from the school press

Birmingham High Ranks in Top 1% In Iowa Tests

Recently announced results of the Iowa tests given in September to Birmingham high school students showed the students' composite score ranked in the 99th percentile of schools tested.

The high average for the students' composite score ranks them in the highest one per cent among the 1700 United States school systems tested. Nearly 55,000 pupils took the tests nationwide.

The three-day tests measure students' abilities such as understanding and use of English language, arithmetic reasoning, thinking straight about common scientific principles, and understanding social science principles.

Test results give individual students a yardstick of their scholastic progress, helping them to identify strengths and weaknesses.

Southfield Hi Notes

By JUDY CADDELL

Chemistry and physics instructor James R. Mills of Southfield spent Dec. 26 thru 28 in St. Louis attending a science meeting. At the meeting great stress was placed upon the teaching of science-math formulas in high schools from the ninth grade on.

Mills said human relations in the field of science was also highlighted. When chemists and physicists leave jobs not because they cannot do the work, but because they cannot get along with fellow workers, the time has come for teachers to be aware of human relations.

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During the Christmas vacation Coach Monte Charles represented Southfield at an NCAA meeting in Philadelphia.

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Architects will present their final plans for the addition to Southfield high school at the board meeting to be held next Monday evening. Upon approval of the plans, the board will advertise for bids, and work probably begin in about a month.

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Although plans are not yet complete, it looks as though the spring drama presentation at Southfield will be an all-senior play to be directed by Miss Virginia Hammond.

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Miss Hammond, by the way, plans to take members of the French club up to Quebec during Easter vacation. Last year Miss Hammond and members of the Spanish club flew to Mexico City.

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Members of the Soroptimdmes met Monday evening to discuss tomorrow night's pajamas party. The girls report they netted $10 in their penny drive for UNICEF.

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Southfield debaters completed the third round of the Inter-Lakes debate conference Monday afternoon. The team, tied with Farmington and Walled Lake for first place, presented both varsity and junior varsity teams for debate against Farmington.

Bloomfield Hills Billboard

By ANDREE GALLAUDET and SUE SUNDBERG

A wonderful Christmas vacation was had by all Bloomfield high students. To get it off to a good start, the freshmen gave a semi-formal dance.

During the following week, Judy Ewald had a great party the day before Christmas eve, while Maryann Ogur gave a day-after-Christmas party.

Barb Miller had a slumber party for some of the senior girls the same night that Judy Moore gave a reunion party for last year's graduating class.

The Saturday between the two holidays was reserved by Marcia Mezey for a get-together including all her good friends.

New Year's Eve John Duncan gave a great party for a large group of seniors. Much fun was had by all.

After vacation, but still as much fun, were the parties given by John Risk and Steve Fairchild last Friday and Saturday nights, respectively.

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The "Jills" provided much entertainment for various groups during the vacation. Among those for whom they sang were the Senior Men's club of Birmingham, the annual ladies' bowling luncheon at Red Run, and the Christmas banquet of the Kiwanis club of Detroit.

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To help some deserving Milford family have a merrier Christmas, the Delta chapter of Phi Sigma Tau filled a Christmas basket with food and clothing.

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Last Friday the annual volleyball game between the faculty and the senior girls took plagg.

Comprising the faculty team were Miss Siterlet, Miss Deshaine, Mrs. Morse, Miss Oerkfitz, Miss Balwinski, and two graduates, Judy Moore and Judy Gonder.

Playing for the seniors were Sue Boyd, Judy Sterling, Liz Kieffer, Ellie Hogsten, Andy Gallaudet, Gay Firth and Judy Buschagen. Though the faculty won, 48-24, a good time was had by all!

Barnum Bylines

BY THE PRESS CLUB

The Barnum radio workshop group presented a selection of Christmas stories and poems Dec. 18. Selections were by Jerry Lupien, Carolyn Rosenbergen, Linda Gurtz, Dave Middleditch (with sound by Pam Wheeler), Cassandra Sharp, Joan Torrey and Donna Conrad.—By Pam Wheeler.

