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## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT — IT'S ADVENT

Advent is a time of prayer and sacrifice, but at the same time a joyous season of expectation of the coming of Christ.

During the four weeks of Advent, acts of self-denial and positive acts of virtue are earnestly fulfilled throughout the world. The Son of God is coming and the best individual preparations are being made.

One of the many practices of Christian families is the Advent wreath the symbol of the eternity and immutability of God. By the lighting of one candle a week, many show their hope and trust in the redemption of man.

Many gifts will be received on Christmas morn, but the gift of true sacrifice and love will be the most cherished of all.

## CHRISTMAS DANCE INVITES YOU !!

The Christmas dance sponsored by the Junior class will be held Wednesday, December 18, in the Brown Gymnasium. The dance is scheduled to be from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. The admission will be \$.50 per person or \$.75 a couple.

The juniors ask the boys to wear white shirts and ties and the girls dressy dresses.

## ACADEMY HONOR STUDENTS START NEW TRADITION

Most IHM students, who had eagerly awaited their second report cards for the year, were disappointed to find that they had been mailed to their parents. This "heart rending" news was conveyed to them at an assembly held November 27 in Brown Gym. At the assembly, Sister Avellina, principal, told the student body that a few new rules had been added to Academy regulations and that these were made known to the parents in a letter enclosed with the mailed report cards.

Students present also learned of a new practice being started at IHM. Those receiving high honors and second honors for each six-weeks period will receive a certificate of merit. First to receive these certificates and to start the new tradition were the following:

Seniors: second honors, Mary Kiernan, Barbara Scharff, and Pam Peters.

Juniors: high honors Gary Haler, Marilyn Gross, Janice McGregor, Cathy Palmer, Jay Snyder, and Linda Roberts. Second honors, Gary O'Connell and Mike Susalla.

Sophomores: high honors, John Hartnett, Robin Hultner and Valerie McRill. Second honors, Ann MacDonald, John Wakefield, Mary Ann Cieryca and Linda McDonell.

Freshmen: high honors, Robert McFarland, Janice Smith, Jim Hofmeister, and Mark Ballantyne. Second honors: Phylis Bauman, Linda Blessing, Leslie Frajio, Cynthia Carlson, and Christine Koontz.

## ANNUAL STAFF DECLARED RECENTLY

The staff for the Le Coeur was recently announced by Sister M. Mariel, advisor.

Those chosen include Barbara Scharff and Theresa Smith, co-editors; Pam Peters, Diane Wachter, Kathy Kryger, and Judy Gehlen, page make-up committee; Mary Kiernan and Charlotte Arney, write-ups, Maureen McDonell and Cathy Heriza, Advertising; Marge McCormick, subscriptions, Tim Rarick and John Michelich, sports; and Jim Fromm, photography.

A representative of Dorian Studios was present at IHM on Wednesday, December 11, to take the necessary pictures for the annual.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS!

All library books must be returned by December 20. If it is necessary to check books out for the holidays, permission may be obtained from the librarian.

# REFLECTIONS ON DEATH

John Fitzgerald Kennedy was only forty-six years old - now he is dead.

The eulogy has been proclaimed in the churches and synagogues, the Kaddish has been chanted over the grave and the day of public mourning is passed. Yes, the priests, ministers, and rabbis have done their job well, now it is our turn. Let us think back to November 22.....we were all shocked, silenced, and deeply saddened. Why?

Did we wear the same shocked expressions of grief last summer when the newspapers all across the country proclaimed the murder of Negro leader, Medgar Evers? He was a man also....Did we cry for justice when on a Sunday, not many weeks ago, the radios screamed the report that four little girls were killed in a church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama. They were the daughters of men, they were in the house of God..... Did we shout in anger when a 13 year old boy was shot to death at a candy store - because his skin was black? He was a son of man.....

John Kennedy died. He died from the same hatred and the same shot that killed Medgar Evers; he died from the same hatred that threw the bomb into the Birmingham church. This was a powerful, extremist, illogical hatred.

