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Christmas Play
To Be Presented
At Academy Gym:

The annual Christmas Pageant will be presented December 21 at 8 p.m. in the Brown Gymnasium by St. Thomas School and IHM Academy.

The first grade will open the program with a choral number and Christmas songs.

Grades two, three and four will present a one-act play "Stars Over Christmas," directed by Mrs. Donald Boughton.

The Academy Glee Club, conducted by Sister Alphonsa, will sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?" "O Christmas Tree," "Christmas Song," and "Ding Dong Merrily Ring the Bell."

In the Nativity tableau, Thomas Neeser will depict St. Joseph; Barbara Whiteley, Our Blessed Lady; Bill McFarland, Pat Conrow, Gary Miles, shepherds.

SNOW BOUND

Although school was closed and the Christmas play was cancelled due to the heavy snowfall, The Laurel staff braved the storm and the paper rolled off the press as scheduled. The staff takes this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Bishop Treinen Visits N. Idaho; Relates Work of Vatican Council

Bishop Sylvester Treinen paid a short visit to the parishes of northern Idaho the weekend of December 11.

While in the vicinity, the Bishop attended the Academy-Priest River basketball game.

In his visit to St. Pius X, His Excellency inspected the new school, gave Father Thomas Lafey permission to buy a new tabernacle and complimented the men of the parish on the work they have done on the church and school.

Saturday, the Bishop celebrated Mass in the convent chapel. Later in the morning he spoke to the Sisters about the work accomplished by the Ecumenical Council.

On Sunday, the Bishop dedicated the new church at Bonners Ferry. The church was built by Louis Neeser and Sons.

Class Plans Senior Ball December 30; Sophomores And Juniors Invited

The senior class of IHM Academy will hold a senior ball December 30 in the Academy gym. Music will be furnished by the Skylarks.

Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and are on sale at the home of Jane Lauf, or may be purchased at the door of the school the night of the dance.

Complying with school rules, students may not wear corsages or boutonnières on the dance floor. Seniors and juniors may invite persons from outside the school. Sophomores who wish to invite persons not attending the Academy must have special permission from Sister Avellina, principal.

ALIENS MUST REPORT ADDRESSES

All aliens in the United States, except a few diplomats, accredited members of certain international organizations and those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, must report their addresses to the government each January.

Forms for this purpose are available at any post office or office of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service. They may be filled out in those offices and returned to the clerk from whom received. Parents or guardians are required to submit reports for alien children under fourteen years of age.

If you or any members of your family are not citizens of the United States you should tell your parents of these requirements. If you have relatives or friends who are not citizens, you will do both them and the government a great service by telling them of the requirements. Remember, the time for reporting is during the month of January.

OF POOR AND HUMBLE BIRTH

Tallow candles,
dripping their greasy wax
onto the dirt floor,
gave off a pungent odor.
Black roaches,
at home in the filthy hay,
lay sleeping,
unaware,
while the sharp wind
clawed passage through
every frozen wall.

She was very tired now--
the day had been long.
A thousand times
the fear of facing
the forth-coming night,
alone,
chilled her very soul.

And then the night,
with its long and painful
hours,
had closed in upon her.
At long last,
the waiting was over,
the time had come...

But she was joyful, too,
and very peaceful.
Her new-born Son,
the King,
lay sleeping in her arms.
Robin Hultner

Reports Indicate Some Improvement

Receiving high honors in the senior class was Jay Snyder. Honors--Cathy Andrews, Marilyn Gross, Janice McGregor, Eileen McPoland, Cathy Palmer, Linda Roberts, Michael Cronquist, Gary Haler, Gary O'Connell.

The junior receiving high honors was Robin Hultner. Other juniors with honors were Michael Harrington, John Wakefield, John Hartnett, Marianne Cieryca, Sharon Wachter, and Anne MacDonald.

Sophomores receiving high honors were Robert McFarland, James Hofmeister, Lynne Gebhart, Joseph Ericksen. Honors went to Mark Ballantyne, Christine Koontz, Leslie Fraijo, Phyllis Bauman, Diane Chase, and Shelia Johnston.

Freshmen high honors went to Edward Mihlelich and Mary McFarland. Honors were Robert Elgee, James Giesa, Susan Ransom, John Fiscus, Patrick Miller, and Donna Anderson.

Peace Is Sought ; Christmas Nears

Once again our calendar tells us that Christmas has come, but we don't really need a calendar to know that. For although Christmas may mean different things to different people, I'm sure everyone agrees that there is a very special feeling in the air at this time of year. Such ingredients as peace, joy, hope, and charity are magically blended to produce that delightful feeling known as the Christmas spirit. While the faith of Christmas is upon the world, let us pray that all men may find the wisdom and strength to live in harmony and sympathy with one another.

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Academy Sports



Panthers Down

Cottonwood 42-29

Hampered by a cold night of shooting, the Panthers scored an unimpressive win over St. Gertrudes Academy (42-29) for the Panther's fifth straight win.

John Miller, Gary Miles, and Gary O'Connell led the chilly shooting with 11, 11, and 10 points respectively. After a low scoring first period, Jim Rarick set up several quick baskets and sparked a 24-9 halftime score.

All the players played at least a quarter and all showed good defensive ability.

IHM Outclasses St. Gertrude's 84-59

The Panthers played their best quarter of basketball and led 25-5 at the end of the first period. The reserves played the second period and finished the half 13 points in the lead.

