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## GLEE CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, the spotlight was turned on the IHM Academy Glee Club as they presented a Christmas program under the direction of Sister M. Alphonsa.

The program was divided into three sections: the carolers scene, the living-room scene, and the Nativity scene. Numbers such as "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "Drummer Boy," and "Shalom" were sung.

In the Nativity scene Our Blessed Lady was portrayed by Judy Sanderson and St. Joseph by Mike Elgee. The shepherds were Dave Boller, Mike Harrington, Rick Diemert, Mike Nutt and John Hartnett. The Narrator was Don Sand.

A solo, "Virgin Slumber Song," was sung by Rita Malby.

The program concluded with "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

The Glee Club also performed for the Potlatch Forest employees party on Saturday, Dec. 18.



## LAUREL HAS GUEST ARTIST

Guest artist for this issue of THE LAUREL is Biron Larsen.

Until his graduation last May, Biron was artist for THE LAUREL for almost two years.

He is currently attending NIJC, but was happy to return to IHM to do the art work for this Christmas issue.

## ADVENT DEVOTIONS MARK SEASON

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..." rings throughout the world as the season of Christmas draws near again. The age old custom of the Advent wreath devotion, which marks the four weeks of Advent, is very evident throughout the Academy. Although the wreaths are essentially the same, each possesses an individual element, which provides both beauty and variety in the classroom.

A new phase of devotion has entered into the spirit of the "coming" this year, in the form of a bible vigil, sponsored by the Sodality.

Besides the general devotions held in school, the students are urged to prepare individually by personal sacrifices and increased attendance at Mass and Holy Communion.



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# CHRISTMAS IS-

To me,  
Christmas is--  
A jeweled tree;  
A little girl  
With heart awirl,  
With shining, happy eyes;  
A snowfall,  
Shreads of breadballs  
Tumbling from the skies;  
The scent of pine  
And Christmas wine.  
A letter from a loved one,  
Far away  
And yet so near,  
Brings Christmas hope  
And Christmas tear.

--Janice Smith

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like many things: among them are:

- 1) For the War in Viet Nam to be over so that all the poor soldiers can be home with their loved ones on this special day.
- 2) For the people to treat the negroes as equals for they are God's children too.
- 3) For closer family unity.
- 4) For closer relations between churches.
- 5) For food and clothing for the poor and needy.
- 6) Most of all I want everyone to love their God and Creator above everyone and everything else.

I know that I do not deserve these gifts and that they can't be mine until everyone else wants them too and is willing to help. Please give my message to others.

With all my prayers  
and love,  
Vicki

## KOREAN CHRISTMAS CAROL

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the tent  
Was the odor of fuel oil, (The stove pipe was bent.)  
The shoe pacs were hung by the oil stove with care,  
In hopes that they'd issue each man a new pair.

The weary G.I.'s were sacked out in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-babes danced through their heads,  
When up on the ridgeline there rose such a clatter,  
(A Chinese machine-gun had started to chatter.)

I rushed to my rifle and threw back the bolt.  
The rest of my tent-mates awoke with a jolt.  
Outside we could hear our platoon sergeant Kelly,  
A hard little man with a little pot belly.

"Come Yancey, come Clancey, come Connors, and Watson,  
Up Miller, Up Shiller, up Baker, and Dodson!"  
We tumbled outside in a swirl of confusion.  
So cold that each man could have used a transfusion.

"Get up on that hilltop and silence that Red,  
And don't you come back 'til you're sure that he's dead."  
Then, putting his thumb up in front of his nose  
Sergeant Kelly took leave of us shivering Joes.

But we all heard him say in a voice soft and light;  
"Merry Christmas to all--may you live through the night."

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U.S. 9th Corps, Korea, December 15 Lt. Col. Darrell  
F. Rathbun of St. Petersburg, Fla. offered a G.I.  
version of "The Night Before Christmas."

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Weary man, traveled far,  
Dark night, bright star.  
Mother, held a newborn child,  
Touch soft, look mild.

