

PAPER BOOSTS NEW RATING

In a report received last week, "The Laurel" rated a 95 score out of a possible 100 in the Gonzaga Rating Service for school newspapers.

Timely suggestions were offered for improving the publication mainly in the sports page.

"The paper shows a thorough coverage of school activities and interests, and a good touch for organization and layout", the report read in part.

SENIOR NAMED HOMEMAKER

It was recently made known that winner of the title and pin, "Miss Homemaker of Tomorrow", is Marsha Erickstein, senior.

She competed with the senior girls for this honor by answering questions dealing with buying food and furniture, budgeting, and like items.

Marsha is now eligible for a state prize.

EXAM SCHEDULE

January 21
Typewriting II - P.M.

January 22
Religion - A.M.
English - P.M.

January 25
Science - A.M.
Bookkeeping - A.M.
Soc. Studies - P.M.
Homemaking, Art - P.M.

January 26
Latin, French - A.M.
Stenog. I., Typ. I - A.M.
Math., Stenog. II - P.M.

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JUNIOR APPOINTED TO TEEN STAFF

"Magazines--Reservoirs of Reading" was the title and theme of an essay that won for Elane Fredrickson an appointment to "Extension Magazine's" Teen Board last month. This means that "Extension" will call upon her for material for publication, and she in turn may call upon you.

"Extension's" first assignment was to announce its Teen Talent Contests, and make known the prizes, which range from \$50 to \$100 for cover illustrations, picture stories, news articles, and publicity items. There are also special cash prizes for the Teen Board members whose student bodies give them the greatest cooperation.

"Extension" is conducting this contest solely to encourage Catholic teen-age talent to express itself through Catholic channels. Shall we accept the invitation?

If you wish to submit entries, or are interested in any way in the contest, see Elane for complete information.

SEMESTER ENDS WITH RETREAT

The high school students begin their retreat on the 27th of this month. Father Jennings will be the Retreat Master.

Conferences will be held in the Church and spiritual books placed in the library for convenience.

All students on retreat will maintain silence during school hours.

The retreat will end January 29 at noon.

STUDENTS MERIT WRITING AWARDS

Eight Academy students won prizes or honorable mentions in the Idaho Writers' Guild poetry and prose contest. Word was received from the local chapter recently.

Awards were made at a meeting, January 15, to the following in the Senior Division: Jim O'Connell, first prize for prose; Joe Webb, third prize for poetry; Agnes Roche, Judy Larson, Mary Beth Crowley, honorable mentions for poetry. In the Junior Division Pat Campbell, Neal Adams, and Pat Driggs received honorable mentions in poetry.

TEENS OBLIGED TO CONTRIBUTE

Envelopes have been given to Academy students recently for use during "a most prosperous 1960" as the experts predict. Many will not be touched with greater prosperity, but nevertheless we all have a dime when that unquenchable thirst attacks our throats and with watering mouths we "gas up" and hit Louie's for a coke.

When the subject of Church support comes up many feel that this means "adults only". This might have been true 25 years ago, but not so today. Thousands of high school students have week-end or after-school jobs, steady baby-sitting jobs, etc.; and some even have generous parents who give them a weekly or monthly allowance. Because of this, many boys and girls have money for gas, extra clothes, records, dates, cigarettes, and cokes.

"Our Sunday Visitor" says about such people: "Any teen-aged youth who makes enough to keep himself in any of these luxuries and non-essentials has a moral obligation to contribute to the support of the Church. No 'if's' or 'and's' about it."

RETREAT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Another retreat -- conferences, prayers, spiritual reading, and awakening! This year we are fortunate to have the retreat right after the grueling session of mid-year exams. We are fortunate, too, in having as Retreat Master, Reverend Edward Jennings, C. Ss. R. Father has given missions and retreats for over thirty years.

Many Academy students have shown a deep appreciation and love of their Faith this year, as before, by their regular attendance at Mass and Holy Communion. It can be expected, therefore, that they will really try to make a good, holy retreat.