St. Gertrudes came back and reduced the lead to ten points, but the Panthers came through with several quick baskets and cruised to a 84-59 win. It was the sixth straight win for the varsity.

John Miller led the scoring with 22 points, followed by John Hartnett with 18, O'Connell with 14, and Boller with ten.

BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

The Panthers held out 89-48 over Plummer's Pirates in an open-shut game on the home court December 5.

Dave Boller was high scorer with 17 points. John Miller, Wayne Tyrrell and Dennis Treichel each made 13 points, and Gary Miles had 12.

The JV game left IHM 85 and Plummer 28. Larry Riplinger had 12 points and Steve Popiel had 10.

The Panthers came across with their fourth straight victory in a 65-57 decision over Kootenai's Warriors at Harrison. Dennis Treichel and John Hartnett led Panther scoring with 16 and 15 points respectively, and their work offset a 29-point performance by Dick Chatfield of the Warriors.

The JV game also went in the Academy's favor 53-34.

The Panthers started off the season with what proved to be a pace setter--a 60-46 win over Clark Fork's Wampus Cats. John Miller, Gary Miles, and Gary O'Connell were high scorers, with 18, 17, and 15 points.

The Junior Varsity game was also a victory for the Panthers. Skip Sand and Jim Russell led scoring with 18 and 16 points toward the final 66-49 score.

John Miller with 23 points led the Panthers to a 58-45 win against Priest River on the home court. Dennis Treichel and Jim Russell scored 7 points each.

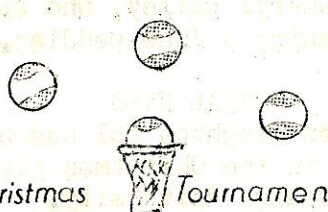
Chuck Harding's JV also conquered the Spartans 56-45.

Lettermen Admit Seven New Members

Seven new lettermen were admitted into the Academy Lettermen's Club at an informal initiation held December 6. The initiation consisted of furnishing the old members with 40 pounds of chicken. After eating, the members took part in a football game in the gym.

New members include Phil Rassier, Biron Larsen, Skip and Don Sands, Paul Fromm, Ed Mihlelich, Chris Jacobson.

Present at the meeting was Mr. Gene Boyle, moderator.



Christmas Tournament
at
Lakeland
Monday and Tuesday
Dec. 28-29
admission \$1.00 student \$.50

Seven Finalists Tape Speeches On The "Challenge of Citizenship"

"The Challenge of Citizenship" is the topic for the 18th annual Voice of Democracy Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are eligible to participate. The speech can be no longer than five minutes and no shorter than three minutes.

The contest is designed to give students a chance to voice their opinions on patriotic ideas. It offers a chance for original thinking and also an opportunity to be heard.

Each state winner is provided with a 5-day all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. plus the opportunity to compete for national scholarships--1st place \$5,000, 2nd \$2,500, 3rd and 4th \$1,500.

During the week of December 7-11 eliminations were held in the individual English classes, at I.H.M. Academy. School eliminations took place December 16. Twenty-one contestants gave their speeches over the public address system.

They were judged on script--40 points, originality--40 points, delivery--20 points.

The top seven were: Cathryn Andrews, James Hofmeister, Robert McFarland, Thomas Neeser, Gary O'Connell, Dan Peterson, and Jay Snyder.

Through the courtesy of KVNI, the winning speeches were taped and sent to Boise.

Three Represent IHM Academy At Council Meet

Southward Ho! This was the cry of Tom Neeser, Gary O'Connell, and Jay Snyder as they left at 3:45 A.M. Nov. 19. These Student Council members were on their way to Pocatello for a statewide student council convention.

After registering Monday they first went to a general conference and then broke up into smaller private conferences. They discussed problems of Student Councils in small schools and how to encourage participation in school activities.

The second day there was a banquet dinner and a dance. The convention was brought to a close by the elections of state officers.

Team Auctioned To High Bidders

The Academy Letterman's Club sponsored a slave auction, December 11, during the noon hour. The varsity ball players were sold to the highest bidders as slaves for the remainder of the day. Jay Snyder, the auctioneer, supervised the buying.

The proceeds from the auction will go toward the purchase of a whirlpool.

Condolences

To Chris King '67 on the death of her infant brother.

To Mary Keenan '41 and Sister M. Michele, IHM on the death of their father, John J. Keenan.

ALUMNI NEWS

MARRIAGES

Kent Hultner '58 and Linda Allen were married November 28 in California.

Larry Tritten and Theo Ann Williams '61 were married December 5 in San Francisco.

ENGAGEMENTS

Between Kenny Koss '63 and Cheryl Bailey, who are planning a June wedding.

GENERAL NEWS

Don Boughton '61 has a role in the Christmas play at Gonzaga University.

Tom Kurdy '64 and Barb Scharff '64 were on the honor roll this past marking period.

Sharon '62 and Barbara Scharff '64 are on the NIJC annual staff.

Father McCabe Visits Classes

Father Hilton McCabe, CSsR visited the Academy to give a talk on vocations, particularly those to the Redemptorist and Immaculate Heart orders.

In presenting his talks in each classroom, Father McCabe stressed the qualities required to enter the religious life--health, average intelligence, and a desire to reach the priesthood. Father went on to discuss the facilities and curricula at the minor and major seminaries.

He added that although the Redemptorists are largely devoted to parish work today, the order has mission outposts in Thailand, Alaska, and South America.