Angels sang, men bowed,  
Beasts knelt, ox and cow.  
Stirred then, little child,  
Woke, looked, then smiled.  
--Janice Smith

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## Mc DONELL, Mc RILL HEAD LE COEUR STAFF OF 1966

Staff members for the 1966 edition of the LE COEUR, Academy yearbook, were announced Dec. 13 by Sister M. Mariel, yearbook adviser.

Co-editors are Linda McDonell and Valerie McRill. They will be assisted by the page make-up committee, which decides arrangements for pictures of seniors and activities. Pat Keane, Sally Arney, and Anne MacDonald are on the page make-up committee.

Responsible for the legends and cutlines under pictures are V. Fraijo, Ann Kryger, and Suzanne Koontz.

Ann Kryger and Virginia Fraijo are soliciting patrons for the annual.

The photography committee, which arranges for activity pictures to be taken by Dorian Studio of Spokane, is composed of Sally Arney, Pat Keane and Mike Ransom.

Putting together the sports pages, including pictures and write-ups, are Mike Nutt, John Wakefield, Jerry Jaeger, and John Miller.

Robin Hultner, Sharon Wachter and Janice Purdy are working on the division pages, and compose the art committee.

## VATICAN COUNCIL ANALYSED

On Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Paul VI closed the last session of the Second Vatican Council.

The Council's work is finished. But in a much more real and meaningful way it is only the beginning. The vibrant, vital results of the Council are yet to be fully realized in the lives of Catholics.

The sixteen constitutions, decrees and declarations promulgated by the Holy Father and the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council are the blueprints for Christian thought and actions for generations yet unborn.

But for the Ecumenical Council to be called truly successful, the constitutions and decrees must get off paper and find their way into the lives of the people. It is necessary for the people to accept the new rulings, to drop their reluctance to change.

The most significant thing about the Council is the very fact that it was held. Catholics were becoming so complacent that they failed to see the need of renewal. What Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, and the bishops of the world wanted was more vigor, more involvement, and less emphasis on the non-essentials, with more attention placed on the essentials.

In essence the Council was held to adapt the Church to the twentieth century in order to bring Christ in a better way into the hearts and minds of men.

## Juniors to Host Christmas Party

The junior class will host the annual Christmas party to be held in the Brown gym on Dec. 24.

The semi-formal dance is open by invitation and "live" music will be furnished by The Morticians.

The highlight of the party will be the announcement of the student selected by the school as "The Boy I'd Most Like to Have for Christmas."

The alumni are invited. Admission is \$1 per person, \$1.50 per couple.

## ACADEMY SWEEPS LOCAL CONTEST

IHM Academy took a clean sweep in the recent city-wide Voice of Democracy oratorical contest as James Hofmeister, Valerie McRill, and Janice Smith took first, second, and third place, respectively.

These winners were announced Dec. 9, following school finals on Dec. 6, which sent the three city winners and Joseph Erickson, Elaine Wilson, John Wakefield, and Mary McFarland to the city contest.

Messrs. Sylvio Cyr, Pat King, and John McHugh were judges for the school eliminations.

The theme of the contest was "Democracy: What it Means to Me." The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the contest.

Through the courtesy of KVNI Radio, the speeches were taped for the city and state contests.

State winners will go to National finals at Wash., D.C., Feb. 7.



# ALUMNI NEWS

The following were on the honor roll at NIJC for the first nine-week period: John Mihelich '64, Maureen McDonell, '64, Cathryn Andrews, '65, Marilyn Gross '65, Linda Walter '65.

Members of the NIJC A Capella choir included these ten from the Academy from the class of '65: Gary O'Connell, Cathryn Andrews, Marilyn Gross, Jane Lauf, Kathy McMurray, Ann Matson, Mary Leigh Primozich, Linda Walter, Barbara Whiteley, and Judy Gehlen '64.