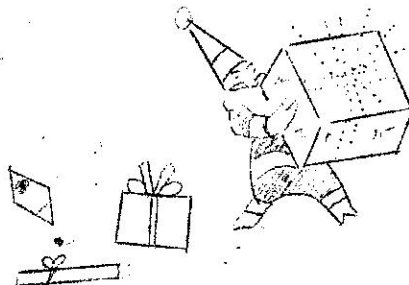
Reflect for a few moments, fellow students, reflect upon that sort of hatred. Death is not an abstraction, or a number that is to be counted and casually filed. Each and every death has an effect upon us in some way. We are humanity, and we are one less. But death also brings realization. After pausing to examine death, stop, look to life. Perhaps someday you will be given chance to crush the hatred which occasionally brings death, and which all too frequently brings injury and humiliation worse than death.

We are alive.

"The torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans....."

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month we decided to offer you, the reader, something out of the ordinary. What? A personal interview with Santa----- that's what! Maureen will be making a special trip to the North Pole next week to bring this unique program to you over the air. Cathy will be here at school and when she contacts Maureen, the interview will be broadcasted to you live over



the P. A. Stay tuned to hear what Santa will have to say about the weather, his route to Coeur d'Alene and other news items, over the "Hertz-donell" radio station.

# HAMLET

## THE HAMSTER

To most of us Hamlet is a shakespearean character, but to the students of the biology lab he is a friendly little hamster.

He generally does his sleeping during the day but since he has been at the Academy he has spent most of his days entertaining the students with his antics and seeing how much he can eat at one time. Up to this time he has gotten 150 pellets at once.

I am sure that when he goes home next summer with his owner, Robin Hultner, he will miss all the attention he received from the Academy students.

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OPEN LETTER TO COACHES OF  
ACADEMY OPPONENTS:

# TIM RARICK RECEIVES CECIL HARE AWARDS

The Members of the IHM Football team received their bars and letters Monday, December 9. Tim Rarick, senior quarterback, was the first recipient of the annual Cecil Hare Inspirational Award, and also the first annual Cecil Hare Outstanding Player Award.

The Inspirational Award was donated by the Academy Boosters and the Outstanding Player Award was given by the Coeur d' Alene Quarterback Club.

Dee Andros, University of Idaho Football coach, was the guest speaker. Andros emphasized that colleges are looking for the boy who desires to play and who wants to dedicate himself to the game, body, mind, and heart.

Other speakers included Bob Maker, Coeur d' Alene Sports Editor; Mark Huetter; and Father Lassell.

The awards were presented by Mrs. Hare.

# ACADEMY TOPS SPARTANS

The IHM Academy Panthers opened their 1963 basketball campaign with a resounding 58-32 victory over the Priest River Spartans at Priest River, December 13. The game was close throughout the first half with both teams making many mistakes. However, it was a different story in the second half as the Panthers broke loose and won going away. The Academy dominated the boards throughout the game which was a big part of the victory.

Senior pivotman, Don Anderson led a balanced scoring attack with 13; and 6'3" sophomore John Miller tallied 10.

# PANTHERS SET RECORD 92-54

The Panthers of IHM set what is believed to be a school scoring record as they smothered the Wampus Cats from Clark Fork 92 - 54, Saturday December 14. Academy scored the first bucket and poured through 23 points in the first period. The Cats led by center Paul Hanna never made a serious threat after the first quarter as the Panthers shot an amazing 60 % from the floor.

With a 15 point margin at half time, the Panther coach, Gene Miller substituted freely, and the Academy still pushed through 20 points in the third and 19 in the fourth.

An enthusiastic crowd cheered wildly as John Miller scored the 90th point on a free throw.

Don Anderson again led the scoring parade with 20 points, followed by Jim Fromm and John Miller with 14 and 17.

