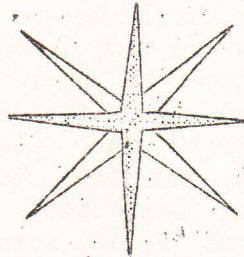
TO PRESENT RECITATION

A choral pageant, "Bethlehem Must Be Again", will be the High School's contribution to the Christmas entertainment on the night of December 17.

Produced by Mrs. Don Boughton, and accompanied by the Academy Glee Club, the pageant tells of Mary's persistent pleas over the years for the conversion of the entire world.

Narrators include Jim O'Connell, Mike Neeser, Ken Brooten, Don Boughton, and John Hallgreen. Other cast members are from the junior and senior classes.

Portraying Our Blessed Mother in four tableaux are Mary Beth Crowley, Nativity; Maureen McMahon, Fatima; Sue Koep, Guadalupe; and Margie Nielsen, LaSalette.



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LET US ADORE
HIM

FACULTY ATTENDED MEETINGS

Attending two school meetings recently were members of the Academy's faculty.

The National Catholic Education Association met at Holy Names College on November 29. During the sessions Mother M. Rebecca, Sister M. Graecia, Sister M. Barbara, and Sister M. Spiritus heard discussions on school honor programs and the exceptional student.

Faculty members also attended the meetings of the Northwest Association of Secondary Schools which was held at the Davenport Hotel. The school has been a member of this accrediting association for ten years.

RETREAT SCHEDULED

Mother M. Rebecca recently announced that the students' annual retreat has been scheduled for a new time this year.

Formerly taking place in Holy Week, this year it will be advanced to the last three days of the first semester.

Reverend Edward Jennings, C.Ss.R. will give the retreat.

LeCoeur Staff Led Photographer On Mission

"Hold it right there", were famous last words spoken by R. J. Johnson of Christian Studio on December 2.

The annual staff led Mr. Johnson on a safari through the wilds of the Academy as he captured the students with his trusty camera. Africa is mild compared to a trip through the Academy--the art room natives were up to their elbows in war paint, the dramatics room was the scene of a riot, the mad scientists in the physics lab were on the warpath, and the home ec girls were brewing up a magic potion. Mr. Johnson survived, and now the students are wondering if they'll live when they see results in the 1960 LeCoeur.

THOUGHTS FOR 1960

As New Year's Day approaches each year, many people begin to make resolutions for the coming year. Both boys and girls have many possibilities for improvement in these reforms.

For example, a boy may make it a point to arrive at school on time with all his homework completed. A few of the more sturdy may try to give up smoking, but only a mere superhuman handful survive this terrible ordeal.

The girls could try remembering to wear the uniform jacket each day. (To leave it home is an unforgiveable vice.) And eradicating an even worse habit--that of wearing a blouse with rounded collar corners instead of pointed ones.

Seriously, the making of resolutions each year would be a good practice if they were only kept. Most of the resolutions are forgotten within a month or so.

If resolutions must be made, the first should be to agree to really observe the rest.

DUO ATTEND MEETING

On December 8, a meeting was held at the local employment office. It concerned the value of youth guidance in high school.

Students of I.H.M. and Coeur d'Alene High attended. James O'Connell and Maureen McMahon represented the Academy. Mr. Richard Costello, vocational director at Coeur d'Alene was chairman of the meeting.


EFFORTS ARE NOT ALWAYS IN VAIN

All over the school groans are heard when another essay contest is announced, and as the deadline approaches the groans are accompanied by the scratch of a pen or the clatter of a typewriter. Producing an essay worthy of submission is a hard job and many times an unrewarding one. When the Academy hauls in the top awards, as the case often is, everyone from the oldest senior to the youngest freshman is secretly proud. They should be--in our generation knowledge and education are very important assets.

Recently awards were given for the Bishop's Eucharist Year essay contest, and true to tradition, our school and St. Thomas Parish were represented among the winners. In division I, for adults, Mrs. Sadie Brooten received the Bishop's award, a small wayside shrine. Mrs. Brooten had tough competition--Kenny and Barbara. Division II, second prize went to Elane Fredrickson. Elane received a sterling chain rosary. In Division III Theresa Smith, an eighth grader in Saint Thomas School, received first prize. She was awarded a daily missal and her essay will be printed in the Idaho Register this month.

