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## Senior Wins School Composition

Jack Wardian, senior, has merited first place in school competition for the Voice of Democracy Contest. A tape of his speech has been entered in district competition.

Sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the contest consists of a three to five minute talk about "Freedom's Challenge." According to Sister Joan, history teacher, the contest seeks to make American youth aware of their part in preserving freedom.

Other students participating in the school contest were Jerry Mason, Jim Hagen, David Yeager, Jane McFarland, Joette Wardian, David Bauman, and Sherrill Peterson.

The state winners in the contest will receive a one week all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. IHM has had two state winners in the past three years--James Hofmeister and Bob McFarland.

Said Wardian of the contest, "It took a lot of time and work, but I guess it was worth it. I wouldn't mind getting a trip to Washington, either."

## Annual Christmas Dance Slated

Juniors will sponsor the annual Christmas Dance Monday, Dec. 23. Music will be provided from 8:30 until 11:30 p.m. by the Mad Hatters in L.V. Brown gymnasium. "Special Angel" has been selected as the theme.

Admission will be \$1.50 for singles and \$2.50 for couples. Joe Foredyce, junior class president, said, "If class and school cooperation continues as it has, the dance will be a great success."

## Annual Test Given

The Betty Crocker Knowledge and Attitude test was administered to IHM senior girls Dec. 3.

The test, given nationwide, serves to find the senior girl with the highest aptitude for homemaking. It includes various types of questions about the career of home economics and duties of a homemaker.

According to Sister Helen Ann, home economics teacher, results of the test will be made known sometime after New Year's.

## Four Enter Pageant; Jacobson 2nd

Friday, Nov. 29, ten high school senior girls took part in the fourth annual Coeur d'Alene Junior Miss Pageant, sponsored by the Coeur d'Alene Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes. Those from IHM who entered were Nancy Lake, Judy Jacobson, Donna Shively and Mary Bauman.

Others participating, representing CHS, were Jo Cothorn, Barbara Benner, Connie Peterman, Dixie Bro, Cathy Erickson and Gail Young.

Barbara Benner was crowned Junior Miss and also received trophies for Miss Talent, Miss Youth Fitness and Miss Scholastic Achievement. Gail Young was named first runner-up and received the Miss Poise and Personality trophy. Judy Jacobson received the prize for 2nd runner-up. Mary Bauman and Connie Peterman shared the title of Miss Congeniality.

After the pageant, which was viewed by over 650 persons at the North Shore convention center, the contestants and their parents were honored at a banquet held at Smitty's Pancake House.

Barbara Benner will represent Coeur d'Alene at the Idaho Junior Miss pageant in Moscow, Jan. 10-11.

# Faculty Dumps Boller Squad Takes Volleyball Honors

The student council volleyball tournament ended Tuesday, Dec. 17, with the faculty team on top. In two days of finals the faculty won four straight games over John Boller's team. A key factor in the outcome was playing experience. The faculty had been playing regularly, getting in several games the week before the finals. Boller's team, till then undefeated, had not seen action for several weeks.

During the tournament only one team was able to defeat the quick-footed faculty-- Jerry Mason's. Boller's squad, though, upended Mason in the semi-finals, eliminating his team from the double elimination tournament.

Jack Wardian, who organized the tournament, said, "We let the faculty join because we thought it would be good fun. We never expected them to win."

# Trinidad Student Joins IHM

The senior class of IHM has increased to 39 students. Euming Sue Wing from Port-of-Spain, Trinidad (an island 16 miles east of Venezuela) enrolled Dec. 10. He plans to enter North Idaho Junior College next year to study chemical engineering.

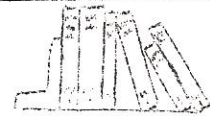
In Trinidad, Euming was in the fifth level of "high school" (English system). He enjoys cricket and was a Queen Scout, the equivalent of an Eagle Scout in the U.S.

Euming first came to Coeur d'Alene in 1967 for the World Boy Scout Jamboree at Farragut. While in Coeur d'Alene, the people with whom he stayed offered to sponsor his college education. He lives with them now, while finishing his high school years.

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## BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

### George Orwell's 1984

"War is peace", "Freedom is slavery", "Big brother". The year is 1984. The place is Oceania, a futuristic country composed of Great Britain and the Americas. The above phrases are slogans of the Party.

1984 is a novel by the socialist George Orwell. It is the story of the emotionless people who are the society of the time. They are hard-core people, men and women who have killed love, killed the future and killed the past. They are the inhabitants of Air-Strip #1, the former England. They live in continual fear; fear of the never-ending wars, fear of involvement and fear of the past.

Into this society a man by the name of Winston Smith has come. By social standards he is a dangerous criminal, for he is delving into his mind and into the past. He is searching for love and personal fulfillment in a land where love and fulfillment are degraded. He is searching for a goal that will never be gained.