For some it will too much to ask for silence during this time. Many men and women have entered cloistered religious orders and kept silence for the rest of their lives. But to the average high school student this is next to impossible for even a 45-minute study period, what's more a two-and-a-half day retreat!

Don't spoil it for others by witty comments and pranks. Make a good attempt at a good retreat and you won't be sorry!

FULFILLMENT

by Marsha Erickstein

How empty and alone remains the praise of man,
How insignificant his scorn.

Just one thing--

The approving pressure of God's hand upon one's heart
Gives man a cause for being born.

UNITY OF CHURCHES IS GOAL

Church Unity is the endeavor to bring together all faiths into the one true fold, the Catholic Church.

The Church Unity octave is time spent in special prayer, from January 18 to January 25, that all men may be united in the same belief. This practice originated in 1910 under the directions of the Friars of Atonement, a group of religious, whose members joined the Church in a body in 1909.

The Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican, and Catholic Churches discuss doctrinal problems during this time, as they are especially interested in unity.

We, as part of the true Church of Christ, must pray that all denominations may be joined together as one fold, and with one Shepherd, Christ.

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JUNIORS SNATCH CONTESTS

BOYS TURN IN JERSEYS AFTER FINAL GAMES

Recent boys' intramural basketball games added a note of friendly rivalry to terminate the season as students in all classes turned out to cheer on their respective teams.

The schedule commenced with the games of the frosh and juniors followed by the sophs and seniors. Despite a 10-point lead given them at the start and an afternoon of hard playing, the freshmen were unable to defeat the juniors who at one point were even able to chalk up three baskets in a row without recovery by the frosh.

Seniors upheld their class name next by upsetting the sophomore hoopsters. Although limited to a team of only six men, they refused to be overcome and finally met with the juniors for the final reckoning.

This last game was very exciting perhaps owing to a bit of excessive zeal on the part of some players. The juniors were proud to come out on top and basked in glory even more when the girls' games made the tournaments an all-around sweep for them.

MORE THAN GLORY--

(an editorial)

I.H.M. varsity basketball team closed the season with two losses--one to Kootenai and one to Post Falls--and thus finished with a seemingly miserable 5-15 win-lost record.

But what glory the team lost in defeat was more than compensated by unceasing efforts of Coach George Nielsen.

Most of the time the varsity cagers definitely were not a group of refined, quiet, soft-spoken "angels", but the head master cracked the whip and kept the boys in check. While Coach Nielsen was trying to instill the ingredients which produce solid teamwork and good basketball, he was never at a loss for a humorous crack about one of the fellows to lift everybody's morale. He taught them basketball, but what is more important he left them with a much greater sense of

CROWD ENTHUSED AS CLASS RIVALS MEET

The junior girls, following in the footsteps of their masculine class counterpart, swept two games in succession to become the intramural champions.

In the first encounter of the rock-'em and sock-'em game, the champs met the frosh, a determined team with plenty of height. But at the end of the struggle, the juniors, let by Patsy Berrey's 8 points, emerged victorious with the enormous score of 13 over the frosh's 10.

Much to the senior girls' distaste, having already suffered defeat at the hands of the sophs, a surprisingly adept frosh team handed them a back seat in the fight for third place with a 13-12 victory.

In the final contest, the sophs were cheered on by the school's first pep band--John Jaeger's "When the Saints Come Marching In" on a trumpet accompanied by all the sophomore boys on the drum. But amid the cheers of "fight, team, fight" and "down with Wiley", the juniors again proved their superiority and handed the sophs a 6-3 defeat. This last stanza saw many fouls called by the non-partisan refs and Pam Peters ousted for too many personals.

The contests in general made some local football teams look like rinky-dinks as the basketeers came line-busting down the floor for a touchtown--that is, lay-in.

From the stands, the masculine spectator viewpoint was completely unrehearsed too--"Boy, am I glad I'm not out there!"

sportsmanship and the ability to absorb defeat with the pride and cheer of grown men.

The J.V.'s compiled a much better record than the varsity with 14 wins and 6 losses under the leadership of Coach Jim O'Connell. Jim did a great job with the junior panthers and though he worded them real hard, he was ready to give them a laugh at any time.