DATE

LINE



Dec. 17	Christmas Play
Dec. 18	Christmas vacation Fairfield
Dec. 19	Plummer
Dec. 21	Junior Dance
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 28	Holy Innocents
Dec. 29	De Sales Dance
Jan. 1	Feast of Circumcision
Jan. 2	Spirit Lake
Jan. 4	Holy Name of Jesus
Jan. 5	Fairfield
Jan. 6	Epiphany of Our Lord
Jan. 9	Rathdrum
Jan. 11	Feast of the Holy Family
Jan. 16	Mullan

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SURPRISE PACKAGE



What would you do if Santa Claus left an Aardvark in your stocking for Christmas?

Eva Lefebver: "Who is Santa Claus?"

Nancy Kenck: "Tie a purple ribbon on it and give it to the faculty."

Joe Webb: "Devour it immediately or teach it to cook."

Sister Barbara: "I'd give it back."

Bob Rarick: "Try it on for size."

Barbara Brooten: "Give it to my aunt for Christmas."

Bob Shively: "Ask it what the price of peanuts is in Africa!"

Kenny Brooten: "Give it to next year's seniors."

Sister Spiritus: "I'm not hanging up my stocking this year."

Mr. Johnson: "Give it to Coach Hare for a toupee."

Julie Gray: "I'd bite it."

Jim Thom: "Keep it. I might make a fortune growing little ones."

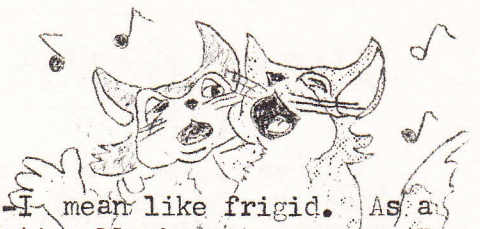
Jack Russell: "Save it and eat it on Friday."

Blaise Koep: "Give it to my baby sister."

Karen Marchand: "I'd play with it."

By the way, another name for an Aardvark is Anteater!

COOL CAT CHATTER



Man was this cat cool--I mean like frigid. As a star reporter for this nationally known newspaper I was given a bird's eye view of the Senior Ball. Remember that exotic iceberg, imported from the Arctic, I might add. Well, I was right up there on top. Maybe the seniors chose "Winter Wonderland" for their theme, but mine was "Sitting On Top of an Iceberg". Talk about cold feet!

"Bill Reed played, were you listening? In the gym snow was glistening." Recognize the lyrics? Of course you don't. They're original. I just happen to have a knack for changing words to famous compositions. Pretty good, don't you think? Good grief, Charlie Brown--be humble.

I must take time to praise the genius of the Senior class. Who else would have thought of knocking a wall out of the gym so that the northern lights could be seen. That's what I call using the old head. I was proud of them, Our Lady of the Snows looked mighty pleased, too.

I really was tempted to give their ski jump a try. I'm in training for the Olympics, you know. I refrained though. I didn't want to steal the show from the happy dancers. Some other time, fans!

All in all, I really enjoyed the dance, I get a kick out of watching humans, they're very entertaining. I wish that I could afford a party dress but I give all my money to charity. There was an enviable array of formals, the Academy girls really know how to dress after school hours, nothing personal but.....

I can't keep this chatter up, my services are in constant demand so I must get adequate rest. I guess I'll take a short cat nip--I mean nap.

Have a merry Christmas, and, CHEERS!

BELLS WILL RING



With "Silver Bells" as their theme, the Junior class will host the student body and alumni at their annual Christmas Dance. The dance is scheduled for December 21 with music from 8 to 11 P. M.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, the class is planning some interesting high lights during the evening.

Admission is thirty-five cents, the dance will be held in Brown Gym.

SHARPEN UP YOUR SKATES

The Squires - DeSales ice rink is in the process of being constructed on the St. Thomas playground. First the sawdust was spread over the area to be frozen. Next the prodigious piece of plastic, 100 by 80 feet, will be placed over this and secured to the sides of the rink. The fire department has agreed to flood it when it is ready.

George Bertsch is the organizer of the Squires who are doing the building.

THREE GAMES SCHEDULED

Three games have been added to the original basketball schedule.

Playing the Junior Varsity and St. Thomas Grade School team will be the "A" and "B" teams of Bishop White Minor Seminary of Spokane. Two games are scheduled for Brown gym on January 8 and 22, respectively.

On December 30, the Academy Panthers will meet Clarks Fork, also a home game.

PANTHERS PAW PIRATES

The Academy Panthers defeated the Plummer Pirates 53-34 at Plummer on December 5.

The Panthers showed considerable improvement in their play as compared with their first game. All the reserves saw action in this game.

Jim O'Connell scored high with 16 points. Bob Hartz and Bob Kom tied for second place honors with 9 each.

The J.V.'s won their game by a score of 32-29

TIGERS TAKE I.H.M. 45-35

The Mullan Tigers were responsible for I.H.M.'s first defeat of the season by taking the game on December 12 by a score of 45-35.