Gentlemen:

What I am going to say in this letter can be summed up in two words-"LOOK OUT". The Academy Panthers start their season this week and they are a different bunch than you played last year. Some of them remember the contest of last year and they have firm convictions of avenging those defeats. They have their sights set for their best season in many years and they have the material to do just that.

I've seen these boys practice fellas, and I'll give you a few tips. You'd better practice your team about two hours more each night, really fire them up and play like you never did before if you even plan to come close to their score.

Now, I'm not trying to scare you guys. I'm just giving you the facts. I just don't think you can stop that Panther team. They're a hard fighting, spirited group as you know from football, and they're the same on the court. They run, pass, shoot, rebound and play defense like machines. I'm sorry fellas, but the best I can say for your teams is "Good Luck!"

Sincerely,  
Tim Rarick

## GAMES AHEAD

### Christmas Tournament:

Deary ..... Dec. 27  
Kootenai ..... and  
Mullan ..... Dec. 28  
Academy

(Played at Harrison)

### Regular Games:

St. Maries ..... Jan. 3  
Plummer ..... Jan. 4

# EULOGY TO OUR BELOVED, LATE PRESIDENT

Who was John Fitzgerald Kennedy? John Fitzgerald Kennedy was the symbol of America, the grandson of an Irish immigrant, he became the 35th President of the United States. His father, Joseph P. Kennedy, became one of the richest men in America. Is there a greater example of America as the "Land of Opportunity?" God has bestowed many gifts on John Kennedy as He has on America. The President was youthful, intelligent, witty, a handsome, clean-cut American. He had a beautiful wife and two wonderful children.

John Kennedy was a leader. He sought the awesome responsibilities of the presidency so that he could fight for the things he believed in. Talking about an issue wasn't enough. He went to the top and did something about it.

John Kennedy was a statesman. He showed wisdom and skill in conducting state affairs with the nations of the world. Confronted with the Cuban crisis he acted boldly and courageously in the face of danger. He would have risked nuclear war rather than see the freedom and ideals of his country slowly ebb away.

John Kennedy was a politician. He knew that if he spearheaded the touchy issue of racial equality he would lose votes and popularity, yet, he had the courage to stand up for what he thought was morally right.

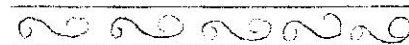
"Ask not what your

# NEW CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS EXPOUNDED

During the month of December various religious groups called families bring the evergreen into their churches called homes. There it is placed in a life preserving liquid called water. The high priest then searches the Hidden Chambers called attic and basement for gifts called decorations to give to the god Evergreen.

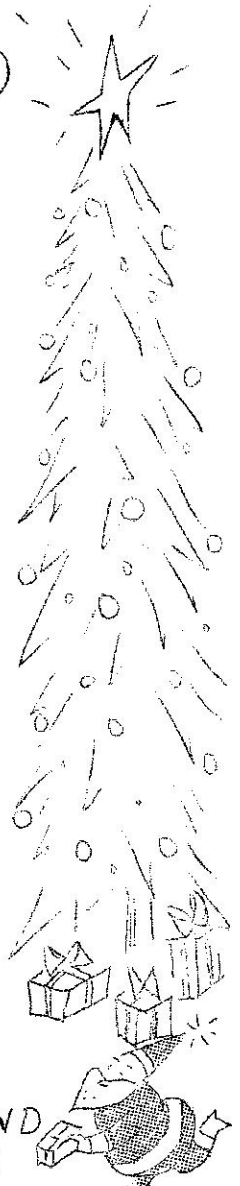
These gifts are beautiful and expensive but mostly expensive. That is why the same gifts are given to the god each year. Among the gifts are illuminating devices called Christmas tree lights. These signify beauty. Next comes the hanging of balls of the many colors. During this part of the ceremony, one of the balls is broken. This signifies sorrow because they cost \$4.98 a dozen. After the breaking, silent words meant to cast a spell are said by the breaker.