1984 is a frightening book. It is Orwell's expression of a land where hate is better than love, where truth is twisted, and where there is no faith. It is Orwell's expression of what might be

## Staff Elects Editors

Members of the senior class held their first annual staff meeting Dec. 5, electing Ron Douglas, Jerry Mason and Jack Wardian editors of the 68-69 yearbook.

Committees were formed for page make-up, write-ups, subscriptions, advertising, photography, sports and art.

Work was begun at ensuing meetings. Subscriptions, according to Ron Douglas, will be sold for \$3.50 until Jan. 19. The price will then increase to \$4.25 until Feb. 1, when it will become \$5.

Any students who have pictures which could be used in the yearbook are asked to turn them in to one of the editors.

## Aliens Anyone?

All aliens in the United States, except a few diplomats and accredited members of certain international organizations, 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.

## IHM Initiates College Bowl



A team led by senior Jack Wardian won the Honor Society sponsored "college bowl" Nov. 26. Before an assembly of the entire school Wardian's team took an early lead and slowly enlarged it. At the end of the 20 minute playing time the margin was over 100 points.

Walter Matson, M.J. Huetter and Kevin Roche filled the ranks of the winning team. Their opponents were Jim Hagen, captain, Ronald Douglas, Susan Riplinger and Sherrill Peterson.

Questions for the contest were taken from Barron's How to Prepare for College Entrance Examinations. Fields covered included social studies, chemistry, Latin, biology and English.

According to Wardian, Honor Society president, future "college bowls" will be held monthly. Five more volunteer teams are needed, with at least one senior per team. He said, "These contests are designed to spread interest in scholastic competition and to encourage students, especially seniors, to use Barron's book to prepare for the SAT and other examinations. Five or six copies of this are available in the school library."

## Operetta To Be Performed at IHM

It's "Grand Old Opry" days at IHM with Sister Alphonsa, the great maestro, diligently ransacking the school for talent to fill out the cast of characters for "The Mikado". The fiat is out: practice for lead singers begins during the Christmas holidays; practice for the chorus will begin right after the vacation.

Three or four performances of the operetta are planned for either the week of March 15 or the week of the 22nd. Sister Alphonsa said there will not be two casts as previously suggested.

The "company" will make its own scenery and minor costumes. Costumes for the lead roles will be rented. Cost of the production including royalties will come to at least \$250.

Sister Alphonsa said, "We hope to cover our expenses, and we are hoping to realize a profit, but this is not our principal aim. Our purpose is the participation of the student body."

# Between the Showerheads

by Jerry Mason

December is nearly over and it seems that the Panthers have not yet found their basketball "legs", evidenced by their first few contests. Kootenai was taken by surprise when the IHM squad rallied to defeat them for the first win of the season but from then on the fire went out.

Coach Boyle admits that it is still early in the year but he is troubled over the lack of tenacity and fight in the team as a whole. He commented that this apparent lack accounts for rebounding weaknesses as well as shortcomings on defense. His inexperienced team must improve greatly by District Tournament time if they hope to gain a berth in state play-offs.

Despite early disappointments and periodic waves of Hong Kong Flu (particularly on Mondays) the Panthers haven't abandoned hopes of developing a well-balanced attack on the maple for 1969.

Elsewhere the outlook is also grim. Lakeland, after the loss of its center Russ Bohn, due to a foot injury, dropped an eye-opening game to Mullan. Post Falls has run into stiff competition from the west and south, losing two games so far. Potlatch, a big contender for the North Idaho district crown this year, went down in defeat on two previous occasions. Only Wallace has managed to keep its head above water with three straight wins in what looks like a promising season for them.

In any case, the trip to Boise still beckons to all of the hopefuls in the North. Many, however, are duly concerned with present developments. There is still much anticipation in the air and little insight has yet been gained into who might top the standings in February. With the holidays coming, it's time to iron out the flaws and reinforce the strong points. Happily this is one of the few activities which is well-understood at IHM.

## PANTHERS Drop Mullan Guns One to Wallace Past Panthers

The Wallace Miners remained without a loss after playing IHM to an uneven 77-57 score. Playing at Wallace Dec. 14, both teams obtained double figure scoring efforts from four players.

Jeff Norton of IHM hit for 13. Jim Riplinger banked in 12; Brad Novak and Art Webb got 10 each.

The defeat put the Panthers down another notch to 1-2 for the year.

IHM dropped to 1-1 for the season as it fell to Mullan Dec. 13 in a 59-44 home game. A solid Panther zone defense plugged the middle from the opening tipoff forcing the Tigers to shoot from outside. Shoot they did, though, and the score soon read 26-9. At halftime it was still lopsided at 28-16.