Academy play was fine, but not good enough to win.

Bob Hartz with 12 and Jim O'Connell with 11 were again high-point men.

The J.V.'s lost their game also 47-23.

PANTHERSCOPE

--Jim O'Connell

Well, the sports season is off to an enthusiastic start. The Panthers initiated the season with two wins --both the varsity and the juniors. The Redemptorist Fathers have obtained a new bus which will be ready soon for away games, and an ice skating rink is being readied for use for out-of-school recreational sports.

Returning to our school sports scene, though, we have a serious problem of support. A successful program demands a considerable portion of time and effort from the participants and the coaches. Everyone wants achievement and in the past the Academy has not been lagging behind.

Yet the public support of Academy sports has been very poor. Attendance at home games this past football season was anything but heartening to the players and coaches. A second result is that the school's money for the athletic program is in a serious state of depletion. The same dismal interest in school functions has been exhibited in such affairs as the recent music recital.

The first basketball game on December 4, though, evidenced a revival in public interest. There was an excellent crowd. However, it remains for the students to continue and forward this support. Public support reflects proportionally the school spirit from within the school.

ACADEMY DEFEATS PRIEST RIVER

On December 11, the Academy Panthers rolled in their third win of the season by defeating the Spartans 42-34.

Coach Jacobsen called on all his reserves for action as the home team continued to show good offensive and defensive play.

Scoring the most points for the Panthers was Jim O'Connell with 16 and Bob Hartz with 8.

The J. V.'s lost their game 36-35 in a fast moving, and at times, a most exciting game.

VARSITY, J.V.'s WIN OPENERS

On December 4, the Academy Panthers hosted the Rathdrum Panthers in the L. V. Brown gym. This was the first game of the basketball season.

Although the Academy playing was good enough to beat the Rathdrum squad, there were many rough edges which will undoubtedly be smoothed off as the season progresses.

The second half was the better of the two as the team under the coaching of Tom Jacobsen seemed to play better ball.

The Academy J.V.'s won the preliminary 20-14.

ALUMNI

NEWS

Barbara Gribnau '58 and Lawrence Hippler were married at St. Thomas Church November 28. Mrs. Larry Sale, (Patricia Gribnau '53) was her sister's matron of honor.

Mrs. Sadie Brooten (Sadie Assad '32) won the first prize in the Coeur d'Alene Division I of the Diocesan Eucharistic Year Essay Contest.

Salie Boughton '57 was among the Gonzaga U. debaters that competed at the Western Speech Association Tournament in Stockton, California on Nov. 23, 24, 25.

Betty Lou Desilet '47 is the new monitor of the Catholic Daughters in Coeur d'Alene.

BOARDERS

HIE HOME

Amid the festivity and preparations for the great feast of the Nativity, there is a special thrill in the season for the boarders. The Christmas party and gift exchange is over, the bags are packed--the boarders are going home for Christmas.

Home? Remember? A place like Costa Mesa, California, where Jo Lancaster lives. There will be no snow there. Our Lord will be born again in the warm sunshine of the South.

Or in the country near the Oregon coast where I live, a peaceful winter green will probably welcome us home. Pat Campbell will have a Merry Christmas in the hustle-bustle of Spokane city. In Blackfoot, Idaho, Sharon Jorges may see lots of snow. In Bonners Ferry, the Hill family will welcome back Doris and Lois, and Eva Lefebvre will rejoin her family circle. Sharon Parker and Pat Driggs are heading for the homey comforts of Sandpoint. Edith Moore will spend her vacation on the plains of Pendleton, Oregon, while Judy Toulou goes to Kewa, Washington, across from the Columbia River.

In all these places and climes it will truly be a wonderful Christmas. Because it is a time, not only for gifts, but a time to be with your family, a time to be home.

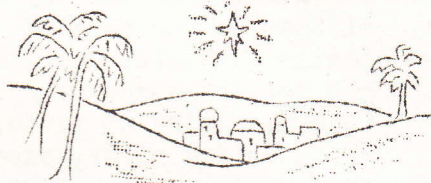
COOKS ARE IN SEASON

With the smell of cookies in the halls, and the sound of the foot steps of busy Home Ec girls preparing for a big Christmas party, everyone knows that the festive day is just around the corner.

The red letter day is December 11, when candy and sandwiches will be served in a typical teenage atmosphere for all of the Home Ec girls.

On the night of the Christmas play, when the school is in a flurry, the girls will give a dinner party for the Sisters.

With these activities, the Home Ec girls will surely be in the true gay and busy spirit of the Christmas season.