All in all, the school and players owe the coaches a medal for persevering through a hard-fought season.

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ALUMNI NEWS

North Idaho Junior College Honor Roll includes: 3.5 and above, Judy Anderson '61, Michael Neeser '60, James O'Connell '60, and those with a grade point average of 3 to 3.5 were Diane Dixon '61, Sharon O'Connell '61, and Theo Ann Williams '61.

A bake sale sponsored by the Alumni added \$29 to the treasury. Special thanks to all who helped.

James Conrow '59 and John Dimeling '59 have spent over seven months in Alaska with Father J. Van Hoomissen and his mission band. James was home for a month's vacation and returned to Soldanta last week. John is attending N.I.J.C. this semester.

Judy Larson '60 and Valent Koeberlin of Rocklin, California were married at St. Rose of Lima Church in Roseville, California on March 3. Sherry Larson '61 was Maid of Honor.

Patricia Campbell '58 was chosen Idaho queen for the Idaho float in the Cherry Blossom Festival at Washington, D.C.

Pvt. Richard Sonnichsen '56 ranked fifth among 43 in individual training at an army school in the East and has been accepted by the Army Language School for Spanish studies for the next six months.

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Jaeger '56, a boy, Timothy Scott; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Anderson '56, a girl, Cheryl Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walter '56, a girl, Constance Lynn.

The Alumni Association had a Requiem Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Father Robert McMillan '28.

Mrs. Harold Greenfield (Shirley Koss '57) and her three daughters, Cindy, Sherry and Lorrie spent several weeks in Coeur d'Alene with the Koss family.

Barbara Schlee '57, is doing her cadet teaching in home economics at North Central High School in Spokane.

Kenneth Brooten '60 had major surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane.

CONDOLLENCE

The faculty, alumni, and students extend their sincere sympathy to Sister M. Cornelian on the death of her uncle; to Mrs. G. Thorpe, (Gertrude Reagan '27), Mrs. T. Clemens (Teresa Reagan '37), Mrs. Alice Reinhart (Alice Reagan '26), Agnes '30, Patrick '32 and William Reagan '44 on the death of their sister, Lucille; to Mrs. Charles Justus (Beverly Irons '60) and Sharon Irons '61 on the death of their father; to Sister Mary Louis (Louise Lefebvre '55) and Eva Lefebvre '62 on the death of their uncle and grandmother.

THE GREAT FLOOD OR "THE LAST HURRAH"

As a pre-Lenten activity, the political satire "The Last Hurrah" was viewed by the students.

The picture was humorous and human, but some of the feminine viewers didn't get the same effect. It seems everytime someone dies or gets married in a performance, it's time to shed the salt water. Now sentimentality is a great virtue when under control.

To get back to the picture, the end of the cinema was fast approaching and the old gentleman in the leading role took it upon himself to die. With a light word on his lips, the star bid this world adieu. And then.....it rained for forty days unceasingly. Lucky no one was drowned.

All in all the movie was enjoyed, and those who weren't washed down the drain are still around to tell about it.

HEAR ABOUT CRYSTAL GROWTH

Another traveling scientist recently visited classes to speak on crystals and crystal growing.

Mr. Jack Dalton, who has a master's degree from Kansas State College, is an instructor at Boise Junior College.

His lecture concerned the interior and exterior parts of a crystal and the five steps in growing one. After the lecture the students were invited to ask questions.

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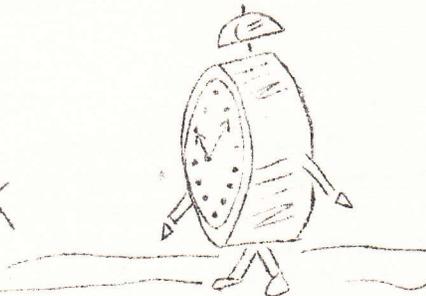
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HOFF THE TRACK



--Rick Hofmeister

These last few weeks have been quite exasperating in several ways. For instance, just recall the recent science fair in which the entire Academy is ardent competitor. Have you ever had your hand buried up to the wrist in plaster of paris? I have.

