

PAST EDITORS SHARE HONORS

HULTNER

SCORES HIGH

One senior at the Academy has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for a superior performance in a nation-wide test of education development. The senior honored is Kathleen Hultner.

Kathleen, who has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, was the Idaho runner-up in the 1958-59 Merit Scholarship Competition. President of NMSC, John Stalnaker, believes that the 10,000 students who received the commendation rank in the top two or three per cent in ability of the senior students in their respective states.

"These students should be given every encouragement to continue with their education," he said.

DWORSHAK NAMES NAU

Word was received here on Monday, February 2, that senior, Dennis Nau has been selected for an appointment to the Air Force Academy in Colorado. Dennis is among eleven Idaho candidates chosen. He was nominated by U.S. Senator Henry C. Dworshak.

All applicants will be given four-day examinations in Seattle, Washington, next month. Final appointments will be made in May.

Both students served as "Laurel" co-editors last year and compiled excellent school records over a four-year period.

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JUNIORS EDIT "LAUREL"

At a Press Club meeting, February 2, "The Laurel" staff for 1959 was disclosed. New staff members will publish the monthly edition for a year.

Those appointed co-editors are Agnes Roche and Marsha Erickstein. To serve as news editors are Lois Hill and Maureen McMahon; feature editors are Elane Fredrickson, Margaret Nielsen, and Michael Neeser; sports editors appointed are James O'Connell and Tim Crowder. In charge of art is Mary Beth Crowley. Exchange is to be handled by Judith Schneberger and Karen Marchand. Responsible for "The Laurel" production are Sue Koep, Alice Macy, Diane Weber, Ed Schaffner.

The new co-editors, Agnes Roche and Marsha Erickstein, maintain "A" plus averages in English. Both were appointed on the basis of scholastic achievement and previously proven school spirit and enthusiasm.

ACADEMY COPS TWO HIGHEST AWARDS

In the annual essay contest sponsored by the Mayor's Committee for Employment of the Physically Handicapped and Older Workers, Carole Asplund, senior, won first place and a \$100 scholarship.

Second prize, a \$50 gift certificate, was won by Dennis Nau, also a member of the Senior Class.

Thirty-two entries were made in the county competition; eleven were submitted by Academy juniors and seniors.

Awards are to be presented at the VFW banquet on February 21.

WEST GREET'S EAST

With the lofty pines heavily laden with snow and words of greeting from the Sisters and students at the Academy, Sister M. Beata and Sister M. St. Mary arrived on February 17, during the winter's worst snow storm, for a visit to the western missions. Sister M. Hermine, who will replace Sister M. Angelus in Saint Thomas School, was a third traveller.

The Sisters will travel to Boise and Twin Falls in Idaho, and visit the schools in Portland and Gresham, Oregon, as well.

Because of the distance involved and the infrequency of such visits, our Sisters are warmly received and doubly welcome in the West.

HOLD TO THE PATH OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE

Catholic Press Month for Lenten Reading

Why take time to read a Catholic newspaper or magazine? It would seem to most of us that school and homework give us enough to do, and having the benefit of a Catholic education, gives us all we need to know about our faith.

It's true that each student receives an invaluable instruction from every religion class, but it would be impossible to cover every phase of our religion. For example, the Church in relation to world and social problems. Our Catholic papers today print the news in an unbiased form, and with views that are in conformity with our religion.

Lent is an opportune time to form a habit of serious thinking and reading. Ignore the cheap and obscene literature so abundant on our newstands today. Look to the Catholic Press for the best possible reading anywhere and you will be following the right path--that of truth and justice.

LET IT SNOW!

As "The Laurel" goes to press, reluctant Academy students are missing classes for the third day. A major snowstorm is the cause of the prolonged holiday.

Many enthusiasts of the harder winter sports

have headed for the snowy hills for the thrill of a rapid descent via toboggan.

The new "Laurel" staff has utilized the extra time in bringing out their first issue early!