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The choir Christmas program "An Old Fashioned Christmas" was held at 8 p.m. Dec. 18. Twenty numbers were sung. The ninth grade choir, ninth grade glee club, eighth grade choir and orchestra were present.—By Russ Foster.

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Barnum teachers gave students of each grade a Christmas party. They furnished the refreshments and the students brought the records. The party was held the seventh period and was chaperoned by the various teachers. The ninth grade dance was held in the cafeteria, the eighth grade in the gym, and the seventh grade in their homerooms. This Christmas party was sponsored through the Student council, alternate division of our student government. Thank you, teachers, for our parties!—By Tracy Miller.

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Each homeroom had a 1957 Christmas project. Some collected money for CARE or some other organization. Other homerooms brought clothes and food to give to families. Homeroom 240 brought presents, cookies and candy which Miss Brusie and two students took to the Pontiac state hospital. When they arrived they were shown around the hospital — By Margaret Kemp.

Dateline: Derby

By LES CARTER

In the opinions of those attending the Snow Ball, the student council dance held on the Friday night before Christmas was a huge success. The Dave Martin band provided the music —and did an excellent job of it. Also, the decorations committee should be commended for their job of changing the gymnasium into a festive scene.

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The "A" team of swimmers has been announced by Mr. Gilster:

Seventh grade: Tom Kennedy, Jeff McPartlin, Jim Brodie, Henry Wildman, Bill McCurdy, Chuck Beard, Cliff Williams, Jim Craft, and Wally Booth. Don Morris and Gary Whitbeck are divers.

Eighth grade: Shelly Givens, Larry Huffman, Bob Leahy, Gordy McMullen, Bob Sutton, Ladd Orr, Don Cote, Lee Driver, Fred Osterbeck, Ricky Jay, and Russ Martin. Divers are Jerry Passavant and George Watkins.

Ninth grade: Wayne Andreae, Tim Bannon, Mike McCarthy, Gary Hendrickson, Jim Elliott, John Videgar, Hank Buick, Tom Burdick, Larry Severy, Jim McPartlin, Jim Leahy, Dick Beckolay, Dave Granger, and Hugh Clark. Dale Hockert is the diver.

The boys listed above remained until 5 and 5:30 p.m. to make the team.

4 Boys Bring Cranbrook School National Honor

HANOVER, N. H.—Cranbrook school placed fifth in the 1956-57 competition held by Dartmouth college for the secondary school whose graduating class of four or more men in the freshman class attains the highest scholastic average for the year.

Earning the award for the school were Peter F. Hubert, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest B. Hubert, of Birmingham; Alan M. Shaver, of Mrs. Lee E. Chase, Birmingham; Alan J. Sniderman, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Sniderman of Flint, and Irving T. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stone, Hickory Corners, Mich.

The four achieved a combined average of 3.4150.

Top-ranking high school in the competition was Mamaroneck, with Shaker Heights high school in Ohio placing second.

Phi Sigma Tau Initiates 3

Three new members were initiated into Kappa chapter of Phi Sigma Tau, consisting of Bloomfield Hills high school girls, when formal ceremonies were held recently at the home of President Judy Weidinger.

Also initiated was Miss Sage, newest at the school who is the group's sponsor. New members are Deanna Dietz, Maureen O'Hallaron and Kathie Campbell.

A buffet luncheon and Christmas party followed the ceremony.

Cranbrook Teacher Speaking at Meet

Taking part in the eighth annual mathematics education conference at the University of Michigan Saturday will be Hubert Davis, of the Cranbrook school faculty.

He will speak on "A Private School's Mathematics Program" at the conference sponsored by the university's school of education with the cooperation of its mathematics department. About 300 Michigan high school math teachers are attending.

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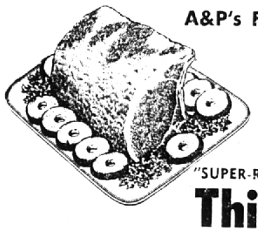

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