Or you have just completed putting the finishing touches to your scientific marvel when the clock strikes twelve midnight. Because of the unique resemblance of the gong of the clock and the school bell, the thought comes to mind that you've completely overlooked your homework.

Recalling in your bedraggled brain the assignments for the next day, you remember two tests were promised and a long English essay is due. Should you prepare the homework or think of an excuse for tomorrow? Your decision, made in five seconds, is to beat a hasty retreat to the inner chamber convincing yourself a growing boy needs his sleep.

Arising the following day, you return to the lab and the sight of your ingenious mess, excuse me, project, discovers a number of odds and ends to be pasted, taped, or thrown in your work of art. You begin repairs and carelessly disregard the clock. The next time you check the clock you have ten minutes to get your project at the exhibition.

Frantically you toss your exhibit into the car and head for the fair grounds just missing the time limit by a few minutes.

If the above problem has been nagging you, try Bufferin. Had you taken two Bufferin at the beginning of this column. . .

CONTESTS VIE FOR ATTENTION

Two more writing contests face the pencil-pushing Academy as rules for the Catholic Daughter Poetry Contest and the Idaho Writers League have been posted to bulletin boards.

An art critique is also open to those who enjoy splashing water colors, dabbing in finger paints, or charcoaling their self-portrait. Information on the art contest is also posted.

SPEECH CLASS TO DEBATE

More progressive students of the senior speech class will have a chance to debate before the Home and School Association according to instructor, Mr. Tom Kane.

Members of the speech class will also speak before different audiences. Each will get a chance to speak before groups who have a study at the same period in the afternoon.

VOCATION TALKS POPULAR THEME

A variety of vocation speakers have described their life and work to the students recently.

First came Father Grismer, a native of Coeur d'Alene, with slides on the preparation of a Redemptorist priest. Especially interesting were glimpses at boys from the parish.

Brother Gilbert of the Holy Cross Brothers explained the vocation to the brotherhood next. In a questions and answer format, Brother was able to make the too often misunderstood distinctions between the Brother and priestly vocation.

Then Father Morgan from Wallace, appealing for student ideas in knowing and realizing their vocations, revisited the Academy.

Last but not least, a Sister of the Good Shepherd Order will speak on her work later in the month.

KATHY SET FOR GIRLS' STATE

Kathy Giesa, it was recently announced, will be this year's I.H.M. representative to Syringa Girls State in Caldwell, Idaho. In a choice of candidates based on leadership, integrity, and scholastic achievement, Mary Ann Mertens was named alternate.

During her week's stay in Caldwell, Kathy will attend sessions on law and government and participate in mock elections.

Another highpoint will be a trip to Boise and a tour of the capitol.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON THEM - THEY'RE GOING PLACES!

"This Old Man", (Childrens Marching Song) has been danced to, hummed to and pantomined since it was first recorded. But it is safe to say that it has never been hula-hooped to before--at least not in public.

On January 2, at the IHM - Spirit Lake game, 20 members of the Drill Team marched, waved their hoops--in precision--and grapevined across the gym floor to the strains of "knick knack paddy wack, give a dog a bone."

The girls were dressed to kill, from their black leotards to the red bows in their hair that accentuated their blue skirts and ties and white blouses.

Mrs. Boughton, the director, has a "hat full of tricks" and new steps for the team to learn. Don't miss their next performance. It will be on January 16 when the Academy will host Mullan.



Dancing tells a lot about a person. The distance at which he holds his partner, or the way she taps time on his shoulder, can be a dead give-away of any number of secret complexes and personality foibles. For instance, the dominating woman always reveals herself by burying her fingernails deep in the back of her partner's neck; and the possessive man plants his palm with outstretched fingers flat on the middle of his trembling victim's back, and stares threateningly, hypnotizingly into her face, so her gaze dare not wander.