The second half saw relatively even scoring

# Panthers Win Season Opener

The young Panthers grabbed their first basketball win of the season by defeating Kootenai Dec. 7. Only two points separated the opposing teams at the final buzzer, the Panthers taking the long end of the 55-53 score.

A full court press by the home team took its toll on the hot shooting Warriors. The Panthers looked rusty compared to the Kootenai five but were able to capitalize on 14 turnovers by the visitors. Jeff Norton hit 24 points on his home floor while Steve Chatfield, Steve Kraak and Dave Barnett all registered in double figures for Kootenai.

Coach Boyle of the Panthers said that he would "settle for" the win. Coach Shelledy expressed different sentiments than those of Boyle and commented that he was displeased over the late decision of his team to play under pressure. Both squads are anxious for their rematch Jan. 25.

The victory marked an important game for the Panthers; their relative inexperience will be put to the test all year.

by both teams, though Mullan tried more shots.

IHM hit 19 of 47 attempts in the game for 42.5%; Mullan sank 25 of 68 for a lower 36.7%.

Panther guard Jeff Norton popped in 12 points; Art Webb matched him, though getting a lower percentage from his turnaround jumper. Brad Novak put the ball in for 10.

# Christmas Articles Prove Interesting

Each year that The Laurel is produced, new and imaginative feature articles appear. The true talents of many are revealed in the writing of these, and talent is meant to be shared.

## Breaking Bulbs At \$4.98 a Dozen Signifies Sorrow

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 illumination 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.

In looking through the past December issues of the school paper, I was both amused and enlightened. Then it struck me—these shouldn't be forgotten in the morgue (file of past papers). They're too

good. So I chose some of the better pieces from back issues of The Laurel. Here they are. Each one represents a different view of the mood of Christmastide. I hope you enjoy them.

—Jack Wardian

## SANTA'S WAGON

'Twas 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 could 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,  
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good time."

by Dan Peterson

# Merry Christmas



# KOREAN Christmas

'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 the 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 snivering Joes.

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

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."

## SHOW-BALL

by Patsy Berre

A ball of snow flies  
through the air,  
It's hurled by a boy as  
if to dare  
The helpless girl to use  
some sense  
And practice the art of  
self-defense.  
She throws one back like  
she knows she must  
And hits him square, to  
his great disgust.  
She'll always wait till  
he gets her back  
For all girls know--it's  
a well-known fact  
That before it's done, she  
must scream and run  
To keep her name as the  
weaker one.



## Christmas

To me,  
Christmas is-- is...  
A jeweled tree;  
A little girl  
With heart awhirl,  
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.

by Jan Smith

## Christmas Tree Origins

Although the Christmas tree is a familiar part of holiday festivities, its existence has been relatively short. Its origins are placed in Germany where Martin Luther is said to have placed candles on an evergreen to represent the stars of Christmas Eve.

An even earlier story refers to St. Boniface combating a pagan rite of sacrificing people to an oak tree in the 8th century. He told his followers to take "fir trees into your homes...as a sign of your new worship."

It was not until the early 19th century that Germany as a whole had adopted the Christmas tree. Spreading quickly, the custom sprang up in most of the northern European countries and was first initiated into America at Cambridge, Mass. in 1932

## Christmas Season

Snow falls,  
Wind blows,  
Man shovels,  
More comes,  
Trees shake,  
Cars creep,  
People complain,  
While bears sleep.

Frost outlines,  
Cold nips,  
People hurry,  
Tires spin,  
Snow sparkles,  
Lights glow,  
Christmas comes,  
To us below.

by Pat Tipton

# Glee Club Gives Concert

Said she, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

"Why O Shepherd Maiden?"

"While By Our Sheep we heard Angels Hovered Round us."

"The Savior has come", said he. With that a group of Shepherds From the Fields approached and asked, "Where Is He Born?" The angel answered, "In Bethlehem's Lowly Stable you will find the Christ-child."

As the sheep watchers set out to see their savior, they heard a Christmas Bell Carol in the distance while the angels above them sang Gloria in one grand chorus.

These are some of the many songs heard floating through Brown gymnasium Dec. 18 when IHM's Glee Club presented its annual Christmas Concert. Under Sister Alphonsa's guidance, the group of approximately 100 displayed all it had learned since the beginning of the school year. Several scenes with favorite Christmas carols and Christmas folk songs of other lands were presented.

Featured was a life-sized tableau along with a gospel narrative. Representing the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Christmas scene was Donna Shively. Jack Wardian played the part of Joseph. Shepherds were Dave Yeager, Tony Larsen and Tom Kom. Don Shannon, Jim Riplinger and Jim Dolan portrayed the three kings. The gospel was narrated by Pat King.