A HAIRY TALE

Young and beautiful socialite, Miss Van Riding Hood of Boston, was recently overtaken in the woods by mobster Wolfinski while taking some goodies to her grandmother. Wolfinski, who has been trying unsuccessfully for twenty years to monopolize the taking-of-goodies-to-grandmothers business in Boston, tricked Miss Van Riding Hood into revealing her destination, then drove quickly to Grandmother Van Riding Hood's house. Once there he bound Grandmother Van Riding Hood, and disguised himself. But Wolfinski was unsuccessful again. Miss Van Riding Hood recognized him at once and called for help.

Later, after she had been rescued she was heard to have said, "I just knew it wasn't my grandmother."

MID-TERM HIGHEST NAMED

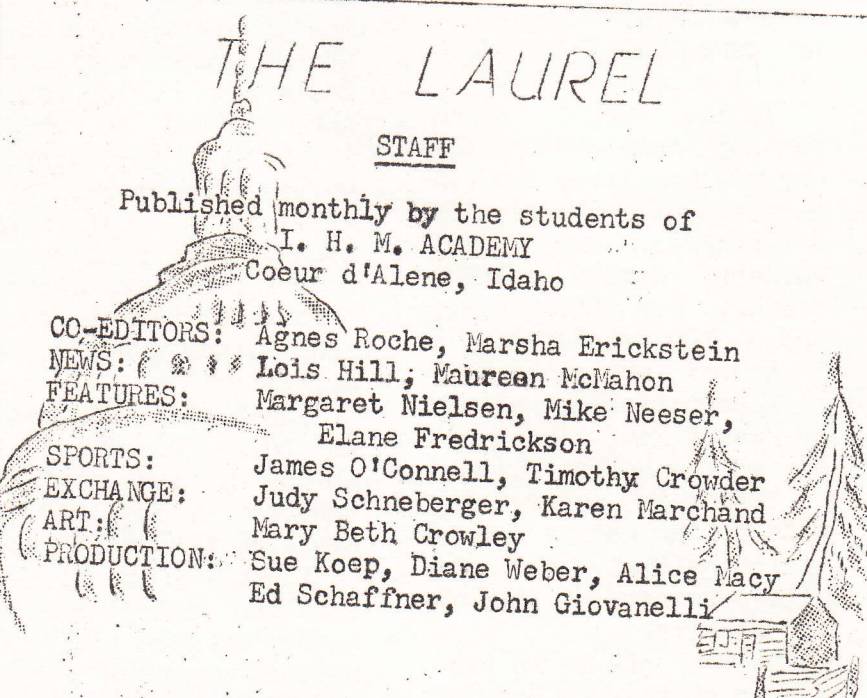
Placed first, second and third in the scholastic race of the first semester were the following seniors: Dennis Nau, Kathleen Hultner, and Ja-Nee Russell. In the junior class, high honors were earned by Marsha Erickstein, Agnes Roche, and James O'Connell. The top sophomores were Elane Fredrickson, Susanna Wienmann and Judith Anderson. In the freshman class Nancy Kerck, Elizabeth Fitchner and John Mufich were in the lead.

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"The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance!"



PANTHERSCOPE



by Jim O'Connell

As another month whizzes by, Dave Sonnichsen and Gordon Hoffmann are presented as our feature topic. Without doubt, this is not to our dismay for these two represent quite a bit of action both in sports and school affairs.

Dave, though, being the youngest of the seniors, has been a big gun in the success of the Academy sports parade. Last fall, he maintained the quarterback spot on the grid team; now it's the guard position on the first five of the Panther basketball squad. Dave started out with a bang this season and scored 19 points in our first basketball contest. He has continued thus far with a fine display of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Gordie Hoffmann might be considered as an interesting individual constantly on the move. During football, this was a handy asset. Generally, he was always in the way of his opponents. Gordie is also a member of the basketball squad. He hasn't seen as much action as the regulars, but Gordie is recognized as one of the best of the defensive players. He has been a big sparkplug behind the Panther's success.