The final part of the ceremony now takes place. It consists of the casting of the silver strings which signifies nothing, and the crowning of the evergreen. This part of the ceremony is the most dangerous for the high priest. If he does it properly, he will receive praise and honor; if he fails, he will be beaten badly and ejected from the home.



country can do for you, but rather, what you can do for your country", are the often quoted words of John Kennedy. Lee Harvey Oswald could only ask what his country could do for him. When it wouldn't give in to the whims of a traitor Lee Harvey Oswald took out his anger in revenge.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy the man, is dead. But the ideals, the courage, and the symbol this man represented will never die in the hearts of America and the people of the world. A man with the courage of his convictions will always command respect. John Fitzgerald Kennedy is a splendid example of this fact.



## BITS AND PIECES

Sign in a bakery window:  
Cakes, 66¢. Upside down  
cakes, 99¢.

Sign on the back of a  
trailer on a Semi: "If you  
can't stop, please smile  
as you go under."

Sign on a Tulsa Fire Es-  
cape: "Fire Escape. High  
Voltage. Keep off."

An optimist is a fisherman  
who takes a camera with  
him.

If medical science doesn't  
stop making us live long-  
er, our grandchildren will  
be telling us to go pay  
off the National Debt our-  
selves.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cope celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary on November 17. Rev. Edward Cope '30 of Detroit read the anniversary Mass and joined his brother Robert '30 and sisters Frances Cope '24, Mrs. K. Rassley (Katherine Cope '22) and Mrs. H. Williams (Agnes Cope '33) of Missoula, Montana, and nephew Thomas Rassley '48 of Cashmere, Washington in a family reunion and celebration.

Mrs. Sherry Mudd (Sherry Larson '61) is working at The Spokane Eastern Bank.

An engagement has been announced between Lt. J.G. Eugene Kryger '57 and Michele Gallivan '60. The wedding will take place on December 28, at St. Thomas Church.

Captain 1st Class Edward Schaffner '60 is home on leave from the Air Force. On December 20, he will report to his new assignment in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Desmond Twohy '63 is working at Northwest Timber Company.

Katherine Chandler '62 is working at the Bon Marche in Seattle and attending high school at Highline Junior College.

### Condolence

The faculty and students extend sincere sympathy to James Fromm '64 on the death of his grandmother; to Justin MacMillan '15 on the death of his son; and to Linda Walter on the death of her grandmother.

## COUNCIL QUESTIONS REMAIN UNANSWERED

How much power should bishops be allowed to exercise? Are the Jews to be blamed for the crucifixion of Christ? Will the language of the Mass be changed? These are only a few of the important questions discussed at the Second Ecumenical Council held in Rome.

The bishops are asking that they have more power over their diocese instead of referring to the Pope for diocesan matters.

Also being discussed is whether the Jews of today will still continue to be blamed for the death of Christ. It is being argued that the Jews be "excused" from this accusation.

An issue already decided upon is that concerning the language spoken in the Mass. It was agreed that a priest be allowed to speak in the tongue of the country in which he is stationed, rather than the customary Latin. It was also decided that the priest may face the congregation during Mass.

The Council will convene again next September.

## DONORS CONTRIBUTE BEEF RECIPES

The Academy Homemaking Class recently received a file of Beef Recipes for each of the students with the compliments of Idaho Cowbells and Idaho Cattlemen's Association. Mrs. John Hartle of Hayden Lake delivered the files to the school and the Homemaking Class. The girls wish to thank Mrs. Hartle and the donors.

## VARIETY SHOWN AT PERFORMANCES

The IHM Academy presented its annual recital on November 26.

Margaret McCormick and John Jaeger, seniors, and Suzanne Isaacson, Freshman, displayed their talents. The Glee Club, under direction of Sr. Alphonsa, sang a variety of songs at the opening and closing of the program.

The Glee Club's next performance will be held on December 19 when the Christmas play will be unfolded before the audience in the L. V. Brown Gymnasium.