Marcia Antonson '63 was recently tapped as a finalist for Navy color girl at the University of Ida. Marcia is a member of Delta Delta Delta.

James Bombino '63 will visit Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth, during the Christmas vacation. James is spending his junior year at Gonzaga in Florence.

Tom Neeser '65 and Mike Cronquist '65 received high praise from Al Daniels, assistant football coach at the University of Idaho. Mr. Daniels in a letter to Coach Gene Boyle, said, "Both of these boys are very coachable and are very fine gentlemen both on and off the field."

William Dawson '51 is in Viet Nam with the Medical Corps.

Robert O'Rourke '44 is manager of Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

Laura Damp '26 is retiring after 31 years of Government Nursing Service.

Sister Roderick, IHM is visiting her father William Garvey who is seriously ill. Sister was accompanied on her trip from Scranton, Pa. by Sister Michel.

Monday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. Maureen McDonell and James Fromm '64 were married in St. Thomas Church. Linda McDonell '66, sister of the bride was maid-of-honor, Paul Fromm '68, was his brother's best man. Classmates of the bride and groom served as bridesmaids and ushers--Kathy Kryger, Pam Peters, Ray Antonson and Mike Garron, Judy Gehlen.

## FOOTBALL LETTERS

### Awards Presented to Team

Ray Flaherty former coach of the Washington Redskins was on hand Wednesday, Nov. 24 when the awards for the 1965 football season were presented to the IHM Panthers in the L.V. Brown Gymnasium.

Mr. Flaherty remarked that other schools show envy when 42 boys out of the total enrollment of 87 boys turn out for football. He also pointed out that the cooperation of teachers, students, team, and coach are all absolutely necessary for a victorious season.

The highlight of the assembly was the awarding of the Most Valuable Player and Inspirational Player Trophies. Mr. Flaherty who at one time coached former IHM Coach Cecil Hare, noted that it was very fitting that the trophies honor the late Cecil Hare.

John Hartnett was awarded the Most Valuable Player Trophy, marking him the outstanding player throughout the season. Mike Peters received the Inspirational award. The entire football team made the choices.

Coach Boyle presented letters to: John Miller, B. Larsen, Don Sand, Jerry Jaeger, John Hartnett, Stan Grygny, Ed Mihelich, Mike Gray, Pat Gray, Larry Ripplinger, Chris Jacobson, Paul Fromm, Paul Gebhart, Mike Peters, B. Sullivan, J. Rarick, J. Neeser, and F. Schaffner.

## CONDOLENCE

The faculty, students and alumni extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. William Hanses (Bernadine Batchelder '54) on the death of her husband.

## Club Initiates New Members

A chicken feed, sponsored by new members of the Lettermen's club, was a highlight of the recent initiation of lettermen.

Fourteen athletes were recognized for achievements in golf, basketball, baseball, and football in the 1965 season.

Newest lettermen are: Jerry Jaeger, Bill Sullivan, John Wakefield, Jim Hofmeister, Fred Schaffner, Stan Grygny, Bob Huetter, Pat Gray, Bob Elgee, Mike Gray, Paul Gebhart, Larry Ripplinger, Tom McFarland, and Jim Russell.



## SPLINTERS FROM THE BENCH

Bob McFarland

It seems to me that, not too long ago, the Academy had an undefeated football season, and during that time Panther fans got mighty used to winning. Then, in the first defeat suffered this year, IHM barely dropped the opening basketball game.

Well, we can get accustomed to victory all over again, 'cause the Panthers are on the move. They're back in the winning groove now, and have a 5-1 record to prove it.

This last weekend is a particularly good instance of Academy winning habits. Friday night saw a smashing victory over Priest River, to the tune of 83-48. Then the St. Maries game showed what the Panthers are really up to. The Lumberjacks looked like the team to beat, the apparent top contenders for the league title. Then, in what might almost be called an upset, we put them down quite cleanly.

So this looks to me like the course the whole season will take, and for all Panther fans I have some instructions: put on your victory togs -- the Academy's on the winning road again.