This is the end of a series describing and giving some recognition to the seniors for their athletic endeavors. Undoubtedly their influence has been felt and recognized in Academy sports, but also they have been big factors in producing a fine grade of leadership for the I. H. M.

ACADEMY TOPS MULLAN 58-44

With Gary Batchelder sinking 6 field goals and 6 free throws the Academy Panthers defeated the Mullan Tigers in a fast-moving game in Brown Gym on January 30. I.H.M. dominated the board during most of the game. John Andres scored on nine out of nine free throws.

The Academy Junior Varsity lost theirs 49 - 42.

TEAM DEFENSE WINS FOR I.H.M.

The Academy defeated Priest River 43 - 39 by a showing of fine defensive work to make their record 14 wins, 2 losses. This thriller, witnessed by an almost capacity crowd was played February 6 in Brown Gymnasium. High point man was Gary Batchelder with 16.

In the preliminary game, Priest River Junior Varsity came from behind to win 41 - 38

I.H.M. TROMPS CLARK FORK

The I. H. M. Academy rolled to a 75-49 win at Clark Fork. The Panthers put on a strong offensive show in tallying their highest score of the year.

I.H.M. jumped to a 32-20 lead at halftime and continued right on lengthening the margin in the remainder of the game.

Jim O'Connell and Gary Batchelder paced the Academy Panthers with 29 and 19 points respectively.

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PANTHERS TOPPLED

The St. Maries' Lumberjacks squeezed by the Panthers of I. H. M., 41-43, at the River City. The hosts displayed a strong running game and hit a considerable better percentage of field goals than did the Panthers.

These proved to be the decisive factors, though at one time in the fourth quarter, one point separated the teams.

The halftime score favored the Lumberjacks, 15-13, Gary Batchelder paced the Panthers 12 points.

The I.H.M. J.V.'s won the preliminary, 40 - 36, led by Bob Hartz with 14.

ACADEMY DEFEATS ST. MARIES

Academy defeated the St. Maries Lumberjacks, February 13, in Brown gym to even the score for a loss the panthers suffered two weeks ago, 41-34.

The Academy won by use of strong defensive play, sparked by Batchelder's 23 points and Andres' 20. I. H. M. used teamwork to great advantage both on offence and defence.

Name	Pos.	Pts.
Batchelder	G	22
O'Connell	C	4
Sonnichsen	G	11
Andres	F	20
Dawson	G	4
Neeser	G	1

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Neeser	G	3
O'Connell	C	29
Kom	F	5
Dawson	G	6
Andres	F	13

Alumni News

Rodney Newby '58 joined the Navy and left on February 13, for boot camp in San Diego.

Robert Jacobs '56 was home for a two week leave. He has returned to Fallon, Nevada, where his squadron will be stationed for the next four months.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Skresreig (Kathleen Reis '47) a son, William Arthur.

Mrs. John Millheisler (Marlene Nielsen '53) was March of Dimes chairman for the polio drive in Coeur d'Alene. Mrs. George Nielsen (Esther Streeter '28) and Mrs. George Sonnichsen (Dorothy Farin '31) were among the team captains in the city drive.

Patricia Gribnau '53 and Larry Sale of Clarkston, Washington, were married on January 24, at St. Thomas Church.

Salie Boughton '57, a sophomore arts and science student at Gonzaga, narrated a television show for KXLY-TV. She is vice president of the Little Theater group.

TWO ATTEND CLUB DINNER

Dr. Walter Matson presented Academy students, Jim Conrow and Joe Dawson, to the Kiwanis Club of Coeur d'Alene at a dinner, February 11.

At the conclusion of the meal, Mr. Backman of the Washington Water Power addressed the group. His topic was "Development of Electricity in the Inland Empire."