## BOOK REVIEW

The Woman God Loved  
by Marge McCormick

The saintly dedication of a young French girl, Anne-Marie Javourney, was to be the cause of almost unbearable torments as related in The Woman God Loved by Glen D. Kettler. It was her zealous desire to help people and to bring souls to God that led Anne-Marie to the far off jungles from her native France. God gave her many trials but He also gave her the fulfillment of her dream of conversion for the savage inhabitants of this strange new world. Because of her miraculous intercessions, she was declared "blessed" in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

## CAN YOU IMAGINE?

The French II class, not celebrating St. Wenceslaus Day?

Driving a stagecoach on a California freeway during the rush hour?

# SHORT STORY ONLY FOR PEOPLE...

## CONTEST WINNER !!!

### THE UNREPENTENT SINNER

The snow drifts quietly down upon the evergreens and darkness is just beginning to lift its veil. There is a shimmer of light seen through the woods. There, in the clearing, is a small cottage. It is quite simple both inside and out: the livingroom, though it is Christmas day, shows no sign of the festive occasion. The furnishings, though modern, give one the impression of bleakness; it is as if the place is uninhabited, yet it is not. No, a lone man, the prototype of Ebenezer Scrooge, has a sort of vegetal existence here.

He eats, sleeps, hunts and tends his fields. His days are the same, with few--if any, variations. This day is the same as the other six days of the week for him, but in a few hours there will be an intrusion into his atheistic mind. For once in his life he will turn away from his human seclusion and God-less pattern of life; and he will invoke God, not in anger but in fearful supplication in time of need. In a few hours he will discover that this December 25 will be his last day on this earth as a human composed of a body and a soul. God, in His infinite justice, will hurl death into his face at his most unsuspecting hour. There he will lay, cold and wet, with no

A sigh went up from the classes, an announcement was made over the intercom. The juniors are having their annual Christmas dance. "Will he? Will he? Or will I have to go stag?" That is the thought going through every girl's mind. The Christmas dance always stirs up excitement in the school especially among the females.

After the first thought comes a second thought. What will I wear? Every girl rushes home to search desperately through her wardrobe only to come up with the inevitable solution, "Mom, I just don't have a thing to wear to the dance. I've gotta have a new dress, everyone else will."

Finally the big night arrives. You have exactly 2 hours, 52½ minutes, and 21 seconds until that lucky guy who asked to escort you to the dance will be there to pick you up. Now if you can possibly fit everything you have to do into that short period of time, you won't have him waiting any more than half an hour. MEANWHILE the boy who has been taking this all very calmly (Jitter, Jitter) is thinking "How full of pins and needles can a normally soft cushion be?"

A rap at the door, a swift, swish of skirts and they're off for an enjoyable evening of dancing, and pleasure--they hope! Among the last to arrive, they quickly join the others to make up for lost time.

After the last dance, the light comes glaringly on to show the wreck of what once was a nice looking bunch of kids. Punch stained skirts and suits, scuffed shoes, if you can find them, sore feet, and pairs of slightly?...run nylons, are the disheveled reproduction of what went in. At the end of the evening the only remark we could distinguish was a sigh of ecstasy!

## CHRISTMAS DENOTES SPIRITUAL WORK

Christmas is the merriest, most looked-for, most prepared-for, most observed day in all the year. But do you realize, how deep and vital a spir-

human to whom he can turn for aid. Just himself and God. But why should he now turn to this Omnipotent Being when all his life he had never the time for Him? Much less, why should God be bothered with him, an insignificant atheist?

Donald Smith

itual significance Christmas has for all men? Unfortunately, many do not. The spiritual benefits of Christmas are often lost in the enjoyment of the material.

Too many people take their religion for granted. There are thousands of people in the world that would cherish the privilege of knowing about Christ and His divine birth.

Remember the sanctification of our souls is the main purpose that Christ came to earth. So we should do something special for Christ in preparation for Christmas.