## Opening Weekend Sees Loss, Win

The Panthers were barely nipped by Post Falls in the opening game of the season. Though the final score saw the Trojans four points ahead, they were threatened right up to the last second, and the game was a real close one.

John Miller led the Academy squad with 12 points, along with Dave Boller's 11.

On Saturday night (Dec. 4) the Panthers bounced back to down Newport 65-45. Dave Boller gave a tremendous 28 points in a great scoring effort. John Miller added his share in snatching from the boards 25 big rebounds.

The preliminary games both saw the JV's behind, although Newport was almost caught. Ed Mihelich with 11 points was the big gun against Post Falls, who won 38-28. Against Newport, Larry Riplinger's 15 points led in the 44-37 loss.

## Bonnors Ferry Falls 78-58

The Panthers continued their winning ways in blasting Bonners Ferry 78-58 here on Dec. 10. Boller with 21 and Hartnett with 20 led the scoring.

A few shifts were made to compensate for the loss of Jim Rarick, and the Grays did a wonderful job of filling in.

The Panthers took the JV game by a thin point. Rick Jacobson's foul shot sent the game into overtime, and Jim Giesa clinched it with 2 points in the final seconds.

## PANTHERS HALT ST. MARIES 68-47

The Panthers put down the St. Maries Lumberjacks by a score of 68-47, picking up an important league victory with unexpected ease.

St. Maries, undefeated until this time, was figured to be a big threat, but fell hard before the Academy onslaught.

John Miller's 19 points and Dave Boller's 18 led the scoring, but all the team, including the second string, looked good.

In the preliminary game the Academy also won, pushed by Bob Elgee's 16 points.

## IHM Outscores Priest River

The Panthers took an important league game as they overwhelmed the Priest River Spartans, who fell as far as 36 points behind at one time.

Hartnett, Miller, and Boller led Panther scoring and received impressive help from the reserves for a final score of 83-48.

The JV's served up the usual close game and beat Priest River 43-42. Bob Elgee saved the day with a bucket in the final seconds.

## NEWPORT LOSES SECOND TIME

Newport fell 54-49 in their own brand new gym as IHM clinched a close game in the closing seconds.

Hartnett with 21 and Miller with 20 led scoring.

JV: IHM 42, Newport 44



VATICAN II:

## COUNCIL DRAWN TO CLOSE

Pope Paul VI, in full ceremonial garb and seated on a scarlet throne in St. Peter's Square, officially closed the historical Ecumenical Council on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Pope Paul told more than 2300 cardinals, bishops and delegates from eighty countries on that day, "The Council is now finally closed. This immense and extraordinary assembly now ends."

In its four years the assembly changed the whole face of the 20th century Roman Catholic Church. Modern languages replace Latin in the Mass, religious liberty has become recognized in the Church, and the 1870 definition of the papal infallibility was compensated by the definition of "collegial" powers for Church bishops who now share in the Pope's administration of the Church.

Educators Meet  
At Ridpath

Top educators from the Pacific Northwest met at the Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, Washington November 28-December 1.

One of the highlights of the Monday meeting was the work of the Reviewing Committees. Delegates were assigned to examine and pass on reports from the various schools.

In the afternoon, visitations was held at Ferris High, University High and Spokane Continuation High.

On Nov. 30 a panel discussed "Education and American Values." Participants were William Erickson, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Helena; Hobart Jenkins, Principal Mead High School; Rev. John Leary, President, Gonzaga University; Andrew Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Lewiston.

Representing the Academy were Sister Avellina, Principal, Sister Beatrice and Sister Mariel.

Choir Performs  
for Students

The NIJC A Capella Choir performed at the Academy on Dec. 14 in the Brown gym under the direction of Mr. Lou Kelly.

The choir members, in their red and gray gowns, sang a number of selections, including a Bach chorale.