Other cases to watch for are: the girl with the stiff left arm (her mother probably told her all men are evil)--she puts her hand on his shoulder, stretches the arm out straight, locks the elbow, and tries to prevent herself from being danced with. And the clinging vine is easy to spot--she clutches her partner's shoulder pad with a damp left hand, and arranges the tilt of her head so she can stare adoringly into his Adam's apple while he navigates around the floor. Then there is the fellow who sings softly in her ear as they dance. He probably has hypertension, and has to release them in bursts of song. At first she thinks he's complaining of a stomach ache, and keeps answering him sympathetically, "Oh, that sounds awful".

So you'll have to watch your techniques, dancers, unless you want all your guarded secrets to be exploited.

MATH CLUB ORGANIZED

Sister M. Barbara is moderator of the newly formed Mathematics Club.

The purpose of the club is to assist those students who will participate in a mathematics contest scheduled for March 10.

FREDDI'S FROLICS

by Elane Fredrickson

STAFF
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RELIEVED

Old "Laurel" staffs never die, they just fade away.

This renowned remark doesn't quite fit the case. The staff of the "Laurel" isn't fading away, walking off into the sunset or doing anything of the sort.

Actually, we have finished "the good fight" and are happy to pass the press on to the juniors.

We have forged through Christmas issues, a graduation issue, and many "quick" issues. We will be happy to read a paper that we haven't seen from scratch to finish.

It was fun and a satisfying job--and just watch those better Englishmarks!

BEWARE - POOR SPELLERS

Early in the second semester the NOMA spelling program will be incorporated in all the English classes.

Students will receive a 600 word list compiled by the National Office Management Association and distributed through the courtesy of KEU in Spokane.

The program also provides tests for which certificates of merit will be awarded. The test will consist of 100 words from the list. Only perfect scores merit the award.

The purpose of the program is to correct poor spelling habits and to indicate the need for better spellers in the business world.

Station KRAZY

by Mary Tanguay

"Greetings! This is your 'Payola Pop' broadcasting to you from your home town radio station KRAZY. We are about to play the top hit of the nation 'This Is What You Mean to Me, My Little Sugar Pie' by the Plunkets. And here it is, folks . . ." Splazoo plunkity . . . plunk . . . splaaa . . . pling!

"Wasn't that great? And now for a word about OK Toothpaste invented by Dr. Drill himself, with that fungi fighting detergent miscroplastichloromate.

And now back to "Payola Pop". "Greetings, all my lucky listeners. Here is your favorite program--Dr. Balone."

"Don't point that gun at me, Ogrinia!"

"Boom!"

"Faithful listeners, what has happened to Dr. Balone? Did his sweetheart shoot him? Will he live? Tune in tomorrow at the same time, same station to find the answer to this heart-warming drama."

"And now for a word about that miracle worker 'Eat Away'. This wonderful little can of acid can actually . . ."

"Interruption! Some unknown maniac has just broken into the radio station. He keeps screaming something about not being able to stand it any longer. Wait a minute, folks, and I will ask him his opinion on the situation at hand."

"Sir, what is your opinion on the . . ." Bang!

As a public service, Station KRAZY has just been guided to outer space.

ANNUAL WORK IS UNDER WAY

When the 1960 LeCoeurs are handed out in May they will be the reflection of time and work donated by many of the seniors and by Sister M. Teresine.

Make-up and layout work is already in progress. Anna Marie Vedder, Lois Hill and Kathy O'Connell are now handling the student subscription drive. A one dollar payment before the beginning of the exams is required to hold a copy to be delivered in May. Full subscription price is \$2.

The patron drive will be headed by Ken Brooten, Alice Macy and Linda Koontz. They will begin soliciting for donations in February.

The staff has added a new attraction to publicize the Annual. During the first days of the second semester they will hold a special contest in which all students will be able to participate.

Trio Takes Top In Test

The results of the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests, which twelve juniors took in October, have been received. The tests consisted of two parts--verbal and mathematical, and were designed to determine the probable success of students in college.

The three highest verbal scores were: Elane Fredrickson, James Wilhelm, and Judith Anderson respectively. The same three received the highest scores in the math division also, James led here, followed by Elane and Judy in that order.