--Mary Tanguay

ABOUT THE SQUIRES

--Mike Neeser
Wondering about the newly acquired forest in front of the Church? Don't panic, you're not lost. It's only the beginning of the Squires project for selling Christmas trees.

Clouds Skateland in the Spokane Valley was the scene of the Squires "pre-vacation celebration." Being brave of heart, we skated (or should I say tripped, fell, slid, rolled, and crashed) around the rink for three grueling hours. Liniment, anyone?

The Squires are giving their spare time on Saturdays to helping the volunteers build the new St. Vincent dePaul warehouse. Really a solid construction!



GARRON PLAYS SANTA

Boys and girls in the First Grade have been rehearsing their "Welcome" for the Christmas entertainment which consists of two songs, "Jesus Is Here", and "The Annunciation."

Cast in the leading roles for the operetta "Santa's White Whiskers" are: Paul Gebhart as the Lord High Chamberlain; Donna Shively, Dame Goody; Robert Blessing, the Court Jester; Marjorie Mertens, Mary; Mike Garron, Santa Claus; Christopher Jacobson, the Wigmaker.

Grades One, Two, and Three play the parts of bakers, brownies, fairies, soldiers, and dolls.

KBU SENT REPRESENTATIVE

On December 10, Dr. H. E. Leffel, representative of Kinman Business University of Spokane, spoke to the upperclassmen interested in a business career.

He showed slides taken on his recent trip to New York and spoke about KBU. He also showed the students new inventions that aid the members of the business world, such as a hand adding machine, and an electric typewriter eraser. Dr. Leffel also left post cards requesting further information about the University.

CLUBS AID DRIVE

The DeSales Club is sponsoring a drive to collect \$120 to buy "Hi Time". "Hi Time" is a Catholic magazine and will be sent to all Catholics of high-school age not attending a parochial school. To accompany the magazine will be a letter inviting the recipients to join the DeSales Club.

The Squires have decided to aid the worthy drive by selling Christmas trees and donating the profit to the DeSales drive.

Girls Sing

St. Thomas Children's Choir will sing the Midnight Mass and carols preceding. High school girls in the choir are: Alice and Diane Baurenfiend, Christine Mihelich, Mary Ann Mason, Marilyn Roche, and Elane Fredrickson.

Organists for Midnight and morning Masses are Agnes Roche, Mary Ann Mertens, and Jo Ellen Holzer.



FREDDI'S FROLICS

-- Elane Fredrickson

Monday is a bad day for everybody at the Academy. The Sisters wonder what's wrong with us; we wonder what's wrong with us. Everybody goes around with murder in their eyes and despair in their hearts.

Maybe an insight into the previous week-end would reveal something. Let's look at the ways we while away those gentle hours of reprieve. Friday after school there's the weekly fourteen block unlimited dash to Louie's for a coke--kind of a nervewracking event in itself. If you don't win, it's so unbelievably discouraging, having to wait for that coke and all.

Then there's the basketball game Friday night. Here is where our health really begins to deteriorate--nerves are shattered, hearing impaired, limbs torn and beaten by some enthusiast sitting next to us. That's not all--there's the Teen Club and crushed insteps yet to come. Finally we stagger home dutifully to the late late early show on Four, and suffer eye-strain for the noble sake of "Ambush at Thunder Gulch Ranch".....or something.....

Saturday is the day we Acamedians extend our personalities to the rest of the world--we go downtown and jostle with the multitudes, or we work at some humble job for Christmas money. Either way it's hard on us, though. We're so timid. Saturday night usually repeats Friday night, except the game may be out of town; then we have to start a family crisis and wage a war for a ride "just over to Mullan, dad."

Sunday, adding to the eye-strain, deafness, headaches, nervous conditions, and other affectations, we finish off our self-destruction by spraining a thumb in a car door or getting sick on pizza--usually something colorful like that.

Then Sunday night after rushing home from DeSales.. and Louie's.. and the drag..we do our homework. If there is any mental or physical stamina left after the stress and strain of the week-end, that homework finishes it. We are old men and haggard women by the time we put down the pencils and drop into bed Monday morn.. I mean Sunday night.

No wonder we're the way we are Monday morning!

TOP STUDENTS RATE RECOGNITION

At the end of the second six weeks marking period, the following students ranked as top three in their respective classes.

Seniors: Agnes Roche, Marsha Erickstein, James O'Connell.

Juniors: Elane Fredrickson, James Wilhelm, Judy Anderson.

Sophomores: Elizabeth Fitchner, Leon DeMar, Nancy Kenck.

Freshmen: Christine Mihelich, Marilyn Roche, Mary Ann Mertens.