# Spaghetti Feed Successful Peters, Matson Take Honors

Ooo's and ah's were heard in the halls of IHM Dec. 12 when the Pep Club sponsored a spaghetti lunch to pay off its debts. Cries for more food were heard throughout the home-ec room as a contest developed to discover who could consume the most food. As it turned out, George Peters won (experience helps). The big fellow ate a total of 15 pieces of garlic bread, 9 helpings of jello and several plates of spaghetti. John Arney, also polished off nine jello servings (spiders like jello?). Walt Matson led in spaghetti eating with four plates, and also in salad competition with four helpings.

The lads almost ate their way through fifth period, but Sister Ida broke up the gala event and sent the poor boys to class. The unfortunate skinny members of Pep Club received very little if any food, since their customers devoured most of it.

# Alumni News

Tom Pringle '66 is engaged to Elizabeth Meade. The wedding will take place on Dec 21 at 2 p.m. at St. George's Catholic church, Post Falls.

Theresa Smith '64 and Jules Esztergalyos were married Nov. 30, by the Rev. Daniel Debolt, C.S.S.R., in St. Thomas Catholic Church. Dennis Smith '70, brother of the bride, served as an usher.

Bob Kom '60 participated in operation "Beef Trust" aboard the nuclear-powered attack aircraft carrier USS Intrepid off the coast of southern California. This exercise consisted of missile firing exercises, bombing practice, close air support, and anti-submarine warfare.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. (Frances Miller '48) Arnold, a girl, Dec. 13.

Pfc. Robert Shively '62

is serving as a combat engineer in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry. He entered the army in June after graduating from the University of Idaho.

Danny Peterson '67 is undergoing basic training at the naval base in San Diego, Calif.

### CONDOLENCES

The faculty, Alumni, and students extend sympathy to Sister Alphonsa on the death of her uncle; to Mrs. Teresa '46 Hauck, Mrs. Alice '51 Rosenlund, Mrs. Patricia '53 Sale, Mrs. Norma '55 Wock, Mrs. Barb '58 Hippler on the death of their mother, Mrs. Eugenia Gribnau.

### JV Basketball Scoring

- IHM 31...Coeur d'Alene 41
- IHM 31.....Kootenai 28
- IHM 50.....Mullan 41
- IHM 57.....Wallace 37
- IHM 37.....Kellogg 41

# UNREPENTENT SINNER

by Donald Smith

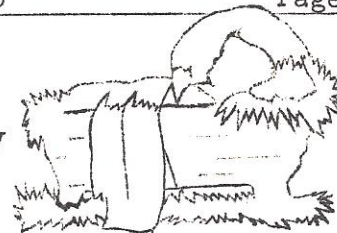
The snow drifts quietly down upon the evergreens and darkness is just beginning to lift its veil. There is a shimmer of light seen through the woods. There, in the clearing, is a small cottage. It is quite simple both inside and out: The livingroom, though it is Christmas day, shows no sign of the festive 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 human to whom he can turn for aid. Just himself

# THE GIFT

by Pat O'Malley

The chest in the attic opens.  
The mothballs are cast away;  
And out come the many items  
To be used on Christmas Day.



## THE FIRST

## CHRISTMAS

A red suit and a white beard  
Are picked up by the hand.  
Then a box of fancy ornaments,  
And an old Christmas Tree stand.

A weathered photo Album  
Is laid upon the floor.  
Mrs. Robert Gray closes the chest lid.  
She has found what she's looking for.

She looks at a few of the pictures  
With a smile and a tear in her eye,  
As though happy the events had happened;  
But sorry that they'd gone by.

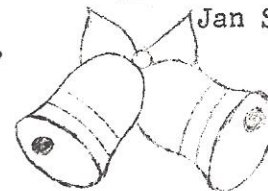
She puts the scrapbook in a box  
Secures it with wrappings of gold.  
Then she tucks the gift under her arm,  
And walks out into the cold.

A mass of people stare in wonder.  
On this chilly Christmas Day,  
At the brightly colored package  
Near the grave of Robert Gray.

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.

Jan Smith



## Santa's Mailbox Broken Into

by Maureen Hartnett

While passing by Santa's  
mail box I Happened to  
stick my hand in and pull  
out a few choice notes of  
Christmas wishes. Here  
are a few:

Dear Santa Claus,

All I want for Christmas  
is nice legs like Mr.  
Boyle's.

--Donna Shively

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?

For Christmas I wish  
Mr. DeLong would grow a  
moustache so I could put  
it in my scrap book.

--Your Admirer

All I really want for  
Christmas is to be as neat,  
beautiful, poised, smart  
and talented as my dear  
sister Donna.

--Patty Shively

All I want for Christmas  
is Geri Gillhoover.

--Mr. X

All I want for Christmas  
is Jerry Mason.

--Madame X

All I want for Christmas  
is a feather for my  
"old hat".

--Old Hat"

All I want for Christmas  
is a "boot" shining  
kit.

--The Boot