LINES ON LENT

Lent. Who knows the origin of this four letter word? But with six weeks of sacrifice and prayer, there will be an understanding. It brings us to the realization that those things which seem to be necessary to us are the least important. The material world seems constantly to invade our resolutions with offers of sensual pleasures.

It is hard for the habitual smoker to pass up that after-school smoke; and how difficult to roll out of bed in the wee hours of morning and tramp to church in icy weather. Some teenagers will give up all social activities--that takes real effort.

The small acts of self-denial which are offered to Christ during Lent are our proof of love for Him. He knows that these mortifications may not seem like much, but they are the props which will raise us to the higher levels of friendship with God.

PROJECTS FOR FAIR BEGUN

The North Idaho Science Fair will be held in Coeur d'Alene at North and South Junior High Schools, on March 14-15. Each participant will receive a certificate of participation and there will be opportunities for them to attend science programs in the auditoriums.

To the senior grades, ten through twelve, there will be thirty-two awards including three prizes in each of the four divisions, physical, earth, and biological sciences, and group projects; and twenty honorable mention ribbons. To one boy and one girl a grand prize will be awarded.

In the Junior division, fourteen awards will be made plus honorable mentions; intermediate awards will include thirteen prizes and twenty honorable mentions; primary awards will be ten, plus twenty honorable mentions.

Sister Barbara reports that biology and chemistry classes are working on exhibits.

DRILLERS END SEASON WITH NEW OFFICERS

In tune with the new semester and the newly appointed "Laurel" staff, new things are happening to the drill team. Thursday, January 28, the first annual banquet was held at Shady Rest, during which the drill team leader and officers were elected. The new officers are: president, Sharon O'Connell; vice president, Margaret Nielsen; secretary-treasurer, Marsha Erickstein and drill leader, Sue Koep.

The election was accompanied by a ceremony at which Mr. Koep presented Yvonne Cloutier, out-going president, with a small trophy, a token of appreciation.

On Saturday, January 31, the girls drilled for the first time in their new uniforms. The uniforms, consisting of light blue pleated skirts and white overblouses, were paid for with the money realized at the Alumni Dance which was held during Christmas vacation.

FACULTY DANCE PRE-LENTEN ATTRACTION

Many students of I.H.M. Academy danced in a lovely setting of smoldering red lights at the Faculty Dance held on February 9. The teachers and class officers were responsible for arranging the entertainment.

For the slight charge of 35 cents, eight door prizes were given away at intervals during the evening. Dancing was provided by the latest popular records and was made more interesting by elimination dances, a snowball dance, and a few ladies' choices.

First door prize winner, Beverly Irons, won five (empty) boxes of candy left over from the hot dog sale.

Paul Plante was winner of the title "Best Looking Man at the Dance". Mary Dell Rarick was privileged to exchange places in class with Jack Russell.

The faculty came up with a new cure for non-dancers--a penny for each dance sat out.

At closing time, senior class president, Dennis Nau commented on the good spirit displayed by the students.

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Thirty days hath September
April, June, and no
wonder.

All the rest have peanut
butter,

Except my grandmother,
who has a little red
tricycle.

"Truth is generally the
best vindication against
slander"--Abraham Lincoln

freddi's frolics

by Elane Fredrickson

With exams now in the hazy and golden past, we can afford a smug peek at the unintended humor that we couldn't appreciate when it entered the grim scene.

From information gleaned from the soph biology tests, Sister Barbara compiled a dictionary presenting a few good ways to spell "mosquito"--misscetta, maskita, masecto, or myscito.

When Sister Spiritus was asked to quote any amusing anecdotes from her American Government tests, she said that every anecdote she could recall was more tragic than amusing.

During the black hours of exams one ought to take note of the faces that pass before him in the halls, each wearing its own significant expression. The death-like palor and low hanging eyelids told us that one TV fiend regrettably preferred the late show to cramming. And the ho-hum-just-another-day air of some gave evidence that amidst our population we had either geni or morons. Only the faculty looked genuinely pleased with themselves. Gloating, maybe?