The Cardinal Chorale, a select group from the choir, presented a number of selections, including "Mexican Christmas Procession," and The Alfred Burt Carols.

The boys were attired in black tuxedos and the girls in red velveteen formals.

Mr. Kelly, commenting on the Choir, said there were about ten former Academy students in it. He also said the choir practices every noon hour and several hours a week. He noted that to really understand and to appreciate music one must participate in it.

Juniors Receive  
Class Rings

IHM juniors now have a new look about them. To many it may not be so noticeable, but to the juniors it is an honor.

At a short ceremony in St. Thomas Church, following the 8 o'clock Mass on Nov. 24, Rev. William Cleary blessed the class rings and pins.

Father told the significance and meaning of the rings. He stated that the rings are a piece of jewelry, but not just something to throw around.

He also said the rings mark us as members of IHM Academy. No matter where we go people will be able to tell where we are from by our class rings or pins, he said, and added that we should be proud of our rings.

Thirty-five students received either rings or pins.

PICTURES TAKEN  
BY LEO'S STUDIO

"You must be the one they call Shorty." This remark, directed at 6'4" John Miller, was one of the many heard Dec. 6 as the classes had their individual pictures taken for the yearbook.

Complimentary remarks, such as "My, what a pretty smile," or "Gee, you're a pretty girl," were also directed at the girls by Mr. Lawrence Morgan of Leo's Studio in Spokane.

The pictures are expected back in time for Christmas.



## Sisters Attend Conference

Father Andrew Greeley, renowned sociologist from the University of Chicago, gave the keynote address to educators at the meeting of the Northwest Unit of the NCEA.

The meeting was held at Gonzaga University, Nov. 28.

Faculty members from IHM Academy in attendance were: Sister M. Avellina, principal; Sisters Rosina, Harriet, Alphonsa, Philip Neri, and Mariel.

Several panel discussions on "Catholic Education" were held.

## SANTA'S LITTLE RED WAGON

It was the night before Christmas and all through the pad,

The lights were still burning while Iskey got mad.

The wrenches were hung on tool shed with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas would be late getting there.

The spark plugs were nestled all snug in their space,

And Santa's "Red Wagon" was ready to race.

The lights were still orange as he came to the line,

He knew on this run he needed good time.

He thought he would win when he cracked his whip,

The reindeer took off down the quarter-mile strip.

You could hear him shout as he roared down the line,

"Morry Christmas to all, and to all a good time."

--Dan Peterson

## WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

What is Christmas?  
And where is the spirit?  
O WON'T YOU PLEASE TELL US?  
WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR IT!

A long time ago in Bethlehem town  
A donkey was travelling up hill and down,  
Carrying Mary and her Babe  
Seeking a stable or a cave.

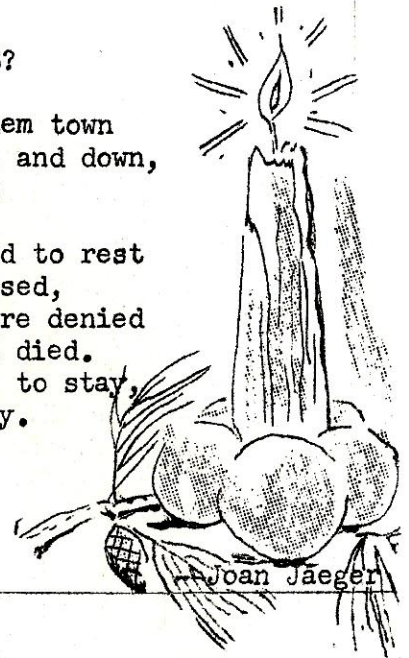
Joseph was tired, he wanted to rest  
But needing shelter onward pressed,

They wanted a room, but were denied  
So out in the cold, they almost died.

Finally they found a place to stay,  
And in a manger the Babe did lay.

The Shepherds came,  
And the angels sang.

To praise the Lord  
The Son of God.