But by the time the mid-yearly trials were over, everyone welcomed back the blissful monotony of every day hum-drum.

Seniors try "operation"

Two prominent members of the senior class, Jim Conrow and Jeannette Cary, spent a considerable portion of exam week recuperating from visits to the local hospital.

The appalling fact that the tests would be administered anyway did not retard their recovery, for they are both back, well, happy, and ready for their final semester.

ANNUAL READY FOR PRINTER

Ja-Nee Russell and Jim Conrow, co-editors of the "Le Coeur", have announced that copy is ready to meet the printers March 1 deadline.

The 1959 edition will have four additional pages of activities and two extra blank pages for "signing".

Members of the student body who have not yet subscribed for the yearbook should contact either Ann Fitchner or Dolores Jacobs immediately.

CLASSES, TEACHERS CHANGE

The new semester brought two changes in the Academy faculty. A business math class replaced the art class taught first semester by Mrs. John Mufich.

Dramatics has been resumed as a daily class for seniors under Mrs. D. Boughton.

HOW TO LOSE WEIGHT

--Leon DeMar

To lose weight effectively you have to worry. Experts have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that people who worry lose weight. In twenty-five percent of the cases tested the patient usually dies, he gets so thin.

For example, have someone go and fool around with your gas stove. Then jump into bed and worry about it. Don't get out of bed--that's cheating. In the morning, if the gas was turned off, you will have lost from ten to thirty-five pounds. On the other hand, if the gas was on, they will just have to find a coffin your size.

SPACE ESSAYS READIED

"The Space Age--Challenge to America" is the topic for the annual essay contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The contest is open to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

All essays must be submitted by March 15.

THREE ENROLLED

Students recently enrolled in the Academy are Linda Koontz, junior, and her sister, Kathy, freshman. Both are from Holy Names Academy in Spokane. Sharon Jorges, a sophomore from Blackfoot, Idaho, is a boarding student who last attended St. Mary's at Wasatch.

SOPH SLANTS

The long awaited and much heralded experiment on the frog brought to a close the sophomores' careers in biology dissecting. Since January they have completed dissections of an earthworm, a grasshopper, a fish, and a frog. Some collectors boast of their victims' eyeballs as souvenirs. Ghouls.

In Literature class they've just finished the colorful tales of King Arthur's Round Table. Perhaps Sister Spiritus had hopes of raising her Sir Sophomores' ideals to the lofty heights of those of the Round Table

The never-end struggle with Caesar continues in full glory--or gory--in Latin II. Venimus, vidimus, vicimus--voluimus!

TO SUBMIT PORTFOLIOS

Kathleen Hultner and Dennis Nau entered portfolios to the Elks Leadership Contest. These portfolios contained information concerning their work in extra-curricular activities as essays, membership in school clubs, and special honors achieved in scholastic or civic work.

The first county award is .25. Two entries will be forwarded for state competition.

facts for february DID YOU KNOW?

That Abraham Lincoln paid fifty cents for his first law book "Blackstone's Commentaries."

That George Washington owned slaves and refused to be made king of the colonies.

That while in the West, Theodore Roosevelt helped capture a band of thieves

That Benjamin Franklin was the one who brought about harmony at the Constitutional Convention.

That Columbus actually discovered America at ten o'clock at night.

CONDOLENCE

The faculty and students of the Academy extend sincere sympathy to Sister M. Angelus on the death of her father, and to Diane Weber '60 on the death of her father.

MAKE

YOUR LENTEN SACRIFICE

A GIFT TO THE

BISHOPS' RELIEF FUND

TODAY!

BATHING A DOG

--Joe Webb

A big tub, scrub brush, flea soap, and nerves of steel--these are the necessary tools for operation flea-bite.

Instructions -- first, chase dog until he is tired out; throw dog in tub; chase dog again; throw dog in tub; chase dog again. Give up and take a bath yourself.