## Christmas Cards Spread Cheer

As Christmas rolls around annually it never fails to bring a sudden wave of letter writing and gift sending. The most frequent forms of this communication are Christmas cards. These inexpensive items combine the decor and looks of a gift with the ability to bring a few words of happiness and information to the recipient.

The unavoidable success of Christmas cards is evident by the sales figures of the manufacturers, but how many people actually succeed in using them in the right way?

As the main aim of Christmas cards is to promote a feeling of good will and friendship between families and friends, a cordial note of greeting should be written by the sender. Today, however, many people seem to feel that a gummed sticker with their name and address on it fulfills their "obligation." The use of this term may have suprised you, but actually this is the second great error of holiday writers. Their motivation for sending cards is not to bring part of the Christmas spirit to someone else's home. It is simply to satisfy the debt made because "they sent us one last year."

People appreciate a small note from each other because they realize the time and effort it takes to sit down and write them.

Christmas cards add a universal spirit of friendship between distant people which otherwise would never have been known. With this in mind, get to work, start writing and spread that spirit.

--Edward Mihelich



## Sisters Celebrate Feast Day

The Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary recently celebrated their feast day on Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. This day has been set aside for the commemoration of the preservation of the Blessed Virgin from the stain of original sin from the first moment of her conception.

This feast, which originated in the Eastern Church about the 8th Century, was formerly celebrated on Dec. 9. By the 11th century it had spread to the Western Church, being first observed in England. It was included in the calendar of the Universal Church in the 14th century.

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was defined, and the feast made a Holyday of Obligation, on Dec. 8, 1854, by Pope Pius IX. Thus the Church was finally rid of much dissention, and we have the beautiful feast which we now celebrate.

## Sodality Holds Bible Vigil

A Bible Vigil was held at the Academy on the eve of the Immaculate Conception, in preparation for that feast.

Sponsored by the Sodality, it consisted of the reading of excerpts from the Bible, responses from the students, and meditation.

This service, it was noted by John Hartnett, student body president, was in accord with the wishes of the recent Ecumenical Council that the Bible receive greater attention and devotion in the Catholic Church.

Future Bible Vigils are planned by the Sodality.

## Cemetery Shrine Dedicated

The recently completed St. Thomas cemetery shrine was formally dedicated Nov. 24.

Attorney William S. Hawkins, the speaker, reminded listeners--young and old--that, "We should be thankful for the opportunity in America to worship God freely.

The speaker also paid tribute to Robert L. Fortin, who headed the fund raising campaign and who helped with the construction of the shrine.

The Rev. William Cleary, CSsR gave the blessing and dedication, and the Rev. Douglas R. Wanamaker of St. Luke's Episcopal Church pronounced benediction.

Students from St. Thomas grade school sang several selections.

The faculty, alumni, and students extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Dorothy McCoy Wilson '32 and Milton McCoy '32 on the death of their brother Mason McCoy who was killed while hunting.

## Senior Girls Take Honors

Sharon Wachter and Ann Kryger, seniors, received honors in the recent Junior Miss Pageant in Coeur d'Alene.

Sharon was voted Miss Personality, and Ann came in second runner-up to the Junior Miss title.

Charlene Seymour of CHS won the title.

The contest was sponsored by the Jaycees, and was open to senior girls, age 16 to 18, with at least a B average.

Also participating in the pageant from the Academy were Lucille Jessick and Robin Hultner.

## WWP Homemaker Gives Display

A homemade gift is appreciated more than one that is bought, Mrs. Dorothy Smith of the Washington Water Power Co. told the homemaking and art classes on Dec. 15.

Mrs. Smith showed the classes many items which can be created from things that are usually thrown away.

Among the things presented were a Christmas tree, Christmas bell, cornucopia, napkin holders, an all-purpose bag, and phone book cover.

Materials used included tin-foil pans, egg cartons, felt, chicken wire, pine cones, and styrofoam cups and balls.

Mrs. Smith also pointed out the correct usage of outside lights and decorations.